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Memorandum

To: Montgomery College Community
From: Dr. Brad Stewart, Vice President and Provost
Office of the Vice President and Provost, Collegewide CHSHPEH Unit and
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
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I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Haydel as the Acting Dean of Humanities. Ms. Haydel assumed the duties and responsibilities of acting dean on May 11, 2024.

A member of the Montgomery College community since 2008, Ms. Haydel served as a professor of political science, earning an Outstanding Faculty Service Award in 2015, as well as an Outstanding Faculty Award For Excellence in Teaching and Advising in 2023. Ms. Haydel was also a nominee for the prestigious CASE Professor of the Year Award. She has mentored internship students at the Paul Peck Humanities Institute and students presenting papers at the Maryland Collegiate Honors Council and the Beacon Undergraduate Research Conference.

She has successfully written grants including the College's own Innovation Grant, "Bridging the Urban/Rural Divide, and the University Systems of Maryland First in the World and Civic Engagement Collaborative Grant Fund with two colleagues titled, "Exploring Voter Turnout in US Elections 2020: An Interdisciplinary Module for Introductory Statistics."

In her leadership role as acting chair of the Germantown Humanities Department she oversaw the hiring and onboarding of new full- and part-time faculty, expanded outreach to majors within the discipline to increase engagement and retention, and collaborated with colleagues from other campuses on the implementation of a Department of Education Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language grant, all of which continues to underscore her commitment to academic excellence and student success.

Ms. Haydel has also served on numerous committees and workgroups including the International Studies and Political Science College Area Review Workgroups, Program assessment, and Outcomes Assessment, MC Votes, International Studies Advisory Board, and has served on many more since 2008. In addition, her institutional service includes acting as co-coordinator and co-facilitator for the Quantitative Reasoning in the Disciplines Fellowship Program, coordinator of Political Science and International Studies for the Germantown Campus, past coordinator of the Germantown Jefferson Café, and past acting director for the Renaissance Scholars Honors Program. She has facilitated

workshops through ELITE, and has presented at numerous events.

Ms. Haydel earned a bachelor of arts in Integrated International Studies from Knox College and a master of arts in political science from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities.

Please join me in extending our warmest congratulations to Ms. Haydel on her appointment. Her leadership will undoubtedly enhance the academic experience of our students and further elevate Montgomery College's reputation as a center of excellence in the humanities.