July 29, 2015

Lydia Hou

Re: FOIA #15-593

Dear Ms. Hou:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on July 15, 2015, in which you requested:

“Pursuant to the state open records act (5 ILCS 140), I request access to and copies of any and all communication or written discussion concerning the International Student Fee and International Student Orientation Fee assessed to students at the University of Illinois - Chicago (UIC) campus, including:

-proposals to increase the Fee(s);
-any other materials concerning increases or changes to the Fee(s);
-emails;
-letters;
-memos;
-meeting minutes;
-budget documents pertaining to or including the Fee(s);
-any and all other documents or communications concerning or relevant to the UIC International Student Fee and the UIC International Student Orientation Fee that were generated anytime from January 1, 2013 until the present (July 15, 2015 as of this writing).”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 31 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted or other documents were withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(f) that exempts from disclosure “Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” This includes draft documents, communications containing opinions, recommendations, proposals and documents regarding the formulation of an action or policy.
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