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Memorandum

To: Montgomery College Employees
From: Dr. Deidre Price, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs/College Provost
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I am pleased to announce that Dr. Muhammad Kehnemouyi has accepted the appointment of Campus Dean of the Rockville Campus. The Campus Dean is part of a collegewide Academic Affairs leadership team that administers functions and activities as part of a one-college model of service. Contacts and interactions vary and may involve multiple constituencies such as direct interaction with State officials, community organizations, the general public, higher education associations, campus administrative team, college provost, colleagues, campus directors, faculty chairs, faculty, students, and assigned staff, for the purpose of providing and exchanging information to enhance Academic Affairs. This appointment begins July 22, 2024.

Dr. Kehnemouyi taught at MC for 19 years, including introduction to engineering design, statics, dynamics, mechanics of materials, thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, heat transfer, numerical analysis and engineering physics. He is the recipient of a Montgomery College Outstanding Faculty Award, as well as being recognized several times by Montgomery County Public Schools for outstanding volunteer service. He also served as an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University's Whiting School of Engineering for twenty years and served as a member of *Journal of Engineering Education* advisory board.

He most recently served as the interim vice president and provost of the Germantown Campus and the STEM unit where he showcased the campus and the programs under his supervision. As dean of science, engineering and technology, he provided collegewide leadership for instructional programs in computer science, cybersecurity and engineering that are among the highest enrolled programs at the College. He led efforts in establishing a new cloud computing program in collaboration with George Mason University and Amazon AWS, and aligning our computer science program with that of the University of Maryland, where our degree is the only fully transferrable community college computer science degree in the state. Dr. Kehnemouyi has worked with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to develop offerings in computer science, cybersecurity and engineering degrees in the Early College program, engineering in the Middle College program, and cloud computing and wireless technology in the P-Tech program.

In addition, he worked with the College's workforce development unit on the development of short courses and bootcamps in Python programming and led the development of the credit for prior learning in IT and cybersecurity fields. He has served as the chair for the department of physics,

engineering and geosciences (1999-2014) where he continued to teach courses, developed a new course (introduction to engineering design ENES100) and co-authored a textbook for the course. He participated in the development of the Maryland Associate of Science degree in electrical and computer engineering sponsored by the Maryland Higher Education Commission and partnered with UMBC on the STEM transfer student success initiative (t-STEM), an inter-institutional collaboration, funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Dr. Kehnemouyi earned both a master of science and a doctor of philosophy in mechanical engineering from George Washington University, as well as a bachelor of science in chemical engineering from Tehran Polytechnic Institute. He has been a registered professional engineer for over 37 years.

I am grateful for Dr. Kehnemouyi's continued service to the College and ongoing commitment to student success. I look forward to seeing new and emerging College and community needs met through Dr. Kehnemouyi's leadership at the Campus Dean role at Rockville.