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**TOM PARSONS HIRED AS DEAN OF HUMANITIES**  
**Parsons assumes permanent role after holding interim position**

**Wellesley Hills, Mass.** –Tom Parsons will assume the position of Dean of Humanities at Massachusetts Bay Community College (MassBay), as announced by President Carole Berotte Joseph and Provost John Donnelly. Parsons has served in this role on an interim basis for the last two years and will permanently take over.

“I have had the pleasure of working with Tom for the last four years. He has served MassBay in various capacities and in each, has demonstrated his steadfast commitment to what is best for the College and the learners we serve,” said President Berotte Joseph. “By discipline, Tom is an economist and possesses an impressive talent for creating poetry and a penchant for the arts. Tom’s demonstrated collaborative leadership style will serve him well as he continues to develop innovative ideas that will further the growth of this academic division. Tom is committed to meeting the challenges of leading the Humanities Division in a multi-disciplinary fashion. He is uniquely suited to create the opportunities our diverse learners expect of us. I am pleased to have his continued service in this key position.”

Parsons brings a wealth of knowledge to his current post, having been the Interim Dean of Humanities since 2006. He joined the MassBay family in 1973 as a part-time instructor of economics and accounting in both the day and evening divisions. He has taught courses in economics, accounting, and personal finance.

While at MassBay, Parsons has started several new courses, including Personal Finance and Introduction to Investments. He has been an active member of the College governance system, having previously served on many committees, including chairperson of the Steering Committee and the Calendar & Hours Committee.

In addition, Parsons has dutifully served the Union since 1982, having previously served in the positions of Statewide Vice President (1982-87), and Statewide Treasurer (1987-92), Statewide President (1992-96). He currently serves as the Chair of the MTA Pension Committee and co-chair of the Investment Subcommittee.

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“I welcome Tom as a permanent addition to the team of academic deans,” said Dr. Donnelly. “Tom’s varied contributions to the College have been substantial as a faculty member, union leader and an interim dean. I look forward to working with Tom as we move towards achieving excellence at MassBay.”

Parsons received his Bachelor of Science degree from Babson College. He went on to receive a master’s degree in economics from Boston College.

“I am completely thrilled to accept the position of Dean of Humanities at MassBay,” said Parsons. “The Humanities Division is a group of wonderfully motivated professional faculty. I look forward to doing my very best every day to support the faculty and students in their creative endeavors inside and outside the classroom.”

About MassBay Community College

*Massachusetts Bay Community College (MassBay) is an open-access, accredited two-year public educational institution. The College grants associate degrees and certificates in a range of disciplines through its five divisions of academics: the Division of Health Sciences; the Division of Humanities; the Division of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (S.T.E.M.); the Division of Social Sciences & Professional Studies; and the Division of Transportation & Energy. Offering over 60 academic programs, MassBay serves Boston and the MetroWest communities with locations in Wellesley Hills, Framingham and Ashland (Automotive Technology Center).*

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