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Andrew Scheinman
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Re: FOIA #15-049

Dear Dr. Scheinman:

I write in response to your recent Freedom of Information Act request. On January 20, 2015, you requested the following information:

"Please provide me the following information regarding the "Steven Salaita Controversy Reference File, 2014- Series Number 35/3/89, which is listed at <http://archives.library.illinois.edu/archon/index.php?p=collections/controlcard&id=11245&q=salaita>

1. What documents are being placed in this file?
2. Are any of these documents third-party documents sent to the university other than emails?
3. What are UIUC's retention policies for third-party documents?" [15-049]

Your FOIA request is not seeking a public document; instead, you are asking the University to answer questions. In *Kenyon v. Garrels*, the 4th District Illinois Appellate Court found that "requests for information that did not identify the documents to be produced or made available was not in proper form." 184 Ill. App. 3d 28, 33 (Ill. App. Ct. 4th Dist. 1989). The court went on to say, FOIA "does not compel the agency to provide answers to questions posed by the inquirer." *Kenyon*, 540 N.E.2d at 13 (citing *Krohn v. Department of Justice* (D.C. Cir. 1980), 628 F.2d 195).

Since your request is not a request for records, it is not in proper form and, thus, is denied.

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