March 10, 2015

Phan Nguyen

Re: FOIA 15-151

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of February 24 in which you requested:

“Correspondence referring to “Steven Salaita” or including the term “Salaita,” emanating from or received by the following five staff members of the University of Illinois:

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This correspondence should include both electronic correspondence (such as emails sent from, sent to, or CC’d to the email addresses above) and any other documented correspondence, such as postal mail and inter-office memoranda.

Time period for the materials requested is restricted to the dates of July 1, 2014 to September 11, 2014.”
Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 100 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 containing the names and identifying information of private citizens, including those who contacted University staff to express opinions as well as other personal acquaintance information that does not bear upon the duties of public employees.

- 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 drafts, preliminary discussions, recommendations, expressions of opinion, and communications regarding the formulation of an action or plan.

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