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Andrew Scheinman
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Re: FOIA Request #15-182

Dear Dr. Scheinman:

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act request filed March 10, 2015, in which you requested:

“all the emails you sent internally and to the PAC or other external (to UIUC) agencies regarding my frequent filings.

You will also provide all emails and other information on the 1/13/15 conversation your office had with the PAC.

You will furthermore provide all phone logs, notes or other written or computer-based materials relevant to these secret conversations.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 28 pages.

Portions of these documents were redacted and other documents were withheld pursuant to the following section(s) 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.” Under this exemption, information that is required to remain confidential under state law, including, without limitation, the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct were redacted from the responsive documents.
- 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.”
- 140/7(1)(f) exempts “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 drafts, preliminary discussions, recommendations, expressions of opinion, and communications regarding the formulation of an action or plan.

- 140/7(1)(m) exempts “communications between a public body and an attorney or auditor representing the public body that would not be subject to discovery in litigation, and materials prepared or compiled by or for a public body in anticipation of a criminal, civil or administrative proceeding upon the request of an attorney advising the public body, and materials prepared or compiled with respect to internal audits of public bodies.” Pursuant to this exemption, communications covered under the attorney client privilege and/or the work product doctrine that would not be subject to discovery were redacted or withheld from the responsive records.

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, please address them to the attention of Ms. Laura Clower, Associate University Counsel, at clower@uillinois.edu.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer

cc: Laura Clower, Assoc. Univ. Counsel