## SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Mesa Pathways - Pathway Communication Wednesday, October 6, 2021 4pm - Zoom - https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/92106755225

- 1. Welcome/Check-in
- Approve Notes from 05/19/21 (f we can find them) 9/15/21 9/29/21
- 3. Update from Pathways Fellow, Lima
- 4. Update Plain Language Badge Planning Objectives
- 5. Roundtable

Next Meeting 10/20/21 4pm

## Brave Communication – Wednesday October 6th – 4:00 – 5:00 PM

- Michael Fitzgerald
- Lima
- Gity Nematollahi
- Howard Eskew

## 04:05 PM - Call to Order

- Welcome/Check-in.
- Discussion of previous meeting and the objectives of finishing badge.
- We had a small group and reviewed the idea of creating 2-3 "course objectives"
  - Understand how the need for clarity is important
  - Syllabus is a contract from the student perspective, friendly contacts?
- We spent time talking about a student point of view and how that "academic jargon" create a tone operations
  in all documents, it "clouds" the communication pathways at many levels and points, impeding the clarity of the
  message from the start.
  - Checklist for clear communication
  - Students need to hear clear and often that teacher is there for support
    - Journey together
  - Clear and communitive information that has a friendly tone
    - Get to know your teacher
  - Frequency but not punitive.
- Challenge from student prospective i
  - teacher have very different syllabi.
- Howard talked about how he creates greater bandwidth for his communications with students:
  - o Frequency mid-week "check-ins", weekly student reflections, QUICK responses to student email.
  - Helps creates that "journey together" feeling

Create documents with more clarity and better communication power/throughput by eliminating unnecessary/unwanted academic jargon.

- Scheduled next meetings for committee members with continued interest in completing Plain Language Badge
- We will send out reminders for our meetings with Agenda
- Roundtable

Next meeting - October 20