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Re: FOIA Request 15-670

Dear Mr. Kacich:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on August 13, 2015, in which you requested:

“…all letters, documents, reports sent to former Chancellor Phyllis Wise related to her dismissal as an administrative officer of the University of Illinois.

This should include the "statement of the reasons accompanied by the facts in support thereof upon which the proposed action is based," as described in Article 9, Section 10 of the University Statutes.

I am also requesting information on when and where the hearing on the proposed dismissal would take place, and the rules governing the meeting.

I also wish to know whether the meeting will be open to the public.”

In response to your request, we are providing you with the August 12, 2015, correspondence from Board of Trustees Chair Edward McMillan informing Dr. Wise that the Board would be initiating administrative dismissal proceedings. As you may be aware, Dr. Wise resigned from her position as Chancellor effective August 14, 2015, and administrative dismissal proceedings were not initiated.

Information about the rules governing the proceedings described in Article 9, Section 10 may be found in the University Statutes, available at the following link: 

The University is not in possession of any other documents responsive to your request.

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