UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN · CHICAGO · SPRINGFIELD

April 30, 2015

Mr. Kyle Mangano American Campus Communities <u>kmangano@studenthousing.com</u>

Re: FOIA Request 15-229

Dear Mr. Mangano:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated March 24, 2015, and received in my office on March 31, 2015, in which you requested:

"...a copy of the accepted transfer students to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. I'd like to request email addresses, phone numbers, and permanent addresses, if possible."

On April 1, 2015, you agreed to limit your request to strictly a list of names on the transfer list for the University of Illinois.

Your request is denied pursuant to the following sections of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(a) that exempts from disclosure "Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing adopted under federal or State law." Specifically, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. §1232g) protects the privacy of student education records and prohibits the release of any information from a student's education record without the consent of the eligible student.
- 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 about individuals who have been accepted but not yet enrolled at the University.

Per 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b), you have a right, under the law, to seek a review of your status as a commercial requestor by the Public Access Counselor in the Office of the Attorney General. They 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