May 21, 2014

Tyler Davis
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Re: FOIA #14-322

Dear Mr. Davis:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of May 7, 2014, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“…all e-mail correspondence between Chancellor Phyllis Wise and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Ilesanmi Adesida regarding James Kilgore during the period of February 1, 2014, to May 7, 2014.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 160 pages.

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

- 140/7(1)(a) that exempts from disclosure “Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing adopted under federal or State law.” Under this exemption, information discussed with an attorney that is required to remain confidential under state law, including, without limitation, the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct were withheld from the responsive documents.

- 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 University identification numbers, personal email addresses, home phone numbers, cell phone numbers, and home addresses.

- 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 University identification numbers, personal email addresses, home phone numbers, cell phone numbers, and home addresses, and information on personal and family recreation and travel.

- 140/7(1)(f) that exempts “Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda, and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record of 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 drafts, opinions, recommendations or the formulation of an action or policy.

- 140/7(1)(m) that exempts from disclosure “Communications between a public body and an attorney or auditor representing the public body that would not be subject to discovery in litigation, and materials prepared or compiled by or for a public body in anticipation of a criminal, civil or administrative proceeding upon the request of an attorney advising the public body…” Pursuant to this exemption, communications covered under the attorney client privilege
and/or the work product doctrine that would not be subject to discovery were withheld from the responsive records.

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