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Memorandum

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**To:** Montgomery College Employees  
**From:** Dr. Deidre Price, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs/College Provost  
**Subject:** Appointment of the Director of the Institute for Part-Time Faculty Engagement and Support  
**Date:** May 1, 2024

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Erik Swanson as the director for the Institute for Part-Time Faculty Engagement and Support beginning April 13, 2024.

Professor Swanson has served Montgomery College since 2008, most recently, as the interim director of the Institute for Part-Time Faculty Engagement and Support since July 1, 2022. During this time, he has re-established the on-campus Antonio Thomas Part-Time Faculty Conference and strengthened the relationship between the Institute and campus leaders by establishing a presence at leadership meetings and at each campus center. He has worked closely with the Institute staff to develop a unit budget and plan, and he has supported them in their professional development goals. He is collaborating with Human Resources representatives to fill staff vacancies, and he has strengthened the Institute's commitment to developing part-time faculty members as leaders by identifying faculty associates to coordinate key initiatives. He has also served as a mentor to three cohorts of Shoenberg Part-Time Faculty Fellows, ensuring the completion of their projects.

Previously, Professor Swanson served as the chair of the department of media arts and technologies and the coordinator of the digital animation program and professor of animation at MC. During this time, he also served on the Academic Services Council (2021-2022) and the Montgomery County Collaboration Board (2021-present), as well as serving as the chair of chairs (2020-2022). He has presented at the Strategic Horizon's Network on the topic of "Engaging the Part-Time Faculty in Student Success," as well as earning a Part-Time Faculty Exceptional Achievement and Service Award in 2012 and an Outstanding Faculty Excellence in Service to the College and Community in 2021. In addition, Professor Swanson remains deeply engaged in the arts community with freelance storyboard artistry, illustration, and graphic design work.

Professor Swanson earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Temple University's Tyler School of Art, and a master of fine arts degree from the Art Academy University in San Francisco.

Please congratulate Professor Swanson on his appointment.