Re: FOI IR - 20210907 - RE: Request for Review of Kellogg College's FOI Reply

From: AK <ak@oxfordwhisperer.uk>

To FOI<foi@admin.ox.ac.uk>

CC Gary Walker<gary.walker@kellogg.ox.ac.uk>

Date: Wednesday, November 24th, 2021 at 11:56 AM

Dear Max,

thank you so much for your email and the detailed reply. My apologies for the very delayed response. I got my booster shot and then also got sick. I spent all of last week in bed, and I'm only catching up on emails and work now.

While I can follow your arguments, I question whether the comparisons of MCR monies and MCR president seniority to the whole university or college is appropriate. Most small companies pale in comparison to the university and even college, and MCRs are independent student societies. This confounding might make it hard to provide transparency and accountability for these minor independent bodies: with overall MCR budgets of 20k GBP, mostly any sum from that would be too small to matter by this measure.

Either way, thank you so much and best wishes, Andreas

----- Original Message -----

On Thursday, November 18th, 2021 at 10:52 AM, FOI <foi@admin.ox.ac.uk> wrote:

Dear Andreas,

With apologies again for the delay, I attach our reply to your request for an internal review of the college's response to your FOI request.

Yours sincerely

Max Todd

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From: AK <ak@oxfordwhisperer.uk> Sent: 09 November 2021 12:30 To: FOI <foi@admin.ox.ac.uk>

Subject: Re: Request for Review of Kellogg College's FOI Reply - FOI/20210907/1

Dear Max,

I hope you're well. Is everything alright?

November 4th has passed last week, and I haven't heard from you.

All the best,
Andreas
------ Original Message ----On Oct 20, 2021, 11:51, AK < ak@oxfordwhisperer.uk> wrote:

Dear Max,

Thank you for your reply! I hope you are better now.

Apologies for the delayed reply. I got sick myself and had a paper deadline last week.

I'm looking forward to the response by November 4th.

Best wishes, Andreas

------ Original Message ------On Oct 10, 2021, 17:24, FOI < foi@admin.ox.ac.uk> wrote:

Dear Andreas,

Sorry for missing the target date of 7 October. I have just returned to the office after two weeks leave and a spell of illness. I will need more time to complete the review of the college's response to your FOI request. My revised target date for response is no later than 4 November. My apologies again for the delay.

Yours sincerely

Max Todd



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From: AK < ak@oxfordwhisperer.uk >

Sent: 07 October 2021 19:22 **To:** FOI <<u>foi@admin.ox.ac.uk</u>>

Subject: Re: Request for Review of Kellogg College's FOI Reply - FOI/20210907/1

Dear Information Compliance Team,

I hope you're well.

What is the status of the response?

Today was your target for the substantive response.

Thanks in advance.

Best wishes, Andreas

----- Original Message ------On Sep 8, 2021, 10:10, FOI < foi@admin.ox.ac.uk> wrote:

Dear Andreas Kirsch,

I write to acknowledge your request of FOI/20210907/1 for a review of the University's response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

The University's aim is to respond to internal review requests within 20 working days. Our target therefore is to send you a substantive response by 07/10/2021.

Yours sincerely,



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From: AK < ak@oxfordwhisperer.uk > Sent: 07 September 2021 16:40

To: Data Protection < <u>data.protection@admin.ox.ac.uk</u>> **Subject:** Request for Review of Kellogg College's FOI Reply

Dear Data Protection Office/Dear Max Todd.

I hope you are well.

Kellogg College has now finally replied to my FOI request from March.

They have uploaded their governance documents (the included link https://www.kellogg.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2rb.-Revised-Reg-10-and-Bylaw-Oct-2019.pdf suggests that this has only happened very recently), and they have released some meeting minutes.

However, Kellogg Colleges cites 40(2) as reason to withhold several relevant meeting minutes and a report in their entirety.

They also did not provide other supporting documents (meeting papers) as requested in the original FOI request, which has been previously shared with you.

I would like to request a review because the blanket application of 40(2) seems overly broad.

Many details of the matter at hand are already public knowledge (https://oxfordwhisperer.uk/kellogg/mcr/2020/07/kellogg-ball-president-reimbursement/ and supporting documents), and there is public interest in transparency and accountability of college monies.

Furthermore, it can be assumed that the withheld information is not its entirety personal information but concerns as to whether or not college monies have been allegedly embezzled, if the monies have been recovered, and/or whether and how steps are taken to rectify potential issues.

I have attached the reply and the document shared by Kellogg College.

Thanks in advance and best wishes,

Andreas

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