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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Frederick Fagal
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FROM: Sister Mary Reap, I.H.M. *SMR*
President

RE: Faculty Forum

DATE: April 11, 1995

I find it necessary to comment on your behavior demonstrated during the Faculty Forum held last Wednesday. Sister Patricia and I attended this meeting at the invitation of the Faculty Senate to update Senate members on efforts being made to help decide whether or not we should consider adding a D.C. degree to our program portfolio. Naturally, we expected various positions and various levels of informed opinion on this subject and welcomed the opportunity to explore it with our faculty. What I did not expect was what I can only describe as rude and unprofessional behavior by you during this meeting.

In particular, passing notes while someone is speaking is a rude behavior which I presume every child has overcome at a very young age. To find it practiced by you, a College faculty member, raises questions in my mind regarding both your standards for civil discourse and for accepted adult professional behavior.

Professional etiquette would have suggested that, at least, that the material should have been sent to me and to Sister Patricia prior to the meeting in order that we might have known the viewpoint it proposed. While I found the material to be academically embarrassing in its subjective and undocumented form, we could have tried to respond to your allegations.

Dr. Fagal, I take the time to write this memo, because I believe you have done a disservice to the academic community and to our desire for discourse on matters important to all of us. I was an invited guest of the Faculty Senate at that meeting, You were a host and should have shown better manners. I trust this memo serves as a reminder of that expectation.

SMR/dfd