August 4, 2014

Tomiko Brown-Nagin

Re: FOIA 14-492

Dear Ms. Brown-Nagin:

I am responding to your request dated July 14, under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act in which you request:

“1. First-generation* status
   1a. The percentage of first-generation students who were accepted to the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign for enrollment for academic years 2004–05 through 2014-15.
   1b. The percentage of first-generation students who enrolled at the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign for academic years 2004–05 through 2014-15.
   1c. The race and/or ethnicity of the first-generation students who enrolled at the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign for academic years 2004–05 through 2014-15.
   1d. The financial aid eligibility (as defined by Pell Grant eligibility) of the first-generation students who enrolled at the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign at the beginning of academic years 2004–05 through 2014-15.
   1e. The country of origin of the parents of the first-generation students who enrolled at the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign for academic years 2004–05 through 2014-15.

* Please include your institution’s definition of “first-generation.” If no definition is provided, I will assume that “first-generation” refers to students who are the first in their immediate family to attend a 4-year college or university in the United States.

2. Underrepresented minorities**
   2a. The percentage of underrepresented minority students who were accepted to the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign for enrollment for academic years 2004–05 through 2014-15.
   2b. The percentage of underrepresented minority students who enrolled at the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign for academic years 2004–05 through 2014-15.
   2c. The financial aid eligibility (as defined by Pell Grant eligibility) of underrepresented minority students who enrolled at the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign for academic years 2004–05 through 2014-15.

** Please include your institution’s definition of “underrepresented minority.” If no definition is provided, I will assume that “underrepresented minority” refers to students who self-identified as Hispanic/Latino, African American, Native American (American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians) or any combination containing one of the above-mentioned categories (i.e., biracial or bi-ethnic).
3. Financial Aid*** Eligibility

3a. The percentage of students who enrolled at the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign during 2010-14 who were financial aid eligible as defined by the federal Pell Grant program.

3b. The percentage of students who enrolled at the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign during 2010-2014 who received need-based financial aid provided by the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign, its foundation, or agents.

3c. The percentage of students who enrolled at the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign during 2010-2014 who received merit-based financial aid provided by the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign, its foundation, or agents.

***Please include your institution’s criteria for determining that a student qualified for need-based financial aid (other than Pell Grants) and for merit-based financial aid.”

On July 29, you agreed to allow additional time for us to process your request. On that day, you also narrowed your request to “…first-generation students only for the dates in question…” That information is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 1 pages.

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