September 14, 2015

Trevor Gates-Crandall

Re: FOIA #15-725

Dear Mr. Gates-Crandall:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of August 28, 2015, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“1. Copies of all correspondence, including letters, e-mails, reports, transcripts, determinations and other relevant material issued by Marissa McCord, Assistant Vice President of Alumni Advocacy, Loren Taylor, President and CEO, Gale Bickel, Support Staff, and other staff at the University of Illinois and/or the University of Illinois Alumni Association, regarding my complaint to the University of Illinois Alumni Association about laboratory animal #2702.

2. Any phone logs, notations of conversations, or other available phone records between by Marissa McCord, Assistant Vice President of Alumni Advocacy, Loren Taylor, President and CEO, Gale Bickel, Support Staff, and other staff at the University of Illinois and/or the University of Illinois Alumni Association regarding my complaint to the University of Illinois Alumni Association about laboratory animal #2702.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 16 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted 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 includes personal home and emails addresses and cell phone numbers.

- 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.”
Please note that we are pursuing possible additional records. If additional records responsive to your request are located, we will provide them to you following our usual review.

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