September 25, 2015

Ruth Oyeyemi
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Re: FOIA 15-763

Dear Ms. Oyeyemi:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on September 11, 2015, in which you requested:

“We’d also like to request material relating to required coursework in the following program relating to special education certification:

M. Ed in Special Education-Strand C: MEd Plus Full LBS I License/Endorsement Option

Pursuant to the state open records law, 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. Secs. 140/1 to 140/11, I write to request access to and copies of the following documents maintained by University of Illinois at Chicago.

We have carefully reviewed the catalogs of your institution to identify all required coursework that we need to evaluate these programs against our standards. We use syllabi for our analysis on a number of standards. These syllabi should:
• Be instructor-specific, not departmental. They should be copies of the syllabi provided to students for a specific section
• Include the titles and authors of required textbooks
• List all assignments, quizzes and exams
• Include lecture schedules
• Be from school year 2014-5 or later
• Refer to courses offered in a regular session (i.e., not in summer or winter session), unless the course requested is only offered at those times

Program List

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• We have identified the following courses as relevant to the Instructional Design Standard. Please provide the syllabus from one specific section of each course, referring to the syllabus guidelines above.
SPED 463 - Instructional Adaptations in Reading and Writing I
SPED 583 - Instructional Adaptations in Reading and Writing II
Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 38 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 includes personal cell phone numbers.

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