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Mr. Matthew Slovin
The Michigan Daily
mjslovin@umich.edu

Re: FOIA Request 14-211

Dear Mr. Slovin:

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

“...copy of all emails sent to and from athletic director Mike Thomas from March 27, 2014 through April 2, 2014.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 172 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted or withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(b) that exempts from disclosure “Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order.” This includes personal email addresses, telephone numbers, and other unique identifiers.
- 140/7(1)(c) that exempts from disclosure “Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.” This includes information about personal recreation activities and the name of a private citizen who contacted University staff for reasons unrelated to University business.
- 140/7(1)(f) that exempts from disclosure “Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” This includes documents containing opinions, recommendations or the formulation of an action or policy, as well as drafts of documents.
- 140/7(1)(r) that exempts from disclosure “The records, documents, and information relating to real estate purchase negotiations until those negotiations have been completed or otherwise terminated.” This includes information related to the possible purchase of property.

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.

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Sincerely,

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and Chief Records Officer