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Andrew Scheinman
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Re: FOIA #14-252

Dear Dr. Scheinman:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of April 21, 2014, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

- “1. All emails and all other correspondence from/to Mr. Jed Taylor in the last year that concern me. Please note that Mr. Taylor may refer to me as “AS” in addition to by my full name, therefor I will expect all documents relating to “AS” “AOS” “Andrew” “Andrew Scheinman” etc.
2. For *each* redaction, a pinpoint citation to the exemption(s) under which this redaction is claimed to have been validly made.
3. For all documents entirely withheld,
 - a. For *each* such withheld document, a pinpoint citation to the exemption(s) under which the withholding is claimed to have been validly made;
 - b. For *each* such document, the length of the document, the sender(s), recipient(s), date of transmission, and the date of receipt.”

Documents responsive to your request are available and attached. These are public records numbering 57 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, documents containing legal advice given by 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)(f) of FOIA, which 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

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when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body." This includes communications containing deliberations, opinions, proposed actions and recommendations.

- 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.

Please note, your request for all emails and all other correspondence from/to Mr. Taylor in the last year with the terms "AS" and "Andrew" is unduly burdensome. A search for the term "AS" has resulted in the identification of every correspondence containing the word "as." A search for the term "Andrew" also resulted in the identification of numerous records since Mr. Taylor's supervisor is named Andrew Singer. Due to the number of documents that would have to be gathered and reviewed and the limited staff available to perform such tasks, compliance with this portion of your request would unduly burden the University. Please note, while the University is unable to comply with this portion of your request, Mr. Taylor has identified all of his correspondence that he believes relates to you and those records are being provided to you.

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.

If you have any questions, please address them to the attention of Ms. Laura Clower, Associate University Counsel, at clower@uillinois.edu.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer

cc: Laura Clower, Assoc. Univ. Counsel