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HCC announces staffing changes

Long-term enrollment trends and COVID-19 fiscal challenges are forcing staff changes and restructuring in some departments at Holyoke Community College, President Christina Royal said yesterday.

Royal said five positions would be eliminated.

The college has also turned to other strategies to deal with enrollment issues and the pandemic's economic impact, Royal said. These have included an early retirement incentive program, voluntary unpaid leave, incremental reductions to departmental budgets, and the elimination of 22 vacant positions.

A clerk and a lab technician will be eliminated from the union labor force, and three nonunion professional positions were also affected. Rather than retain a dean of students and director of retention and student success, those jobs will be consolidated into a single dean of student development, engagement and inclusion.

The college has also eliminated the position of director of the Picknelly Adult and Family Education Center and Gill Technology Center, which also serves as staff in residence at HCC's Center for Excellence.