

*MORTON COLLEGE
ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT*

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”), made and effective as of this 14th day of March 2017 (the “Effective Date”), is by and between Morton College, Illinois Community College District No. 527 (“College”), and Michael A. Kott, an individual residing in Illinois (“Employee”), (collectively, the College and Employee may, for convenience only, be hereinafter referred to as the “Parties” and each individually as a “Party”).

The Parties desire to set forth in writing the terms and conditions of their agreements and understandings.

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, Employee desires to serve as the Director of Library and Instructional Technology Services (“Director of Library and Instructional Technology Services” or “Administrator”) of the College; and

WHEREAS, Employee possesses an intimate knowledge of the business and affairs of educational institutions and the policies, procedures, methods, students and personnel thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the College (the “Board”) has determined that it is in the best interest of the College to secure the services and employment of Employee based on the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Employee desires to serve as the Director of Library and Instructional Technology Services of the College and the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement whereby Employee will serve as said Administrator of the College; and

WHEREAS, the College hereby agrees to employ Employee as said Administrator of the College, under the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Employee hereby accepts and agrees to such employment, subject to the general supervision by and pursuant to the directions of the Board, the President of the College and/or their respective designees; and

WHEREAS, Employee shall perform the services and undertake the obligations of said Administrator of the College, which shall include the adherence of College policy and the enactment of rules and procedures necessary and required for the effective administration of the College, and Employee shall receive the rights and the authority of said Administrator of the College; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. EMPLOYMENT:

1.1 Position. Employee shall serve as the Director of Library and Instructional Technology Services of the College and be employed as the Director of Library and Instructional Technology Services of the College.

1.2 Duties. Employee shall perform the duties, undertake the responsibilities and exercise the authority customarily performed by persons employed as the Director of Library and Instructional Technology Services of an Illinois Community College as set forth in the Position Description (attached hereto) and as governed by the Board's Policies and Procedures, as well as any applicable employee manual and past practices, as the same may be updated from time to time. Additionally, Employee shall attend commencement, all the open sessions of all College Board of Trustee Meetings, and a minimum of two (2) other social, cultural, or sporting events sponsored by the College each Fiscal Year (July 1 – June 30). Further, Employee shall perform such other duties as are assigned to him/her by the Board, the President of the College or their respective designees in his/her capacity as the Director of Library and Instructional Technology Services of the College.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Employee's position and duties may be modified at any time, so long as the Parties agree, in good faith, that such modification would be in the best interests of The College.

1.3 Best Efforts. Employee agrees that at all times s/he will faithfully, efficiently and to the best of his/her abilities and talents perform all of the duties which may be required of and from her, pursuant to the terms hereof and to the reasonable satisfaction of the Board or its designee. Employee shall abide by all policies and decisions made by the College, as well as all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, orders, rules and regulations, in addition to the Board's Policies and Procedures. The Employee shall act in the best interests of the College at all times. The Employee agrees to devote his/her full-time, skill and attention to said employment during the term of this Agreement, provided however, that the Employee may engage in non-competitive activities so long as such activities do not interfere with the Employee's responsibilities under this Agreement and the Employee receives the prior written authorization from the President. The Employee shall not engage in any work or business for the Employee's own interest or for or on behalf of any other person, firm or corporation that competes or interferes with the performance of the Employee's duties hereunder, or poses an actual or potential conflict of

interest with the College, as may be determined by the Board in its sole discretion, whether the same is for pay or as a volunteer. If the Board believes such a conflict exists during the term of this Agreement, the Board or its designee may ask the Employee to choose to discontinue the other work or resign employment with the College.

2. TERM:

The term of Employee's employment shall commence on the 14th day of March 2017 (the "Commencement Date") and shall continue until the 30th day of June 2017 (the "Expiration Date") unless earlier terminated as provided for in Section 5 of this Agreement. Employee acknowledges that s/he has no expectation of renewal after the expiration of the term of this Agreement.

3. RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS:

To the fullest extent of Employee's knowledge, Employee represents and warrants to the College that Employee is not bound by any restrictive covenant of another entity or employer and has no prior or other obligations or commitments that would, in any way, prevent, restrict, hinder or interfere with Employee's acceptance of employment by the College or the performance of the duties and services hereunder. Employee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the College for any liability The College may incur as the result of the existence of any such covenants, obligations or commitments.

4. REMUNERATION:

Employee shall receive the following as his/her total remuneration:

- 4.1 Base Salary. Employee shall receive an annual base salary of Ninety Thousand U.S. Dollars (\$90,000) for Fiscal Year 2016– 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) which amount shall be prorated to the Termination Date if said Termination Date shall be earlier than June 30, 2017.

Said amounts shall be paid in equal installments according to the payroll dates in effect for other senior level administrators, with such deductions as may be required by law and as may be agreed upon between the Board and the President.

- 4.2 Expenses. Employee shall receive a maximum of five hundred and no/100 U.S. dollars (\$500.00) per Fiscal Year to be used towards Employee's professional development. The expenditure of the abovementioned allotment is subject to the prior written approval of the President of the College. This expense is not cumulative and any portion of the five hundred and no/100 U.S. dollars (\$500.00) that remains unused at the termination

of the Fiscal Year shall lapse and will not be available to Employee during any succeeding year of employment. Employee shall also be reimbursed for an annual physical examination and any other expense that the President of the College, in his or her sole discretion, deems appropriate. Employee shall be reimbursed for the abovementioned-incurred expenses for which Employee submits receipts in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The receipts shall be submitted to the Controller, and upon approval by the President, Employee shall be reimbursed for such expenses.

4.3 Education and Retention Incentive. Unless otherwise approved by the President and the Board of Trustees, Employee shall be entitled to tuition reimbursement in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per Academic Year. All other terms of the College’s tuition reimbursement policy for Administrators shall apply to Employee. In the event the President and/or the Board requests that Employee take certain educational classes, no tuition cap applies.

4.4 Illinois State Universities Retirement System. The compensation / earnings stated in paragraph 4 and its subparts, includes, where applicable, the statutorily mandated employee contributions to the Illinois State Universities Retirement System pursuant to the Illinois Pension Code.

4.5 Insurance.

A. Comprehensive Medical Insurance. The College shall offer to Employee the same Comprehensive Medical Insurance Program that it offers its other employees. The College and Employee shall pay the following portions of the per annum rate for the Comprehensive Medical Insurance Program offered by the College and selected Employee, respectively:

1. FY 2016-2017

EMPLOYER		EMPLOYEE	
Single HMO	92%	Single HMO	8%
Family HMO	67%	Family HMO	33%
Single PPO	88%	Single PPO	12%
Family PPO	63%	Family PPO	37%

B. Dental Insurance. The College shall offer to Employee the same Dental Insurance Program that it offers to its other employees. The College shall pay for one hundred percent (100%) of the annum rate for the Dental Insurance Program offered by the College for individual coverage, whether HMO or PPO. If selected, Dependent Dental Insurance coverage shall be paid for in full by Employee.

C. Vision Insurance. The College shall offer to Employee the same Vision Insurance Program that it offers to its other employees. The College

shall pay for one hundred percent (100%) of the annum rate for the Vision Insurance Program offered by the College for individual coverage, whether HMO or PPO. If selected, Dependent Vision Insurance coverage shall be paid for in full by Employee.

D. Life Insurance. The College shall provide (and pay for) individual term life insurance coverage to Employee based on the Employee's annual salary to the closest lowest thousand dollars. Employee shall be solely responsible for the payment of family life insurance coverage, if applicable.

4.6 Paid Time Off Benefits. Employee shall receive the following benefits:

(A) Twenty-one (21) days of vacation annually, in addition to any days that are designated as holidays by the College. Said vacation days are prorated and not cumulative except as set forth herein. Vacation days should be taken in the same Fiscal Year (i.e., July 1st – June 30th) in which they are earned. Except for unforeseen emergencies, vacation leave should be scheduled as far in advance as possible. Vacation leave requests must be approved by your immediate supervisor. Vacation leave in excess of two (2) continuous weeks ordinarily will not be granted, unless otherwise approved by the Vice President, Provost, or President. Requests for vacation shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably denied. You may carry-over a maximum of fifteen (15) vacation days annually. Any vacation time accrued and unused in one (1) fiscal year in excess of fifteen (15) days will be lost. Effective July 1st, if you have more than the maximum allowance, your vacation account will be adjusted to the maximum allowance of fifteen (15) carry-over days of vacation (use it or lost it). Vacation leave carry-over will be adjusted at the close of business on June 30th of every year. Newly awarded vacation leave will not be included in the calculation of the maximum allowance during the adjustment; and

(B) Five (5) days of personal leave per Fiscal Year (July 1st – June 30th); said personal days are prorated and not cumulative, however, any unused personal day(s) may be converted into accumulated sick leave days in the next Fiscal Year, if applicable; and

(C) Twenty (20) days of sick leave at full pay per Fiscal Year, which days are prorated and cumulative so long as Employee is continuously employed by the College; the sick leave guidelines contained in the Classified Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement for a twelve (12) month year shall govern, if applicable; and

(D) For the purposes of paid time off identified in Paragraph 4.6 and its subparts, all paid time off accrues on the 1st day of July, but shall be prorated if employment is terminated prior to June 30th of the Fiscal Year in which the time was earned.

5. TERMINATION:

This Agreement may be terminated due to Disability (as defined below), for Cause (as defined below), for Good Reason (as defined below), due to the death of Employee (as defined below), or shall terminate on the Expiration Date, as described above.

5.1 Termination due to Disability. Either Employee or the College shall be entitled to terminate Employee's employment for Disability by giving the other Party fifteen (15) calendar days' written notice. For purposes of this Agreement, "Disability" shall mean Employee's inability to perform his/her duties for the greater of: (a) sixty (60) working days; or (b) the number of working days that it takes Employee to exhaust all sick, personal/emergency, vacation, and other accumulated paid time off, as a result of physical or mental impairment, illness or injury, and such condition, in the opinion of a medical doctor selected by the College and reasonably acceptable to Employee or his/her legal representative, is total and permanent. In the event of Employee's termination due to disability, the College shall pay to Employee his/her accrued salary and vacation up to the date of termination.

5.2 Termination by the College for Cause. Although the College anticipates a mutually rewarding employment relationship with Employee, the College may terminate Employee's employment at any time for Cause. For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" means any of the following, as determined by a majority vote of the Board:

- (A) Employee's conviction or plea of *nolo contendere* to a felony or a misdemeanor involving fraud, misappropriation, embezzlement, or moral turpitude;
- (B) Acts or omissions constituting gross negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct on the part of Employee with respect to Employee's obligations to the College or otherwise relating to the business of the College;
- (C) Employee's fraud or dishonesty in connection with Employee's performance of duties, which has a materially detrimental effect on the College;
- (D) Employee's inappropriate relations/interactions with students and/or employees of the College that could expose the College to liability; or
- (E) A material breach by Employee of any material provision of this Agreement, which shall include, without limitation, any act or

omission which would be deemed a violation of the Board's Policies and Procedures.

For purposes of this Section 5.2 and its subparts, no act or failure to act on Employee's part shall be deemed "willful," unless done or omitted by Employee, done in bad faith, or done without the reasonable belief that Employee's action or failure to act was in the best interests of the College.

Before the Board may terminate Employee for Cause, the Board must: (a) give written notice to Employee providing him/her with reasonable detail of the conduct or event constituting Cause; and (b) provide Employee with the opportunity to be heard by the Board; and (c) give Employee fifteen (15) calendar days, following Employee's receipt of notice of said Cause, to cure the conduct or event, if subject to cure.

5.3 Termination by Employee for Good Reason. Employee may terminate his/her employment under this Agreement with Good Reason at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Board and describing in reasonable detail the event constituting Good Reason. For purposes of this Agreement, "Good Reason" means any of the following events, unless Employee specifically agrees in writing that such event shall not be Good Reason:

- (A) Any material breach of this Agreement by the College;
- (B) Any material adverse change in the status, title, authority, reporting line, responsibilities or prerequisites of Employee;
- (C) A reduction in Employee's total cash compensation and benefits from those required to be provided under this Agreement or a material delay in payment; or
- (D) Any failure to assign this Agreement to the successor of Morton College, unless Employee and such successor enter into a successor employment agreement.

Good Reason shall not exist if, within sixty (60) calendar days following the Board's receipt of written notice from Employee describing in detail the event constituting Good Reason, the College cures the event constituting Good Reason.

5.4 Termination due to Death. In the event of Employee's death during the term of this Agreement and while Employee is employed as an Administrator of the College, this Agreement shall terminate immediately at the time of Employee's death and the College shall pay to Employee's estate his/her accrued salary and vacation pay accrued up to the date of his/her death, which amount shall be payable within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of Employee's death.

6. RETURN OF THE COLLEGE'S PROPERTY: At any time upon the College's request and/or upon termination of Employee's employment with the College, Employee shall immediately deliver to the College all data, manuals, specifications, lists, notes, writings, photographs, microfilm, electronic equipment, tape recordings, documents and tangible materials, including all copies or duplicates, and any other personal property owned by, belonging to or concerning any part of the College's activities or concerning any part of Employee's activities relating to Employee's employment with the College (collectively, the "Property"). The Property is acknowledged by Employee to be the College's property, which is only entrusted to Employee on a temporary basis in his/her capacity as an Administrator of the College.

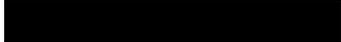
7. CONFIDENTIALITY: Employee agrees not to disclose or divulge any Confidential Information to any other person or entity, except during Employee's employment with the College when required due to the nature of Employee's duties or as required by law. For purposes of this Agreement, "Confidential Information" shall include any of the College's business or financial information or any other confidential information that is disclosed to Employee or that Employee otherwise learns in the course of his/her employment. Employee's obligations hereunder, with respect to Confidential Information, shall terminate only when such information ceases to constitute Confidential Information, as defined above.

8. NOTICE: Any notice, request, demand or other communication, provided for by this Agreement, shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly received upon: (a) actual receipt if personally delivered and the sender received written confirmation of personal delivery; (b) receipt as indicated by the written or electronic verification of delivery when delivered by overnight courier; (c) receipt as indicated by the electronic transmission confirmation when sent via telecopy or facsimile transmission; or (d) three (3) calendar days after the sender posts notice with the U.S. Post Office when sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. Notice shall be sent to the addresses set forth below, or to such other address as either Party may specify in writing.

If to the College: Morton College
 3801 South Central Ave.
 Cicero, IL 60804
 Attn.: President's Office

With copy to: Morton College's Legal Counsel
 Del Galdo Law Group, LLC
 1441 South Harlem Ave.
 Berwyn, IL 60402.

If to Employee: Michael A. Kott
 



9. MISCELLANEOUS:

- 9.1 Acknowledgement and Indemnification. Employee acknowledges that s/he has not retired under the Illinois State Universities Retirement System. In the event the Illinois State Universities Retirement System assesses a penalty and/or a fine against The College and/or Employee due to the amount/structure of Employee's compensation package, Employee shall indemnify and hold the College harmless for said event(s) and assume responsibility for the penalty and/or fine.
- 9.2 Construction and Governing Law. Construction and interpretation of this Agreement shall at all times and in all respects be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to its conflicts of laws principles. Employee acknowledges that s/he has had an opportunity to review and revise this Agreement and have it reviewed by legal counsel, if desired, and, therefore, the normal rules of construction, to the extent that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party, shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement.
- 9.3 Severability. The provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more of the provisions hereof shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions hereof.
- 9.4 Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement and understanding by and between the Parties. No representations, promises, agreements or understandings, written or oral, not herein contained shall be of any force or effect. No change or modification hereof shall be valid or binding unless the same is in writing and signed by Employee and the College or authorized representatives thereof.
- 9.5 Modification. The Parties agree that the Board may rearrange the benefit provisions of this Agreement upon Employee's suggestions, at no additional cost to the College. No provision of this Agreement may be modified, waived or discharged unless such waiver, modification or discharge is agreed to in writing, signed by each Party and approved by the Board. No waiver by either Party regarding any breach of a condition or provision of this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions of this Agreement. No agreement or representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, with respect to the subject matter hereof have been made by either Party which is not expressly set forth in this Agreement.

