June 8, 2015

Richard Flesch  
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Re: FOIA 15-425

Dear Mr. Flesch:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of May 22, in which you requested:

“a copy of the following documents [or documents containing the following information] be provided to me:
· Results of internal investigation concerning allegations from families against University of Illinois Women’s Basketball Program and all parties named.
· Copies of emails/letters concerning allegations from families against University of Illinois Women’s Basketball Program and all parties named.
· Results or information concerning allegations of medical malpractice by former athletes against the University Of Illinois during the period of January 1, 2005– May 22, 2015.
· List of all athletes transferred from the University of Illinois during the period of January 1, 2005 – May 22, 2015.”

Our office has conducted a preliminary search for the documents. For points 1, 3 and 4 of your request, no such records could be located.

For point two of your request, the request for documents and information listed in your email is considered unduly burdensome to the University. Since you did not specify the employees from whom you seek correspondence, compliance with your request would require employees located in various departments on the campus and within the administration to search their emails for an undefined time period for potentially responsive correspondence. Moreover, our search would further be complicated since it is not clear what type of correspondence you are seeking (i.e., correspondence amongst employees, correspondence from families, or correspondence from third parties). The short response time allowed by the FOIA makes the task of identifying, collecting and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon the University. As a result, the University has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that the University’s burden to process these requests outweighs the public interest.

Pursuant to Section 3(g) of the Act, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it of more manageable proportions. Specifically, we request that
you narrow this portion of your request to correspondence to or from specific employee(s) during a certain time period and clarify what type of correspondence you are seeking. These changes will help narrow your request to more manageable proportions. If you do not reduce the request, it shall be treated as a denial.

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 any questions, or would like to discuss how to narrow the scope of your request, please contact me at 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,
Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer