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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 *et seq.*, please consider this letter as a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from the ACLU of Michigan for a copy of the following records, documents, communications, data, and/or materials:

1. Any written or electronic communication received or sent after November 1, 2023, by staff/members of (1) the Office of the President, (2) the Office of the Vice President & General Counsel, and/or (3) the Board of Regents, regarding:
 - a. Student resolutions AR 13-025 and/or AR 13-026, including the decision to cancel and/or disallow voting on them;
 - b. The student elections that took place on November 28-30, 2023.
2. Any notes, meeting minutes, or memoranda related to any meeting between a university administrator (including but not limited to the University President or General Counsel) and any member of the Central Student Government since November 20, 2023.
3. Any written or electronic communication received or sent by staff/members of the Division of Public Safety & Security regarding:
 - a. The November 17, 2023, student protest that took place at the Ruthven Building (request limited to November 16-17, 2023);
 - b. The December 5, 2023, Board of Regents meeting that took place at the Ruthven Building, as well as any related student protest (request limited to December 4-5, 2023).
4. Any written or electronic communication received or sent after October 15, 2023, by staff/members of (1) the Office of the Dean (Law School) and/or (2) the Office of Medical Student Education (Medical School) regarding:
 - a. The decision to close and/or cease sponsoring community email lists/listservs;

- b. The decision to moderate or impose limits on community email lists/listservs.
5. Any records, including electronic communications, containing or discussing university, college, or department policy (or the lack thereof) applicable to the Biological Sciences Building and/or East Hall regarding the posting of flyers or other materials on building walls, windows, doors, or other property. This specifically includes, but is not limited to, any communications to or from Dean Anne Curzan concerning such policies.
6. Any notes, meeting minutes, memoranda, or electronic communications relating to any meeting between a university administrator (including but not limited to Dean Anne Curzan and Jack Bernard) and any student or employee of the departments of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB), Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology (MCDB), and the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History, since November 20, 2023.

We are requesting these records on behalf of a public interest organization and for a purpose benefitting the general public. Therefore, in accordance with MCL 15.234, we ask that you waive or reduce the fees associated with this request. In the event you are unable to waive or reduce fees, please inform us in advance if you expect that the costs of producing the requested records will exceed \$100. If you deny any request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify us of the appeal procedures available to us under the law.

Please provide all documents electronically to rwadood@aclumich.org. Because we do not wish this request to be unduly burdensome or costly, we welcome any questions or recommendations you might have regarding its scope. You may contact us directly at (313) 578-6800 or via email at rwadood@aclumich.org.

Sincerely,



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