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**FOIA RESPONSE**  
*via email in pdf*

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Dear Dr. Idsvoog:

This is written in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that you emailed to this Office on February 13, 2017.

We have once again been in contact with the Office of the Provost with regard to your request, and as we advised in our February 8, 2017, FOIA Response to your previous request, that Office confirms that no records exist responsive to your request. Particularly, no electronic or hard copy compilations of data such as you describe, or pertaining to the practices enumerated in the Provost's memo released to you earlier, are maintained. Moreover, the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (MIFOIA) does not require that a public body create new records to fulfill a request.

The MIFOIA provides that when a public body denies all or a portion of a request, the requester may do one of the following: (1) submit an appeal of the determination to the head of the public body; or (2) commence a civil action in the court of claims to compel the public body's disclosure of the records. If you wish to seek judicial review of any denial, you must do so within 180 days of the date of this letter. If the court of claims orders disclosure of all or a portion of the public record(s) to which you have been denied access, you may receive attorneys' fees and, in certain circumstances, damages under the MIFOIA. Should you choose to file an appeal with the University regarding this response to your request, you must submit a written communication to this Office expressly stating that it is an "appeal" of this response. In your appeal, please state what records you believe should have been disclosed to you. You must also state the reasons you believe any denial of your MIFOIA request should be reversed. This Office will arrange for the processing and review of your appeal.

Pursuant to Section 4(4) of the MIFOIA, the University's procedures and guidelines for processing MIFOIA requests can be found at <http://foia.msu.edu>.

Sincerely,



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