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After having a quiet campus for about five days, I started missing
students on my daily walk from Tanger House to the BEC. But

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prepared students in design thinking and engaged them in data collection. They wanted students to
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MENTORING OUR FUTURE
My goal is to provide every student at Millersville University with the opportunity to work with a
mentor. During the State of the University address in September last year, I charged our alums, all
65,000 plus, to engage with our students as mentors.
Last November, the Mentorship Task Force at Millersville University was created and I charged them
with providing information and recommendations to help guide the development and
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mentorship at MU for the benefit of all students. The task force, co-chaired by Dr. Brent Horton and
Melissa Wardwell, recently turned in their report, which developed an inventory of our current
mentoring programs, reviewed them for best practices and made recommendations.
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rooted in the best practices of mentoring, and they aim to provide a framework for the creation of
new and relevant mentoring opportunities on campus, augment current mentoring programs and
facilitate cooperation among them, and develop an infrastructure that can handle the financial and
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I want to thank the members of the task force for their hard work. In addition to Brent and Melissa,
other members were Dr. Elizabeth Thyrum, faculty; Dwight Horsey, staff; alums John Held, Mike Henry
and Dr. Saul Fink; along with student, Kaitlyn Bistline. The task force and I would like to acknowledge

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At their meeting yesterday our Council of Trustees approved a plan that will decrease our fees, room
and board charges by 3.3 percent, which will result in students paying $245 less per semester.
A breakdown of the fees include:
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