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Re: FOIA #15-263

Dear Mr. Rosenstein:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of April 10, 2015, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“1) Either the number of hours, or the average number of hours spent by UIUC Associate Chancellor of Public Affairs Robin Kaler doing work for the Big Ten Network, either per month, or per year, during the academic years 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

2) A list of all UIUC employees who do work for the Big Ten Network, the average number of hours worked either per month or per year, their pay or salary for such work, and the Univ of Illinois or UIUC department or unit that provides that pay or salary.


Information responsive to your request is available and attached. This is a public document numbering 1 page. Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of this document, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

Robin Kaler does not track the time she spends on Big Ten Network projects. Because of this, no information responsive to the first point of your request exists.

All Department of Intercollegiate Athletics video production staff, and some Public Affairs video production staff, are at times involved with Big Ten Network projects. A list of current and some former staff members is attached. Staff hours are not tracked by projects. There is no way to determine how many hours were spent by the department or a given staff member on Big Ten Network programming.

All employee salaries are paid out of departmental funds. The Big Ten Network provides a stipend to for video production services as well as a management fee. There is no way to determine what portion of a given employee’s salary is indirectly reimbursed by the Big Ten Network.
The budget allocated to campus non-athletic Big Ten Network programming is attached. There is not a separate budget for expenses spent on athletic programming as they are integrated within the budgets for video, game day, IT and facilities expenses.

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