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Mr. Jeff D'Alessio  
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Re: FOIA Request 15-213

Dear Mr. D'Alessio:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated March 25, 2015, and received in my office on March 26, 2015, in which you requested:

“...a copy of all correspondence – between July 1, 2014 and January 1, 2015 – related to the university’s commitment to helping lure the IHSA boys’ basketball tournaments to Champaign-Urbana.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 61 pages. As your request you did not specify which employees’ records were to be searched, we focused our search on the records of Mike DeLorenzo and Warren Hood, who were identified as the two main contacts regarding this subject matter. If you would like the records of other employees to be searched, please resubmit your FOIA request, specifying the names of the employees.

Portions of these documents have been redacted or other documents have been 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 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 the names and personal details of private citizens, including potential donors.
- 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.”

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This includes preliminary and draft documents prepared in the furtherance of an action or policy.

- 140/7(1)(g) that exempts from disclosure “Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person or business where the trade secrets or commercial or financial information are furnished under a claim that they are proprietary, privileged or confidential, and that or where disclosure of the trade secrets or commercial or financial information would cause competitive harm to the person or business...” This includes the names of potential donors.

Please note, transmittal information forwarding emails to our office was not responsive to your request and was redacted in gray. All information that is responsive to your request and that is considered exempt from production pursuant to a statutory exemption is redacted in black for the reasons cited above.

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](mailto: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,

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Executive Director  
and Chief Records Officer