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To: Presidents Office

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Dear President Senese,

I recently read that your board and administration have moved to decertify your faculty union, thus destroying all but a facade of professional academic governance. As an Benedictine/Jesuit-trained academician with over 50 years of university teaching, 20 of them in correctional education, and as both president of the first higher education collective bargaining unit in Ohio and past president of the Ohio Conference AAUP, I find your actions reprehensible.

I note from your credentials that you have extensive experience in higher education management. I have watched this discipline, during my years of professional experience, become corporatized, displacing both academic ethics and Catholic social teaching with an inappropriate business model that is antithetical to both.

Your actions, and those of your board, are the fruits of hypocrisy, worthy only of shame and condemnation. Your managerial philosophy is not Benedictine, not Catholic, not Christian in any true sense of the word.

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