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Christine des Garennes
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Re: FOIA Request 14-669

Dear Ms. Des Garennes:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of October 6, 2014, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“...a copy of the University of Illinois ad hoc committee’s report to the provost regarding James Kilgore. This is the report that was cited publicly by UI board chair Christopher Kennedy on Sept. 18 in a meeting with The News-Gazette editorial board, a meeting attended by reporters and referred to in a News-Gazette article published on Sept. 23.”

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

As noted in our response to your September 5, 2014, FOIA request seeking the same document, the requested report expresses opinions, contains recommendations and may be used in a decision-making process in which a final action has not been taken. This report has not been cited or identified by President Easter, the head and chief executive officer of the University. Therefore, the report remains 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 or 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,

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Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer

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