February 3, 2015

Stephen Chern

Re: FOIA #15-047

Dear Mr. Chern:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated January 20, 2015 and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“A list of all public records requests received within the last ninety (90) days, covering October 20, 2014 to January 20, 2015.”

Many of the records you seek are available online. Please see the FOIA log at https://www.uillinois.edu/foia. Additional information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 167 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted or 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.” Pursuant to this exemption, patient information (or information that could lead to the identification of a patient) that is prohibited from being released under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was redacted from the responsive documents. Additionally, information has been redacted pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. §1232g), which 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.

- 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 home addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, identification numbers, bank routing numbers, vehicle identification numbers, driver’s license numbers, insurance claim numbers, and private medical 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 birth dates, birthplaces, personal
employment information, home life information, private medical information,
educational information, information on personal belongings, and the identities of crime
victims, police witnesses, and third parties.

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