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Patrick Duff

Re: OPRA Request No.010920-1(A)

Dear Mr. Duff:

This correspondence acknowledges that the Stockton University Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Custodian received your Amended OPRA Request on February 11, 2020.

In summary, your initial OPRA Request sought access to the following:

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

Email communications to and from the following employees with the following queries from December 1st 2017 though January 8th 2020.

Employee:

John O'Hare
Paul Schopp
Sharron Musher
Michelle McDonald
Tom Kinsella
Harvey Kesselman
Brian Kowalski
Ellen D. Bailey
Brittany Medio

Queries:

"Patrick Duff"
"Mr Duff"
"753 Walnut"
"MLK House"
"Martin Luther King"
"MLK"
"Maple Shade"
"Camden"

By letters dated January 9, and January 13, 2020, the University acknowledged receipt of your OPRA request, and sought clarification of your request. Specifically, you were notified that “the term ‘queries’ is unclear in your request. As drafted, the request appears to require research or to seek information (rather than government records).” You provided the following additional clarification:

When I said queries, I meant to search the emails of the employees mentioned for those terms. Does that make sense to you now?

By letter dated February 10, 2020, the University responded to the above clarification and advised you that the University’s search returned over 5,000 emails, which required review for responsiveness and any applicable privileges and exemptions, including attorney-client privilege and attorney work product materials. The letter also notified you of the University’s determination that your OPRA request was overly broad and substantially disruptive, and requested that you narrow the scope of your request.

The OPRA Custodian received your Amended OPRA Request on February 11, 2020, which stated as follows:

Ok, just do:

Patrick Duff
MLK House
753 Walnut

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. OPRA allows custodians extensions of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.i. Specifically, OPRA states that, “the requestor shall be advised by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the record is not made available by that time, access shall be deemed denied.”

The seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your Amended OPRA Request (excluding the President’s Day holiday) is February 21, 2020. However, the volume of documents requested and to be reviewed necessitates an additional fourteen (14) business days to respond, until Thursday, March 12, 2020.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied, you have a right to challenge the decision to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (“GRC”) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511; by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625; by e-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us; or, at its web site located at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also

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answer other questions about OPRA. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,

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