October 24, 2014

Jacob Fyda

Re: FOIA Request 14-689

Dear Mr. Fyda:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on October 17, 2014, in which you requested:

“Documents Sought:
1. All documents regarding the Student Health Service fee at the UIC Chicago campus.
2. All documents regarding covered services under the Student Health Service Fee.
3. Any documents containing financial transactions Regarding the Student Health Service fee since 1/1/2014.”

Information responsive to points 1 and 2 of your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 54 pages. As no time frame was provided for points 1 and 2, current Student Health Service Fee information was provided. Student names were redacted from these records 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.” The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. §1232g) protects the privacy of student education records and prohibits the release of any information from a student’s education record without the consent of the eligible student or parent of the student.
- 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.”

Your request for “any documents containing financial transactions Regarding the Student Health Service fee since 1/1/2014” is considered unduly burdensome to the University, inasmuch as the request would unduly burden the public body by requiring the search, identification, compilation, and review of the requested records, which are not centrally housed and would necessitate an extensive search of every affected University unit to locate. For these reasons, the short response time allowed by the FOIA makes the task of identifying, collecting and reviewing responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon the University.
Pursuant to Section 3(g) of the Act, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it of more manageable proportions. Specifically we request that you cite the specific departments for which you would like the requested financial transactions. This change will help narrow your request to more manageable proportions. If you do not reduce the request, it shall be treated as a denial.

Michael Ginsburg, Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, indicated that if you made an appointment, he would be willing to meet with you to discuss questions you may have about the Student Health Service fee. His contact information is below:

Michael Ginsburg  
312-996-7614  
ginsburg@uic.edu

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