January 27, 2015

Mary Marvel

Re: FOIA 15-001

Dear Ms. Marvel:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information Act request dated January 1, 2015 and received in my office on January 2, 2015 in which you requested the following information:

“- Please send me electronic copies of all emails between Chancellor Phyllis Wise and Travis Smith for the month of July 2014.
- As above, but between Chancellor Wise and Dan Peterson for July 2014.”

After this office informed you that your request was voluminous, on January 11, 2015, you agreed to narrow your request to seek:

“all emails between Chancellor Wise and Travis Smith for July 15 to July 31.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 27 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted or withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 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 cell phone numbers and personal email addresses.
- 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 information about third parties, including the personal information and identity of private citizens who contacted University staff to express opinions as well as other personal information, such as spouse names and vacation plans.
- 140/7(1)(f) exempts “preliminary 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.” The responsive
documents contain preliminary discussions, recommendations and expressions of opinion regarding possible policies and actions of the University.

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.ill.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