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May 21, 2014

Patricia Dominguez



Re: FOIA Request 14-339

Dear Ms. Dominguez:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on May 13, 2014, in which you requested:

"I request that a copy of the following be provided to me:

1. All public record communications, including but not limited to e-mails, voicemail transcriptions, forms, writings, letters, memoranda, recorded information and all other documentary materials that have been prepared by or for, or having been used or being used by, received by, in the possession of Jabraham@uic.edu (Joseph V. Abraham) between Sep. 1, 2000 through Aug. 31, 2001 and July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

Keywords:

George Nella, George Nellamattom, George Nellamattathil, Advanced Imaging Specialist (AIS), Advanced Imaging Specialist of Niles, Edgebrook Radiology, Edgebrook Open MRI, Knanaya Catholic Society (KCS), Knanaya Catholic Congress of North America (KCCNA), St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parishes, Thampy Viruthikulangara, Jabraham067@Gmail.com, Knanaya Catholic Region."

It has been determined that emails containing several of the specified keywords are only personal in nature and do not pertain to University business. The term "public records" is defined in the Act as:

"all records, reports, forms, writings, letters, memoranda, books, papers, maps, photographs, microfilms, cards, tapes, recordings, electronic data processing records, electronic communications, recorded information and all other documentary materials *pertaining to the transaction of public business*, regardless of physical form or characteristics, having been prepared by or for, or having been or being used by, received by, in the possession of, or under the control of any public body." (5 ILCS 140/2(c)) (Emphasis added).

These emails do not involve Mr. Abraham's employment at the University, nor do they pertain to the transaction of public business. Thus, these records are not subject to FOIA. For your information, even if these records were subject to FOIA, they would be exempt from production under one or more section of the Act, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 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.”

While other specified keywords do relate to University business, no responsive records could be located relating to those key words for the timeframe provided. As such, no records responsive to your request could be located.

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](mailto: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.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy  
Executive Director  
and Chief Records Officer