

**To:** Montgomery College Community

**From:** Dr. Stephen D. Cain, Chief of Staff/Chief Strategy Officer

**Subject:** **Presidential Search Advisory Committee**

**Date:** August 23, 2021

As Board Chair Michael Knapp shared in his remarks to the College community at this morning's Fall Opening Meeting, the Board of Trustees has launched its [search for a new permanent president](#). He invited members of the College community to engage in this process by attending College Forums next month—September 20, 22, and 28—and by considering service on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. This committee will review applications, interview candidates, and recommend finalists to the Board of Trustees, which selects and appoints the president. This memorandum provides information on how to express your interest in serving on the advisory committee.

The committee will be led by Trustee Dr. Michael Brintrnall and consist of students, faculty, staff, and administrators as well as community members. The board wants to appoint committee members who are deeply committed to the mission, vision, and values of Montgomery College; who understand the College's strategic plan; and who can articulate the strengths of the institution as well as the challenges it faces. I will work with Dr. Brintrnall and Chair Knapp to form a committee of about 20 people who bring a broad set of backgrounds, experiences, and expertise to the committee, and who are as representative of the College community as possible.

If this opportunity interests you, I ask that you express your interest to the indicated leader no later than **Wednesday, September 1**, as listed in the following table. Please provide them with (a) your name, (b) job title, (c) email address, (d) phone number, (e) the number of years you have worked at MC, and (f) your primary campus, Workforce Development and Continuing Education location, or work site.

If you bring the voice of:	Please send your intention to:	At:
a student	Chair of Student Council, Oluwafunmike "Rebecca" Adegeye	<a href="mailto:studentcouncil@montgomerycollege.edu">studentcouncil@montgomerycollege.edu</a>
a faculty member	Co-chairs of Faculty Council, Dana Baker and Dr. Rebecca Thomas	<a href="mailto:facultycouncil@montgomerycollege.edu">facultycouncil@montgomerycollege.edu</a>

a staff member	Chair of Staff Council, Ramon De La Cruz	<a href="mailto:staffcouncil@montgomerycollege.edu">staffcouncil@montgomerycollege.edu</a>
an administrator	Chair of Administrator Council, Dr. Eric Benjamin	<a href="mailto:administratorcouncil@montgomerycollege.edu">administratorcouncil@montgomerycollege.edu</a>
a department chair	Your vice president/provost	<a href="mailto:Kimberly.Kelley@montgomerycollege.edu">Kimberly.Kelley@montgomerycollege.edu</a> <a href="mailto:Margaret.Latimer@montgomerycollege.edu">Margaret.Latimer@montgomerycollege.edu</a> <a href="mailto:George.Payne@montgomerycollege.edu">George.Payne@montgomerycollege.edu</a> <a href="mailto:Brad.Stewart@montgomerycollege.edu">Brad.Stewart@montgomerycollege.edu</a>
a member of AAUP	AAUP President, Harry Zarin	<a href="mailto:Harry.Zarin@montgomerycollege.edu">Harry.Zarin@montgomerycollege.edu</a>
a member of SEIU	SEIU President, Victoria Baldassano	<a href="mailto:Victoria.Baldassano@montgomerycollege.edu">Victoria.Baldassano@montgomerycollege.edu</a>
a member of AFSCME	AFSCME President, Chris Standing	<a href="mailto:Chris.Standing@montgomerycollege.edu">Chris.Standing@montgomerycollege.edu</a>
a member of the President's Executive Cabinet (P.E.C.)	Deputy Chief of Staff for Planning and Policy, Dr. Kevin Long	<a href="mailto:Kevin.Long@montgomerycollege.edu">Kevin.Long@montgomerycollege.edu</a>

Please note that the advisory committee will conduct its work in the fall semester beginning with a kickoff meeting on **Wednesday, September 15**. Those appointed to the committee will be notified by **September 10**. The full committee schedule will be presented at the kickoff meeting, but committee members should expect a significant time commitment to the process, especially during October and November. The work of the committee is strictly confidential, and members will be expected to adhere to these standards.

Thank you for your support of this important and historic process. If you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Stephen.Cain@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:Stephen.Cain@montgomerycollege.edu).