From: The President
To: The President
Subject: Leadership Transition in Academic Affairs
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MEMORANDUM

To: Montgomery College Colleagues

From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

Subject: Leadership Transition in Academic Affairs

Dr. Donald M. Pearl, senior vice president for academic affairs, has informed me of his intention to resign from his position in order to pursue other opportunities closer to his family. This transition became effective on Friday, November, 15. I thank Dr. Pearl for his service and dedication to the College.

I have asked Dr. Sanjay Rai, current vice president and provost of the Germantown Campus, to serve as interim senior vice president for academic affairs during this period of transition. Since joining Montgomery College nearly a decade ago, Dr. Rai has held two leadership roles in Academic Affairs, that of dean and VPP. He also serves as a member of the Montgomery College Life Sciences Park Foundation Board. Dr. Rai has helped to shape partnerships with various organizations, and has built effective relationships with the local business community.

While we are undergoing a leadership transition, I assure you that the implementation of academic restructuring will continue. I thank Dr. Rai for accepting this important responsibility. He has my confidence to move this important initiative forward, but we both recognize your support and assistance is essential to achieving a successful completion to academic restructuring. Our focus now is on completing our task of restructuring; I will make a decision on permanently filling the position at a later date.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Rai to this key leadership role.