September 19, 2014

Christine des Garennes
News-Gazette
cgarenne@newsgazette.com

Re: FOIA Request 14-593

Dear Ms. Des Garennes:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of September 5, 2014, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“...a copy of the provost committee’s report regarding James Kilgore.”

Your request is denied pursuant to the section of the Act cited below.

The requested report, which expresses opinions and contains recommendations, may be used in a decision-making process in which a final action has not been taken. Thus, the report is exempt from production pursuant to section 7(1)(f) of FOIA that exempts “[p]reliminary 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.”

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