March 11, 2014

Richard S. Laugesen

Re: #14-119

Dear Mr. Laugesen:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of March 4, 2014, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“Footnote 9 on page 48 of the University of Illinois Audited Financial Report for FY 2013 states that the entire $1,327,622,000 balance in Unrestricted Net Assets has been "Designated", and none of the funds have been left "Undesignated".

I request a complete list of projects to which these unrestricted monies have been designated by the university, along with the dollar amounts committed to each project (totaling $1,327,622,000).”

Documents responsive to a portion of your request are available and attached. These public documents, numbering 22 pages, are breakdowns of unrestricted funds committed to capital and deferred maintenance projects and to quasi-endowments.

The remaining unrestricted funds are committed to purposes and functions that are not discrete projects. Creation of records further detailing these funds would be burdensome to the University as it is not supported by the University’s accounting structure and would require detailed manual calculations of hundreds of variables and may, in some cases, be impractical to create.

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