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MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
Office of the President

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Montgomery College Community

From: Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President

Subject: Press Inquiries Concerning Actions By Maryland Legislator

Montgomery College has learned from reporters that Maryland Delegate Pat McDonough (District 7 – Baltimore and Harford Counties) will hold a press conference this afternoon in Annapolis. According to his media advisory, he intends to announce his plans for a lawsuit against Montgomery College concerning our tuition rates for students. Please be assured that we have not yet received any official notification from Delegate McDonough, but you will likely hear about the press conference in news reports.

To keep you informed, I wanted to share the press statement that the College intends to issue later today. It will also be posted on our Web site. As a reminder, please direct any media inquiries to Elizabeth Homan, associate communications director.

> *As the community's college, Montgomery College proudly provides everyone with open access to higher education in Montgomery County. The College serves nearly 60,000 credit and noncredit students annually, making it one of the most diverse community colleges in the country. Delegate Pat McDonough (Baltimore and Harford Counties) does not represent Montgomery County, nor has he sought to visit Montgomery College and learn about our students.*
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> *Montgomery College offers its lowest tuition rate to all recent Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) graduates. Students who have not graduated from a MCPS high school within the last three years must provide proof of residency to receive the lowest rate, unless otherwise permitted by law. At a regularly scheduled public meeting, the Board of Trustees reaffirmed the College's long-standing business practice regarding tuition for MCPS graduates by voting to include it in the Collegewide Policies and Procedures.*
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> *The Montgomery College Board of Trustees sets tuition rates annually, in accordance with Maryland law. The College adheres to all laws and regulations regarding the information submitted for state aid.*

Thank you for your continued focus on changing the lives of our students. I look forward to a successful start of the spring semester next week.