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Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of 2 April in which you advised that '[My] request hereby denied[sic] in as much as the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign does not have access to such documentation.'

I am afraid I must advise that this statement is inaccurate. As you will have noticed, I also addressed my request to the chair of the Student Election Committee, Mr Joel Baise. On 12 March, Mr Baise advised me by e-mail of the availability of the records to which I sought access, and on 14 March, I obtained from the ISG office the information I desired. Please find enclosed for your reference a copy of the election results which I obtained. I specifically call your attention to the URL at the bottom of each page of the election results document indicating that it was stored on a University worldwide web server and thus under the purview of the University.

Given the discrepancy between your response and fact, it seems that a communication problem exists between the offices of the University which hold records which can be requested pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and the office which issues responses to those requests. While I was in this case, at length, able to obtain the information I requested, I pray that you will take measures to ensure that errors such as the one I have described do not happen again in a manner by which they could cause unlawful denials of requests made under the Act. Further, I remind you that such errors would entitle those persons whose requests were unlawfully denied to a right of action against the University pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

Sidney August Cammeresi, IV

encl: ISG Election results