

PCAB Report - Mesa Pathways

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Mesa Pathways Retreat:

On Thursday, August 11th, Mesa Pathways hosted an in-person retreat at the College of Continuing Education - North City campus from 9am-3pm. The retreat was facilitated by Dr. Al Solano, and over 30 Mesa College faculty, administrators, classified professionals, and students participated in various activities centered in campus culture, change and inclusive leadership. The afternoon portion allowed our workgroups and project teams to work together to complete a gap analysis and action planning with a focus on strategies to move their Pathways work forward in this upcoming year. We are in the process of transcribing all of the work that was completed in this substantive retreat, and look forward to sharing the details with the Mesa community.

Student Success Teams:

The Student Success Team project team core members met regularly this past summer to plan for and launch an SST pilot this fall. Many forms and tracking tools have been developed, as well as a Canvas Shell for SST members to keep track of campus resources. The pilot team includes a Faculty Lead (Ian Duckles), a Data Coach (Gina Abbiate), a counselor (Gabriel Adona), a Student Services/Equity Coach (Pahua Vang), and an Administrator (Leslie Shimazaki).

The team identified 57 students for a pilot group, as well as a similar cohort to serve as a control. Students in the pilot group will receive targeted communications and interventions from the SST, and students in the control group will not. Students in the pilot group received their first communication on 8/17/22 to introduce them to the team, and to encourage students to enroll full-time, including a recommendation to enroll in the appropriate ENGL + MATH courses.

This project team will continue to meet throughout the semester to monitor and/or modify their communication and intervention plan, and will be providing updates to MPC throughout the semester. Special thanks to the project team leads: Ian Duckles, Gina Abbiate and Pahua Vang, as well as the pilot team, for their efforts to successfully launch this pilot.

Data Coaches:

The Data Coaches will begin its semester long training program beginning September 8th. The cohort consists of faculty, classified professionals, and administration members. The goal of the program is to build a sustainable practice of data-informed decision-making within the campus community. Data coaching is meant to unite administrators, professors, and classified professionals to act in response to disparities in equity. We are proud to support the launch of this program. Thank you to the project leads Gina Abbiate and Anda McComb for their leadership on this project and to project assistant Stephanie Oldengram and the rest of the Data Coaches project team for the great work on this project.

Academic & Career Pathways (ACPs):

We are pleased to share that our Academic & Career Pathways (ACP) icons and descriptions are now posted on the Mesa Pathways website, and work continues in the marketing of our ACPs to the greater campus community: <https://www.sdmesa.edu/mesa-pathways/acp-icons-descriptions.shtml>

We will be promoting our ACPs during Club Rush, September 20-22th from 11am-1pm on Sunrise Plaza. Faculty, including counselors, our Pathways Fellows, and Career Ambassadors will be present to talk about our ACPs, and provide information, giveaways and swag to students. We hope to see you that week!

Call for Members: Pathways Workgroups and Project Teams: If you are interested in becoming involved in a Pathways workgroup or project team, please reach out to MesaPathways@sdccd.edu.

Next MPC Meeting: Our next MPC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14th from 12:45 - 2:15 pm (future meeting format TBD, but meetings are currently held online via Zoom)

To learn more about Mesa Pathways: <https://www.sdmesa.edu/mesa-pathways/>