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Memorandum

To: Montgomery College Community
From: Dr. Eric Benjamin, Interim Vice President and Provost
Office of the Vice President and Provost, Collegewide ABEESS Unit and Rockville Campus
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I am pleased to announce that Professor Ginger Robinson has been appointed as acting dean of Education and Social Sciences effective October 23, 2023. Professor Robinson will serve in this role until Dr. Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez's return to Montgomery College. With a distinguished career at the College, Professor Robinson is well-prepared to step into this new role seamlessly.

Professor Robinson has served in numerous roles at the College since 2016. Most recently, she chaired the Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice department on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring and Rockville Campuses, and she previously held the titles of associate professor, coordinator, and program advisor for criminal justice. In AY 2023, Professor Robinson received the Full-Time Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, and she was an integral member of a team that collaborated with the Montgomery County Police Department to deliver community-informed education and training to current and future officers. In addition to serving on multiple committees, Professor Robinson regularly presents on a range of topics, including gender bias in education, restorative alternatives to criminal legal processes, and practical applications of critical race theory in the classroom.

Prior to joining the full-time faculty at Montgomery College, Professor Robinson worked as an Assistant Public Defender in Baltimore before becoming a solo practitioner, focusing primarily on criminal defense and family law. She received numerous accolades for her trial practice, including being selected by Super Lawyers as a Rising Star in criminal defense each year from 2013 - 2019. In 2022, she was recognized as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by The Daily Record, a respected industry publication. She is a past president of The Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc. as well as a member of the Maryland Bar Foundation, which is composed of lawyers who have made outstanding contributions to the profession. Her pro bono work includes criminal records expungement and assistance to survivors of human trafficking. Professor Robinson is also a trained mediator, holding multiple certificates recognized by Maryland courts, as well as a trained facilitator of numerous dialogue types. In addition to practicing law, Professor Robinson also spent ten years as an adjunct faculty member at Harford Community College as well as six years working in HCC's Communications Skills Center.

After becoming the first person in her family to graduate from high school, Professor Robinson received an Associate of Arts in Political Science from Harford Community College, a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Public Policy and a Master of Science in Negotiation and Conflict Management from the University of Baltimore, and a Juris Doctor (cum laude) from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

With her exceptional background and dedication to the students of Montgomery College, please join me in welcoming Professor Robinson in her new role as acting dean of Education and Social Sciences.