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FOIA Response (17-006)

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The Drake Group, Inc.

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Re: FOIA #17-006

Dear Mr. Idsvoog,

I am responding to your letter received in our office on January 3 under the Freedom of Information Act in which you request:

1. Every analysis conducted by the university provost's office since January 1, 2011 designed to check for academic corruption in your athletic department.
2. Every analysis conducted since January 1, 2011 by an outside contractor/consultant hired by the provost's office designed to check for academic corruption in your athletic department.
3. *If the provost has **never made** a specific check for **academic corruption in the university's athletic department**, please so indicate so we can report that fact."*

A search was conducted and no records responsive to your request could be located, but I would like to be clear that the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has a robust structure and system for protecting the academic rigor upon which the institution's international reputation is built.

- Admissions decisions are made by academic units, not the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA).
- Our institutional control plan guides the efforts of our chancellor-appointed faculty athletic representatives, and they work with the Office of the Registrar, which reports to the provost, to monitor and quickly address any possible concerns.
- Staff members within our DIA who have a role in overseeing academic support for student-athletes have a dotted-line report to our Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Innovation, who meets regularly with them and who provides input for their annual

reviews.

- 174 of our varsity athletes earned Academic All-Big Ten honors in FY16.
- Seven of our 19 programs had perfect graduation rates last year.

We know that most of our student-athletes will find success in life, not through professional sports, but through the quality education they receive at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and their experience competing in Division I athletics. Our 87% graduation success rate is a testament to their achievement in the classroom, and we remain committed to providing our student-athletes with an excellent experience and a world-class education.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at [217-782-1396](tel:217-782-1396), by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact [217-333-6400](tel:217-333-6400).

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer