

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

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December 22, 2014

Helom Berhane


Re: FOIA Request 14-836

Dear Mr. Berhane:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on December 15, 2014, in which you requested:

“...the documents/tables of information regarding the rosters of all the fraternities and sororities affiliated with the IFC. After reviewing the “Office of the Dean of Students” webpage I came across the “Fraternity and Sorority Affairs” site which included a link to update fraternity and sorority chapter rosters. I assume this data is collected in a spreadsheet format which I would like to obtain including all of the pertinent information including in said spreadsheets like student names, university emails, NetIDs, etc.”

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

- 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.” Specifically, 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. In this case, the names of students affiliated with fraternities or sororities is protected information prohibited from being released under FERPA.
- 140/7(1)(b) that exempts from disclosure “Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order.” This includes students’ identification numbers, email addresses, and other unique identifiers.
- 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.” This includes a student’s affiliation with a fraternity or sorority.

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

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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