

Eaglemail

smartin1@emich.edu

Re: Crystal Clear

From :

Tue, Apr 24, 2012 10:38 AM

Subject : Re: Crystal Clear**To :** smartin1@emich.edu

I had no idea of that media coverage and Fallon going to BSU. The more I think about it, the more I think I made a slip of the tongue. We went from Huron Restoration, to Maynard, to John Fallon to Kirkpatrick etc., all within a few minutes. I may have meant to say something nice about Maynard (in fun) like "Maynard is my man" - but again, if I made a slip of the tongue and said "Fallon" I apologize.

OK, I don't want to beat a dead horse. Thanks again.

On Apr 24, 2012, at 10:37 AM, Sue wrote:

> I understand and apologize for my overpassionate response. Ball states recent hire of Fallon reignited a lot of media coverage of the murder at Eastern so I am a little hypersensitive. Appreciate candor and we are fine. See you in the fall. Sue

> Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

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> -----Original Message-----

> From:

> Date: Tue, 24 Apr 2012 09:57:27

> To: <smartin1@emich.edu>

> Subject: Re: Crystal Clear

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> Thank you for your response.

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> You respond to all emails and that is a very respectful thing you do.

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> Susan, I want to tell you that when I raise certain issues with you, like the harsh campus politics I fell in to last year, the Huron thing, the Regents, etc. it is not a judgement on you, your decisions or your leadership. It is simply me discussing these issues and letting you know that yes, these are questions or issues that are there and may never go away. It is conversation. And I learn much from your responses because it makes me look at things differently. I do not expect I will get my way. There are way too many people to appease and you must make decisions based on your "eagle eye" view of the situations and not on just one input. I appreciate what you do. I want to repeat again - when I make these conversations, it is not judgement on your leadership. There must be something about the

way I say things that comes across the wrong way and I want to fix that.

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> Maybe we can talk by phone some time to make sure we are on the same page and we are friends again. I am very concerned over how angry you got last night and I want to diffuse that now, and in the future.

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> I have been involved with EMU since . I know darn well about the morale issues, and the friction between faculty, faculty unions, that administration etc.. True, it is like no place else. You came in to the middle of these issues and it truly has been going on for decades. It is a tough job. I respect what you have done to bridge some of these gaps and bring people together. I can't say this enough.

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> I AM VERY APPRECIATIVE over the respect you allowed for the band uniforms in including the Huron and Normalite. This means a lot to me and to all alumni. Thank you

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> Thanks for hearing me and have a safe trip back to Ypsilanti.

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> On Apr 24, 2012, at 9:17 AM, Sue wrote:

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>> My apologies too for misunderstanding. Thanks for a nice turnout at reception.

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From:

>> To: Sue Martin

>> Subject: Crystal Clear

>> Sent: Apr 24, 2012 8:38 AM

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>> I am still in shock over the direction of our conversation last night. You thought I said "John Fallon is my man." And I feel, I did not say that or even think that.

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>> I kept thinking this conversation over and over in my head last night and this morning. Could I have possibly said that?? We had just brought up Maynard Harris of the Huron Restoration Chapter. Maybe what I said was Maynard Harris is my man (in fun). ANd maybe there is a chance the words came out wrong or I got misheard. I don't know.

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>> I make no judgement good or bad about the previous 3-4 presidents because I never knew what they were up against, never had an "eagle eye" view, and I did not live their life. So, it would be wrong of me to judge EMU presidents. I do not have a favorite and do not have any thoughts whatsoever on that subject matter. I know that President Fallon started a campaign on a Huron statue and spoke with a sculptor. At least, that is what he told me. I was merely wondering if we can pick up where that campaign left off. No, I am not going to go to Ball State and ask him.

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>> So, I am making it crystal clear. I do not feel John Fallon is my man. That is

RIDICULOUS. You are my president. Period. And I know, you arrived with many many challenges that went deep so, I respect you for bridging many gaps and bringing many people together.

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>> SO, I am sorry if something got miscommunicated last night.

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>> Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

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