

January 30, 2014

Lauren P. Duncan Illinois Times intern@illinoistimes.com

Re: FOIA #14-025

Dear Ms. Duncan:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of January 15, 2014, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

"...a copy of the budget(s) that contains line item listings for the revenues, expenses and scholarship disbursements of all University of Illinois Springfield men's and women's athletic programs."

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 1 page.

While the FOIA does not compel a public body to answer questions or interpret documents we believe that, in this instance, such interpretation is necessary for clarity. The attached document provides the total operational budget for each sport, including salaries. It also includes the operational budget that includes all budgeted costs for each sport. The requested revenue budget values are the same as the expense budget values. The document also provides the scholarship budget for each sport. The athletics budget that you requested and that is attached does not include actual operating expenses. These values are available in the Federal Equity and Disclosure Act report, available online at http://www.uisprairiestars.com/documents/2013/10/14/Equity_in_Athletics-Public_Disclosure_FY13.pdf. This report reflects the actual expenses for each sport, including those funded through outside, non-budgeted revenues.

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy Executive Director and Chief Records Officer