

Dear President Keller and Vice-President Bradley,

We appreciate and empathize with your busy schedule! Since it we will not be able to get together before the September Senate meeting, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee wants to respond to your request for more information about our invitation to meet.

We feel it is important to make you aware that the SGA letter of support of the President may be more appropriately targeted to students only. Unfortunately, members of the faculty, especially untenured faculty, might feel pressured to sign in fear that their employment may be jeopardized. While it is regrettable that anyone would feel pressured in this way, some faculty do, which makes their signatures at best empty and at worst misleading.

The Constitution of the SGA, Article I

([https://www.fairmontstate.edu/files/institutionalforms/formrepo/SGA%20Constitution%2012-17-2018\\_0.pdf](https://www.fairmontstate.edu/files/institutionalforms/formrepo/SGA%20Constitution%2012-17-2018_0.pdf)) states that the SGA will "regulate all matters pertaining to the student life of its members which do not fall under jurisdiction of the faculty and administration." The Faculty Senate Presidential Perception Survey Committee is a longstanding committee charged with producing the official faculty opinion of the university President. We are concerned that the document being shared by SGA for signature collection interferes with the jurisdiction of the Faculty Senate as the voice of the faculty in this matter.

We are always heartened to see students taking leadership roles and we look forward to working together on issues regarding the well-being of our shared institution.

Please let me know if you have any questions or wish to discuss this further.

Matt Hokom