June 22, 2015

Mary Mallory

Re: FOIA #15-410

Dear Ms. Mallory:

I write to respond to your June 8, 2015 follow up question regarding your Freedom of Information request of May 19, 2015, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“…the dates and attendees for every meeting in which the so-called "Senate Leaders Group" (UIUC) participated in calendar years 2014 and 2015. Such meetings include, but are not limited to, meetings with the Provost or Chancellor of the Urbana-Champaign campus or the President or President-Elect of the University. I would also like related meeting agendas, minutes or summaries of minutes, and any available records that indicate decisions and actions taken by this group or by the Administration in response to the group’s advice, including those that involve budget considerations.

In addition, I request a copy of the document or email message that established the "Senate Leaders Group" and specified its composition.”

Your follow-up inquiry sought:

“…emails available or other records that indicate the attendees for the February 10, 2014 through July 7, 2014 meetings? This information does not appear in the attachment in the form of scans of emails or elsewhere. If there is related agenda information for these specific meetings that would be welcome, too.”

A search was conducted and additional records responsive to your request were located. These are public documents numbering 73 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 include health and medical information.

• 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 personal health information.

As noted in our original response, comprehensive attendee lists could not be located. We located and are providing records suggesting that various staff members expected to be present or absent at various meetings.
but, again, we have limited records confirming the absence or attendance of invitees to meetings. Please note that not all persons invited to a meeting may have attended.

No additional agendas were located. We located and are providing records indicating what topics were expected to be discussed at meetings, as well as records containing recollections of what topics may have been discussed.

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