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Via Email at opra+request-14969-5d27def9@requests.opramachine.com

Patrick Duff

Re: OPRA Request No. 071320-1

Dear Patrick Duff:

Stockton University's Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Custodian received your OPRA Request on July 13, 2020. Except as otherwise stated in the statute, OPRA provides that records are to be made accessible within seven (7) business days, unless they are in storage, archived, or otherwise cannot be made available within that time. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is July 22, 2020.

Your OPRA Request sought access to the following:

All email communications, as well as all attachments, to and from President Harvey Kesselman regarding MLK research study commissioned by the NJ DEP.

Please search the following terms for the period of time from 1-1-2016 through 7-10-2020:

" MLK House"
"753 Walnut"
"Martin Luther King" plus "Camden"
"Martin Luther King" plus "Maple Shade"
"MLK" plus "Camden"
"MLK" plus " Maple Shade"
"Patrick Duff"
"Mr. Duff"
"historic preservation office"

On March 9, 2020, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 103 which declared a Public Health emergency, and the Declaration was extended on April 7 under Executive Order 119, on May 6, 2020 under Executive Order 138, on June 4, 2020 under Executive Order 151, and on July 2, 2020 under Executive Order 162, which also stated that previously entered Executive Orders remain "in full force and effect".

Concurrently, on March 20, 2020, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2020, c. 10, which amends OPRA to suspend the 7-day response deadline when "a state of emergency, public health emergency, or state of local disaster emergency" has been declared. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i)(2).

University employees, including the OPRA staff, began operating remotely on March 18, 2020 (and continue to do so), in accordance with the above-mentioned Executive Orders and the

University's precautionary measures to protect its students, employees, and community during the COVID-19 global pandemic. The implementation of remote operations and the recent and ongoing furlough of State employees, including OPRA staff, has impacted the scope and timing of the University's OPRA responses.

The University expects to respond by the required date. If the records cannot be made available by the above stated date, you will be advised in writing, along with the reason(s) therefor.

Sincerely,

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