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Andrew Scheinman
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Re: FOIA # 14-721

Dear Dr. Scheinman:

I am responding to one of the ten requests received in our office on October 31, 2014, under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA” or the “Act”), in which you sought

“1. All communications between Chancellor Wise and Stephanie Beever (Carle Foundation/Hospital), with such communications limited to those after 6/1/2014.”

Information responsive to these requests is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 205 pages.

 Portions of these documents have been redacted and other documents have been withheld 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.” 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. Under this exemption, a student name has been redacted.
- 140/7(1)(b) of FOIA, which 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 email addresses, cell phone numbers, address information, travel information, and employment information of private citizens, and personally identifiable information.
- 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 student names, travel plans, information related to third parties, and other personal information.
- 140/7(1)(f) of FOIA, which 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.”
This includes communications containing drafts, deliberations, opinions, proposed actions, recommendations or the formulation of an action or policy.

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 any questions, please address them to the attention of Ms. Laura Clower, Associate University Counsel, at clower@uillinois.edu.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer

cc: Laura Clower, Assoc. Univ. Counsel