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Good Thursday Evening!

The day moved rather quickly for me as I worked to get the five Reopening Task Group plans based on student success, employee success, teaching and learning success, workforce partnership success and community sustainability success consolidated into one. Thank you to Board Relations Coordinator Michael Simon and Chief of Staff DeAndra Larkin for their support in editing and formatting the document.

Please remember to attend the virtual faculty panel discussion on Monday, June 8, 3-5 p.m. that will share various perspectives with faculty, staff, and students about the murder of George Floyd. The panelists are:

Mr. Rodney Barber, Math Faculty
Dr. Dalton Connolly, Social Work Technician Program Coordinator
Mr. Brian Harding, History Faculty
Mr. Brian Littleton, Psychology Faculty
Dr. Derine McCory, Marketing Faculty
Dr. Denise Polk, Dental Assisting Coordinator
Ms. Haley Slade, Criminal Justice and Corrections Program Coordinator

Featuring MCC Public Chief Michael Odette

Tomorrow I will not send a Communication due to my attendance at the visitation service for Michelle Glenn in Port Huron. The visitation and service information are listed below:

Friday, June 5, 2020
2:00PM – 7:00PM

Saturday, June 6, 2020
10:00AM – 11:00AM

Service:

Saturday, June 6, 2020
11:00AM

Those not able to attend the service will be able to view it on the funeral home website under Michelle's obituary. Please remember we will be setting up a scholarship in Michelles's name.

This afternoon I met with the Vice President for Academic Success and Provost Search Committee and members of the Academic Affairs Division to give an update on the search. In the last few weeks, many of you have asked to share where we were with hiring the position. I am grateful to the members of the Vice President for Academic Success and Provost Search Committee for the excellent job they provided in screening applications, interviewing and assessing candidates, and providing me with four qualified

candidates to consider for the position. The process to find the right person was a long one that lasted from November to May.

In the interim, we faced a pandemic that has caused unprecedented changes to how we live, work, and learn. Michigan shut down and that has caused an enormous budget shortfall for this year and next year. We have shared with you in meetings and this Communication the predicted effects on our budget.

In light of that, I have made the decision to not fill the Vice President for Academic Success and Provost position. Instead, I have asked Jason Wilson, Vice President for Student Success Services, to serve as Mott Community College's Vice President for Student Academic Success. He has accepted and will serve as the leader of both Student Success Services and Academic Affairs divisions, effective today. This is a permanent position that will be assessed in future intervals to ensure it is effective. I shared in both meetings that I will move quickly to hire an Assistant Academic Affairs Vice President internally to support continuity with the excellence that has always been provided from members of the Academic Affairs Division.

We have entered a challenging time for our College financially. As I expressed earlier today, it will be a bumpy road. I will attempt to make every effort to smooth the path so we don't lose focus on our mission to help students succeed and sustain this community.

Looking Forward,

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