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Memorandum

To: Montgomery College Community
From: Dr. Nawal Benmouna, Vice President for STEM and Health Sciences
Subject: **Appointment of Interim Nursing Program Leadership**
Date: September 12, 2025

I am pleased to announce the following interim leadership appointments within the nursing program as of August 30, 2025.

Dr. Timothy Fuss has been appointed Interim nursing director. Dr. Fuss has served Montgomery College since 2003 in various teaching and leadership roles, most recently as health sciences department chair. He holds a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Maryland, a master of science in nursing, acute care, from Case Western Reserve, and a doctor of philosophy in nursing from the University of North Dakota. His professional background spans critical care nursing, simulation, and interprofessional education, and he is an active member of Sigma Theta Tau, the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, and the National League for Nursing.

Dr. Kathleen Snyder has been appointed acting nursing department chair. A Montgomery College faculty member since 2015, she has served as associate professor and Second Year Program Coordinator, overseeing clinical placements and student support. Dr. Snyder earned a bachelor of science in nursing from Villanova University, a master of science in nursing from Georgetown University, and a doctor of education in leadership and organizational innovation from Marymount University. She is a certified nurse educator, has published and presented nationally on nursing education and faculty development, and collaboratively launched the nursing program's first study abroad experience in the Dominican Republic.

This year, the nursing program is preparing for re-accreditation with the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). This process includes the development of the self-study and hosting the accreditation site visit. Strong leadership and coordination are critical to ensuring the program's continued success and recognition.

Dr. Brenda Knopp will serve as ACEN coordinator for Montgomery College. She has been a faculty member at Montgomery College since 2009 and served as nursing program chair from 2021–2025. With extensive experience as both ACEN Peer Evaluator and Program ACEN Coordinator, she brings deep expertise in accreditation processes. Dr. Knopp earned a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Maryland, a master of science in nursing from Walden University, and a doctor of education in Educational Leadership from Frostburg State. She is a certified nurse educator, has led multiple courses and National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) preparation initiatives, and has received recognition for her leadership in reaccreditation and interprofessional

simulation

We are fortunate to have Dr. Fuss, Dr. Snyder, and Dr. Knopp stepping into these leadership roles. With their leadership, we are well positioned not only to succeed in re-accreditation but also to advance the excellence of our nursing program. Please join me in thanking them for their commitment to our program.