

August 27, 2018

Re: FOIA Request (5 ILCS 140)

This is a request pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I wish to obtain copies of the following documents and relevant materials:

All emails and documents from and to President Jack Thomas, from and to Chief of Staff/Assistant to the President Paul Schlag, from and to past and current vice presidents of the University, from and to the past and current budget director of the University, and from and to past and current members of the WIU Board of Trustees that refer to:

- Tri States Public Radio, WIUM, public radio, or the radio station
- Appropriated funding for Tri States Public Radio and Tri States Audio Information Services
- A timeline for eliminating appropriated funding for Tri States Public Radio and Tri States Audio Information Services
- Discussions regarding the ability of Tri States Public Radio and Tri States Audio Information Services to self-fund.
- Discussions regarding Tri States Public Radio news coverage and/or negative news coverage
- Tri States Public Radio employees Rich Egger, Emily Boyer, and/or Jonathan Ahl

I am also requesting meeting dates, times, and locations at which any of the above were discussed by the administration and/or Board of Trustees either in open or closed session.

I am requesting documents covering the period from July 1, 2015 to present.

I am a representative of the news media and this request is made as part of information gathering and not for commercial use. Please contact me at rq-egger@wiu.edu to discuss any fees required for producing and/or reproducing the above materials, though I would prefer to receive the information electronically.

As you are aware, Section 3 (d) of FOIA requires that your office respond to this request within five (5) working days after receipt.

Any full or partial denial must also contain a detailed explanation of the portions withheld and how they are qualified as exempt, per the provisions of the FOIA. In addition, please provide the name of any person to whom I should direct an appeal, should my request be fully or partially denied.

I thank you for your assistance and I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Sincerely,

Rich Egger
News Director
Tri States Public Radio