April 14, 2015

Drew Johnson

Re: FOIA 15-228

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on March 31, 2015, in which you requested:

"Pursuant to state law, I request to review cover letters and resumes/CVs provided by all applicants for the University of Illinois-Chicago men's basketball coach position received between March 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015."

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 16 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 home address and cell phone numbers.
- 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." Under this exemption, in addition to date of birth and personal family information, reference information for the selected candidate was withheld as such relationships pre-date the selection of the candidate. (See, 2010 PAC 9252). Additionally, all information pertaining to candidates not selected for the position have been withheld. The Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor has previously upheld a public body's decision to withhold information regarding unselected job applicants, as disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under this section of the Act. (See, 2011 PAC 14437; 2011 PAC 13060).

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