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## Memorandum

**To:** Academic Affairs Division  
**From:** Dr. Deidre D. Price, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs/College Provost  
**Subject:** Academic Affairs Spring Semester Updates  
**Date:** January 8, 2026

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a happy and healthy winter break with time to reflect, relax and feel rejuvenated for an exciting spring semester ahead.

We look forward to welcoming back faculty on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, with workshops and information sessions. Please find the draft schedule of sessions attached to this message. This semester, we will hold an **Academic Affairs Spring Division meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, on the Rockville Campus, in the Parilla Arts Center beginning at 9:00 a.m.** Please come early and enjoy a light breakfast, then join us as we share updates from the Academic Master Plan and Strategic Plan work underway this year. We will transition from this kickoff meeting into active engagement with our teams in program mapping activities designed to move forward several collegewide initiatives.

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. / Division Meeting / PAC, RV

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / Dean Meetings

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. / Discipline Meetings

The locations of the dean and discipline meetings are under development. Professional week workshops and other learning opportunities are being scheduled. I encourage you to look at the offerings and save-the-dates until registration opens.

In addition, I ask you to welcome Ginger Robinson as the Dean of Education and Social Sciences and Jennifer Haydel as Dean of Humanities. Both have served these disciplines in interim dean roles over the past year and have been appointed permanently as of December 20, 2025. I am excited by the work they, and their fellow deans, have started with the implementation of the Academic Master Plan that engages with students from the moment they register to their lives after graduating from MC. MC is proud to have such dedicated academic leadership.

I encourage you all to participate in the workshops and information sessions that will be available the week of January 20-23, and I look forward to seeing you at our spring division meeting on January 21 at 9:00 a.m.

