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**MONTGOMERY COLLEGE**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Montgomery College Colleagues  
**From:** Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President  
**Subject:** Selection of Blue Ribbon Taskforce on Spending for Student Success

Earlier this month I asked for volunteers from members of the College community to serve on the Blue Ribbon Taskforce on Spending for Student Success. I was pleased that so many dedicated and talented members of the College community expressed interest in serving.

This reality made the selection process difficult. The taskforce co-chairs, Bruce Madariaga, Donna Schena, and Antonio Vidal, consulted with the College constituent councils, collective bargaining units, and subject matter experts in key roles related to the work of the taskforce, and recommended individuals to serve. In making these selections, I attempted to balance several priorities: expertise in diverse areas of knowledge, a spectrum of representation from across the College, and agility on the part of the group to create timely, actionable recommendations for spending. In an effort to increase its efficiency, the group is purposefully smaller than some previous taskforces.

I have invited the following individuals to serve.

- Ms. Tonya Baker, Interim Assistant to the Deans & Provost
- Dr. Mark Carmody, Campus Director of Facilities
- Ms. Helen Dong, Budget and Financial Analyst
- Ms. Terilee Edwards-Hewitt, Professor of Anthropology
- Ms. Susan Madden, Chief Government Relations Officer
- Ms. Dianna Matthews, Nursing Program Chair
- Dr. Mike Mills, Vice President of E-Learning, Innovation, and Teaching Excellence (ELITE)
- Ms. Donna Pina, Director of Foundation Finance Advancement & Community Engagement
- Dr. Deborah Preston, Dean for the Visual, Performing, and Media Arts
- Dr. Clevette Ridguard, College Area Review Coordinator
- Dr. Damien Robinson, ACES Academic Coach
- Ms. Lori Rounds, Deputy Chief Information Officer
- Dr. Jim Sniezak, Dean of Biology, Biotechnology, and Chemistry

- Ms. Pamela Wallentiny, Professor of English and Reading
- Dr. Gina Wesley, Professor of Biology
- Mr. Harry Zarin, Counselor

I thank everyone who volunteered to be a part of this important effort. Those who were not selected specifically for this service will have several opportunities to contribute to the process, as will the entire College community. I hope this process will attract bold ideas about institutional spending and student success. The taskforce needs your ideas and expertise, and the co-chairs will reach out to you as its work moves forward. The efforts of the taskforce are central to the work of the entire College community in furthering student success, progress, and completion, to which I know we are all committed.