I am pleased to announce that after a state-wide search, Mr. Eric N. Sheppard was named the Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration on April 1, 2020. This announcement was delayed as we focused on the priorities of maintaining campus operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Sheppard joined us from Edinboro University where he served as the Associate Vice President for Financial Operations and Director of Facilities Management and Planning. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from South Carolina State University and an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis.

In his role, Mr. Sheppard will continue his responsibilities in the areas of accounting, budgeting, financial reporting, construction related procurement, contract management, accounts payable, dining services and special projects. In addition, due to an administrative restructuring he will assume management responsibility for the Office of Student Accounts effective November 9, 2020.

Please join me in congratulating Mr. Sheppard on his permanent appointment.