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Memorandum

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**To:** Montgomery College Community  
**From:** Dr. Sanjay Rai, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
**Subject:** Appointment of Interim Director of the Institute for Part-time Faculty Engagement and Support  
**Date:** August 18, 2022

I am pleased to announce that Professor Erik Swanson has been appointed as interim director of the Institute for Part-Time Faculty Engagement and Support. Professor Swanson began his career at Montgomery College in 2008 when he joined the Media Arts and Technologies department at the Rockville Campus as a part-time faculty member, becoming a full-time faculty member in 2015. He has also taught part-time at the Corcoran College of Art and Design at George Washington University, at the Freer and Sackler Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution, at the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design, and for the McLean Project for the Arts in McLean, Virginia. He served as the coordinator of the digital animation program at Montgomery College, and in 2018 assumed the role of department chair. As chair, he co-convened the Montgomery County Collaboration Board's committee on arts, media, and communications programs, and he has been a member of the Montgomery College Academic Services Council. He has served as chair of the Rockville Chairs' group since 2020. He received a Part-Time Faculty Exceptional Achievement and Service Award in 2012, as well as a 2021 Outstanding Faculty Award for Excellence in Service. Professor Swanson holds a bachelor of fine arts in painting from the Tyler School of Art at Temple University and a master of fine arts and a master of arts in 3D modeling and animation from The Art Academy University in San Francisco.

The Institute for Part-Time Faculty Engagement and Support was launched in 2015 to serve approximately 1,500 part-time faculty members at Montgomery College and to further engage part-time faculty in student success initiatives aimed at increasing graduation, completion, and closing the achievement gap. Its mission is to raise the visibility of the vital work that part-time faculty members contribute to the College and to assist part-time faculty in navigating the resources available to them. The institute provides information regarding rank advancement and professional development for part-time faculty members, and offers a one-day professional development conference designed specifically for part-time faculty members at the start of each academic semester. The institute also oversees the Shoenberg Part-time Faculty Fellowship Program, created through the generosity of Dr. Robert Shoenberg, a former member and chair of the Montgomery College Board of Trustees. The institute provides resource centers at the Germantown (HT 235), Rockville (HU 008), and Takoma Park/Silver Spring (RC 112) campuses.

Professor Swanson's appointment began on July 1, 2022. He can be reached at [erik.swanson@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:erik.swanson@montgomerycollege.edu). Please join me in welcoming Professor Swanson to his new role.

