

Oct. 28, 2010

Tracy M Smith, Associate General Counsel
Office of the General Counsel
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Minneapolis, MN 55455

Dear Ms. Smith:

This letter is a follow-up to the Land Stewardship Project's Sept. 20, 2010 Data Practices Act request relating to the *Troubled Waters* controversy.

The attached emails from vice president for University Relations, Karen Himle, have information redacted as does the one from Susan Weller, Director of the Bell Muse. I have highlighted and written the word "redaction" in the area that this appears to have happened. We are requesting this information be made public or that in each case you cite the applicable law or temporary classification that prevents the data from being made public as required by the Minnesota Data Practices Act.

We also request that you inform us if information was redacted from any other documents or if any documents were withheld in their entirety and, if so, who they were from and what law or temporary classification prevents them from being released.

Lastly, we would like to confirm that, apart from emails sent from the "upres@umn.edu" email with President Bruininks statement that the film will be shown as originally scheduled, the attached four emails are the only documents from President Bruininks on the issue. These were the only documents included in the response to our Data Practices Act request

Given the current search for a new president of the University and the participation of vice president Himle on the Presidential Transitional Team, we ask that you comply with this request in an expeditious matter. The documents released thus far show a disregard for academic freedom by vice president Himle and a willingness to mislead the public. Redacted sections from her communications, and potential missing communications from her and others involved in the *Troubled Waters* controversy will only serve to undermine public trust in the process in such a key public appointment as the President of the University.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions concerning the nature or extent of the information requested, please, do not hesitate to call me at 612-722-6377.

Sincerely,

Bobby King