

Subject: Appreciation

Bill:

I believe a Board meeting may be coming up shortly. I would be very grateful if you could communicate to them the deep appreciation of the Foundation Year Program for the many ways in which we have been supported by the College in launching FYP online this year. That support has been multi-sided: the hiring of additional fellows to make our online tutorials a success, the presence of support staff to give us the capacity, confidence and almost seamless use of new ways of delivering our tutorials and lectures and really so many other supports from facilities, to residence, to really the whole of the College. And here "support" is a completely inadequate word: the striving for excellence in what we are doing has made these "supportive" colleagues full participants in what has occurred over these last few weeks and what promises to happen this year. It has not only been their competence, it has also been their kindness that has made this work for both faculty and students such an enabling experience. As well, the level of responsiveness from the "administration" - our fellow administrators - has been extraordinary - not only in meeting our perceived needs and aspirations, but often finding ideas and ways of supporting unthought of. Of course, this is also all true of the faculty that do the teaching in FYP with such excellence, but it is sometimes easy to assume what is making this possible. I have heard from our students real appreciation not only for what we are doing, but how we are doing it. So, just a word of appreciation and recognition on behalf of the Foundation Year Program.

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