

April 21, 2017

Mr. Brian Hurley
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Dear Mr. Hurley,

I am in receipt of your letter from April 13, 2017 and wish to thank you for contacting me. I appreciate that you are asking questions and addressing these concerns in an open and inquisitive manner. I am aware that Fr. Guiao will be providing a more complete response as best he is able.

It is always humbling to see the passion that Saint Ignatius alumni have for our school and especially for the good men and women who have influenced them. The school's amazing faculty continues to touch the minds and hearts of these young men in profound ways.

The recent decision not to renew the contracts of two long time teachers is an internal school matter. However, I can assure you that all personnel decisions are done with thoughtful, careful and prayerful analysis and follow the administration's robust practices for review. Over the past decade, these procedures and practices were developed by and approved by the Board's Personnel and Trustee Committee (now Governance). I can assure you proper steps were followed in administering these policies. My hope is that those seeking to know more will presuppose the best of these men as well as those in the position of making difficult decisions.

The concern that St. Ignatius is changing directions in the teachings of the Catholic Church or taking positions in opposition to the church teachings is completely wrong. There are rumors and complete falsehoods being propagated by some who have created stories in a vacuum or assumed conclusions that do not exist. The Board will continue to be certain the mission and education of the school remains unapologetically Catholic and rooted in the Jesuit tradition.

Again, thank you for expressing your heart-felt concerns.

Sincerely,



Joseph McAuliffe '80