February 9, 2015

Patricia Dominguez

Re: FOIA Request 15-059

Dear Ms. Dominguez:

I am responding to your request dated January 25, and received in my office on January 26, 2015, under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act in which you request:

“This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I request that a copy of the following be provided to me:

1. All communications, including but not limited to e-mails, voicemail transcriptions, forms, writings, letters, memoranda, recorded information and all other documentary materials that have been prepared by or for, or having been used or being used by, received by, written and/sent between the following University of Illinois at Chicago employees:
   (Joseph V. Abraham) Jabraham@uic.edu (Katherine M. Yedinak) Kyedinak@uic.edu
   (Dipak J. Patel) Djpatel@uic.edu (Tom Lee Guerrero) Guetom@uic.edu
   (David Loffing) Dhloff@uic.edu

Between July 12, 2012- July 31, 2012

2. All communications, including but not limited to e-mails, voicemail transcriptions, letters, reports, and documents about this FOIA request.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 72 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.” Under this exemption, information discussed with an attorney that is required to remain confidential under state law, including, without limitation, the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct were withheld or redacted from the responsive documents. In addition, 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.
• 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 that could lead to the identification of a patient.

• 140/7(1)(f) that exempts from disclosure “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, recommendations or concerning the
formulation of an action or policy.

• 140/7(1)(m) that exempts from disclosure “Communications between a public body and an
attorney or auditor representing the public body that would not be subject to discovery in
litigation, and materials prepared or compiled by or for a public body in anticipation of a
criminal, civil or administrative proceeding upon the request of an attorney advising the public
body…” Pursuant to this exemption, communications covered under the attorney client
privilege and/or the work product doctrine that would not be subject to discovery was
redacted from the responsive records.

• 140/7 (1)(n) exempts from disclosure “Records relating to a public body's adjudication of
employee grievances or disciplinary cases; however, this exemption shall not extend to the final
outcome of cases in which discipline is imposed.” This includes information related to
grievance or disciplinary matters.

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 the necessary
details.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of your status as a commercial requestor
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