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March 15, 2011

Robin Kaler
Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs/
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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
507 East Green Street, Suite 313
Champaign, IL 61820

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 12827
Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Kaler:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f).

On February 21, 2011, [REDACTED] requested certain of her own employee records. In its written notice dated March 8, 2011, the University specified documents that it asserts are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying “[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions 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.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f).

Determination

Based on our review of the withheld documents, we have determined that the University’s use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(f) with regard to these document is approved. These documents include handwritten notes that are clearly preliminary, and these notes were used to formulate the University’s actions. The withheld documents also include internal communications that contain opinions and were used to formulate the University’s actions. The University asserts that these documents have never been publicly cited or identified by the President of the University.

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Therefore, the University has met its initial burden of showing that these documents are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f).

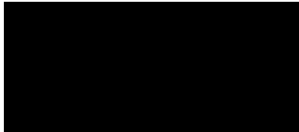
Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (312) 814-2086. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,



Sarah Kaplan
Assistant Public Access Counselor

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