



United States Department of Education

Office of the Secretary

FOIA Service Center

April 9, 2024

Kevin Sleem
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Fayetteville, NC 28303

RE: FOIA Request No. 23-00011-F-PA

Dear Kevin Sleem:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated September 4, 2022, and received in the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) FOIA Service Center on September 6, 2022. You requested the following:

"Emails from FAU Sleem case. I already submitted one request, though they never provided me with any of the evidence. I have a right to have the email evidence which accuses me of plagiarism and the alleged emails from the professors to me throughout the semester warning me of my performance. Where are these alleged emails and communications? Why is the USDE lying? I also would like the email from Durham Tech case that I allegedly sent to Audrey Alicia Muhammad. When do I get copies of the evidence?"

On February 2, 2024, you updated your request to the following:

"What I am primarily interested in the 2010 USDE FAU Civil Rights report, is the communications from my professors to the USDE, including from Madura, Gleason, Yuhn, and Dinev, including any plagiarism accusations. I want to see where the plagiarism accusations in the report come from. I already have a copy of the report and appeal from a previous request, so you don't need to send me the official report again and block out names. Just the interviews of my professors and the plagiarism accusations."

Your request was forwarded to the Office for Civil Rights. After a thorough search, no responsive records were located.

Fees

There are no fees associated with processing this request. Therefore, any fee waiver request submitted for this FOIA request is not applicable.

Additional Assistance

You have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department, offers ombuds services, including dispute resolution, to assist FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Please note, OGIS's assistance does not replace the administrative appeal process described below. You may contact the FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS at:

FOIA Public Liaison
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave., SW, LBJ 7W104
Washington, DC 20202-4500
Email: robert.wehausen@ed.gov
Phone: 202-205-0733
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Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road, OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Email: OGIS@nara.gov
Phone: 202-741-5770 or 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal this decision, as well as decisions in any previous interim releases, with the Department by submitting an appeal to the address below, no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Using the FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS services described above does not affect your right or the deadline to file an appeal. Your appeal must be in writing and must include a detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal. It should be accompanied by this letter, a copy of your initial letter of request, and any documentation that supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in making an administrative determination on your appeal. You may submit your appeal by:

Mail: Appeals Office
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ 7W104
Washington, DC 20202-4536

Online Form: www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf

E-mail: EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov

Fax: 202-401-0920

Sincerely,

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