

Memorandum

To: Montgomery College Community

From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President Office of the President

Subject: Update on County Budget Appropriation for FY19

**Date:** May 17, 2018

The Montgomery County Council met today to complete its deliberations for the FY19 budget for the county, including funding for Montgomery College. The council voted to provide the College with \$750,000 in additional funds over last's years funding amount. Taking into account the \$2 million in funding recommended by County Executive Isiah Leggett, today's vote means the College will receive a total of \$2.75 million in new funding from the county for FY19, the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2018.

In February, the College requested \$4.3 million in new county funding for FY19, all of which was to be allocated for compensation increases, making the county's share of our budget request \$143.3 million. Thursday's council budget decision results in a gap of \$1.55 million in the College's FY19 operating budget as proposed by our Board of Trustees.

On the College's capital budget, the council approved \$36 million in spending for capital projects in FY19, which includes furniture and equipment for the Student Services Center at the Rockville Campus. The council also approved more than \$270 million in spending over the six years of the capital improvements program, which includes funds to begin the renovation of the libraries at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring and Germantown campuses. Additionally, the council approved a reduction of \$1.5 million for information technology projects planned in the College's FY19 capital budget.

The county council is scheduled to give final approval to these budget decisions at its May 24 meeting. The MC Board of Trustees will take final action to allocate our FY19 funding at its meeting on June 25.

I will keep you updated as the budget process concludes for FY19. Thank you for your continued dedication to the College and our students!