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## Request for the Provost

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Professor Idsvoog:

Your December 21, 2016 email, with attached letter, addressed to the University's Provost Beeson, has been referred to me for review and response.

You have requested certain records, citing Pennsylvania's public records law. However, the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law does not require the University to provide you with the records you requested. That Law excludes state-related universities, including the University of Pittsburgh, from the definition of "State-affiliated entity" and such institutions are not among the agencies subject to the requirement to produce records such as those you requested.

Nonetheless, I want to point out that the University's Provost's Office does regularly conduct independent analyses intended to maintain academic integrity with respect to the education of student-athletes. A component of this effort includes an annual systematic analysis of grade distributions on a course-by-course basis. A complementary component includes the approval and monitoring of all courses involving independent study.

The University respectfully declines to respond further to your request.

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