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May 11, 2015

To whom it may concern:

I write regarding Angela Hight of the Civitas Institute's public records request dated Feb. 9, 2015, a copy of which is attached. To date, there is no evidence that anyone at the University of North Carolina has taken any action on this request beyond estimating that it will take "more than 50 hours."

I write to advise you that if Ms. Hight's public records request is not fulfilled in its entirety by May 21, 2015, the Civitas Institute will that day file suit in Orange County Superior Court alleging violations of several provisions of North Carolina's public records laws. While we are aware that the only explicit cause of action regarding public records is stated in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-9, we believe North Carolina courts are ripe for litigation regarding what level of unreasonable delay by a government actor constitutes a de facto denial of a public records request.

We are not asking you to expedite our request. We are notifying you that, in our legal opinion, the University of North Carolina is in violation of public records laws at this moment. Our willingness to delay filing suit until May 21 is a courtesy extended to avoid unnecessary litigation.

I look forward to resolving this issue as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

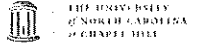
Elliot Engstrom
Attorney
Civitas Institute
Center for Law and Freedom

cc: Office of University Counsel
Zach J. Orth, J.D., Public Records Specialist

Attachments

Public Records Requests

(<http://publicrecords.unc.edu/>)



ID Number:

150297

Date Received:

02/09/2015

Requester Name:

Hight, Angela

Requester Organization:

John W. Pope Civitas Institute

Description:

"Please provide, in electronic format whenever possible, copies of the following documents: (1) Any communication (emails, written documents, or voicemails) to or from [2 employee titles and full names], any other university administrators, and the Student Advisory Committee to the [employee title] mentioning the dinner with student organizations that took place in late January and was reported on by The Daily Tarheel on Jan. 28th. (<http://www.dailytarheel.com/article/2015/01/student-leaders-dine-with-carol-folt-discuss-diversity>) (2) Any emails since August of 2014 to or from [2 employee titles and full names], any other university administrators, and the Student Advisory Committee to the [employee title] mentioning any of the following campus groups: a. UNC College Republicans b. Carolina Students for Life c. UNC Young Americans for Liberty d. The Tar Heel Rifle and Pistol Club e. Christians United for Israel f. Young Americans for Liberty"

Estimated Effort:

More Than 50 Hours

University's Approximate Cost:

pending

Fees Assessed:

TBD

Response Date(s):

pending

Closed:

pending

of Pages:

pending

Subject: Acknowledgement (Public Records Requested 2.09.2015)
Date: Monday, February 9, 2015 at 4:17:35 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Public Records
To: Angela Hight
CC: Elliot Engstrom, Public Records

Dear Ms. Hight,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your request for public records sent to publicrecords@unc.edu this afternoon. A copy of your message appears below for reference. We are looking into your request and will be back in-touch if we have any questions.

Please note that public records requests, and responses to those requests, are also public records. The University has dedicated a section of its website to providing information about public records requests as part of its ongoing commitment to transparency and a policy of openness, honesty and cooperation with the public and the news media about public records (see <http://publicrecords.unc.edu>). Public records requests received by the Public Records Office after July 1, 2014, are listed on the University's website at <http://publicrecords.unc.edu/public-records/>. The University's Public Records Policy, also linked from that website, is available at <http://policies.unc.edu/policies/public-records/>.

Sincerely,

Zach

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THE UNIVERSITY
of NORTH CAROLINA
at CHAPEL HILL

From: Angela Hight [<mailto:Angela.Hight@nccivitas.org>]
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 3:38 PM
To: Public Records
Cc: Elliot Engstrom
Subject: Public Records Request

UNC-Chapel Hill Public Records Office
Attention: Public Records Officer
110 Bynum Hall, Campus Box 9105
222 East Cameron Ave.
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-9105

Please consider this letter an official request for public records pursuant to N.C.G.S. Chapter 132.
Please provide, in electronic format whenever possible, copies of the following documents:

1 Any communication (emails, written documents, or voicemails) to or from Chancellor Carol Folt, Vice Chancellor Winston Crisp, any other university administrators, and the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor mentioning the dinner with student organizations that took place in late January and was reported on by *The Daily Tarheel* on Jan. 28th.

(<http://www.dailytarheel.com/article/2015/01/student-leaders-dine-with-carol-folt-discuss-diversity>)

1 Any emails since August of 2014 to or from Chancellor Carol Folt, Vice Chancellor Winston Crisp, any other university administrators, and the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor mentioning any of the following campus groups:

- a. UNC College Republicans
- b. Carolina Students for Life
- c. UNC Young Americans for Liberty
- d. The Tar Heel Rifle and Pistol Club
- e. Christians United for Israel
- f. Young Americans for Liberty

To expedite the information retrieval process, I request that you send any and all of the information requested above in electronic format to my email at angela.hight@nccivitas.org. Please include all documents, written and electronic (include voice mails and other audios). Please let me know and provide me with an estimate if there will be any costs before you proceed with the request. You may reach me at 919-834-2099.

I thank you in advance for your assistance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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