

To: Montgomery College Community

From: Michael J. Knapp, Chair, Board of Trustees

Subject: **Welcome Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, Montgomery College President**

Date: February 23, 2022

On behalf of the Montgomery College Board of Trustees, I am pleased to welcome Dr. Jermaine F. Williams officially to his new role as president of Montgomery College on Monday, February 28, 2022. This is an exciting moment for the College community as we collectively take this new step into MC's future. I want to thank you for your ongoing commitment to the College, and particularly to our students, during this time of transition and pandemic. I hope each of you will consider how your own strengths continue to advance the College's mission and how they can enhance the new perspectives that Dr. Williams will undoubtedly bring.

In order to take full advantage of the expertise already at the College, Dr. Williams intends to form a Presidential Transition Advisory Committee (PTAC), comprised of a diverse representation of College faculty, staff, students, and administrators, as well as community stakeholders. The committee will be charged to advise and support Dr. Williams in a well-informed, inclusive, and effective transition to Montgomery College. To fulfill its charge, the committee will develop a transition plan and process to assist Dr. Williams. Dr. Charlene Dukes, who finishes her term as interim president upon Dr. Williams' arrival, will serve as convener and co-chair of the committee. She will be joined by two co-chairs—a Board of Trustees member and a community member. The committee will commence its work next month and serve through September. In addition to the PTAC, a Presidential Transition Steering Committee Resource Team will also provide resources and expertise through the transition planning process. The culmination of work will be reflected in Dr. Williams' inauguration address this fall.

A Presidential Inauguration Committee will be appointed by the president to plan and manage the inaugural ceremony and official activities connected with the ceremony. As in the past, the inauguration will be a College and community celebration, at which the Board of Trustees and president engage the faculty, staff, students, administrators, elected officials, and business, community, and professional leaders.

I thank you for your dedication to the mission of Montgomery College and encourage you to engage in these important processes that will shape our future.