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Dr. Andrew Scheinman
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Re: FOIA Request 14-369

Dear Dr. Scheinman:

I am responding to your letter received in our office on May 22, 2014, under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA" or the "Act") in which you submitted nine separate FOIA requests. Request 4 sought:

"20140522_4. The actual emails identified in 20140522_4. If you refuse to provide these emails, then provide the metadata on these emails, that is, a complete list of emails by number, date, time, from, to, cc, bcc, and subject line, as well as an email by email explanation for why that email was withheld."

While this request was self-referential, the University proceeded in good faith to interpret this request as seeking the emails identified in the FOIA request immediately preceding this one, which sought:

"The number of emails between Ms. Laura Frerichs and Mr. Peter Fox sent/received in the last year, where these emails contain a reference to 'Carle,' ie the keyword 'Carle' is contained within the subject line, body of the message, or both."

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 6 pages.

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

- 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 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)(h) of the Act, which exempts "[p]roposals and bids for any contract, grant, or agreement, including information which if it were disclosed would frustrate procurement or give an advantage to any person proposing to enter into a contractor

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agreement with the body, until an award or final selection is made.” This includes communications about ongoing contract negotiations.

- 140/7(1)(i), which exempts “. . . designs, drawings and research data obtained or produced by any public body when disclosure could reasonably be expected to produce private gain or public loss.”
- 140/7(1)(r) of the Act that exempts from disclosure “records, documents, and information relating to real estate purchase negotiations until those negotiations have been completed or otherwise terminated.” This includes communications about a potential purchase of real estate.

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 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