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Donna Schena has served as interim senior vice president for administrative and fiscal services (AFS) for the last year. During this time she has shown herself to be a talented and dedicated administrator whose skill set is exceptionally well-suited for this position. While the College did conduct a search to fill the role, no candidate seemed truly prepared to lead our complex institution and make an immediate impact in advancing the work of the AFS division and the College's mission. Instead, it became clear that Ms. Schena's deep knowledge of the College, her energetic commitment to our mission, and her steady hand make her the right choice to provide the continuity in leadership necessary at this time. Therefore, I am appointing Ms. Schena to the position permanently, effective as of today, Monday, June 17, 2019.

Ms. Schena has been at the College for 41 years, previously serving as the associate senior vice president for administrative and fiscal services. She has a comprehensive understanding of the functions of the large and complex AFS division. Having overseen many operational matters for the division, as both interim senior vice president and associate senior vice president, she has extensive experience in the nuances of the College. Among other roles, she has also served in multiple leadership roles in the Office of Information Technology over 14 years—including as the interim chief information officer. She previously headed the Office of Business Services, and she has led several other administrative units during her tenure. In addition, Ms. Schena was the campus registrar for Rockville and the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campuses, the acting collegewide registrar, and a health sciences faculty member for 11 years.

During her career at the College, Ms. Schena has served in three of the four divisions: academic affairs, student affairs, and administrative and fiscal services. She has filled numerous roles on important committees including chairing the Faculty Council on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, co-chairing the Blue Ribbon Taskforce on Spending for Student Success, serving on several Middle States accreditation self-study teams, and serving on the Administrator Council.

Ms. Schena has a unique perspective on many processes at the College, having experienced our institution as a student, faculty member, staff member, and administrator. All of these experiences increase her abilities to problem-solve and communicate thoroughly across the institution. Her breadth of knowledge will serve the College well as she oversees the final implementation of Workday, strengthens the College's safety measures, and leads the budgeting processes that are evolving under the new county administration. Her collegiality and professionalism are assets to the College. Ms. Schena holds an associate's degree from Montgomery College and bachelor's and master's degrees from George Mason University.

I have the utmost confidence in Ms. Schena and look forward to continuing to work with her. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Schena and welcoming her to this role.