

OPEN RECORDS OFFICE

March 13, 2009

Greg Lukianoff President Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) 250 West 57th Street, Suite 1830 New York, New York

Re:

Open Records Request

Dear Mr. Lukianoff,

I am in receipt of your Open Records Request, dated March 12, 2009, in which you have requested information regarding the Oklahoma Legislature's requests to the University relating to the Richard Dawkins lecture.

Please find attached the responsive documents. Should you have any additional questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Rachel K. McCombs Open Records Officer

Evans, Sherry L.

From:

Hilliard, Danny C.

Sent:

Friday, March 06, 2009 3:06 PM

To:

Boren, David L.

Cc:

Evans, Sherry L.; Gollahalli, Anil V.

Subject:

FW: from rep hamilton

Here is the email from Rep. Hamilton requesting additional information.

----Original Message----

From: Rebecca Hamilton [mailto:hamiltonrebecca@mac.com]

Sent: Friday, March 06, 2009 3:04 PM

To: Hilliard, Danny C. Subject: from rep hamilton

Dear Danny--

I would like information concerning the financial arrangements which were made for Dr Richard Dawkins' speech at Oklahoma University, tonight, May 6, 2009.

Specifically, I would like:

- 1. A listing of any monies paid for or to Dr Dawkins as a result of this speaking engagement, including but not limited to, fees for speaking, travel expenses, and any donations made separately to any foundation, educational group, political organization or other organization which are part of a speaking package. I would also like a listing of any monies Dr Dawkins will receive as a result of this engagement which I do not list here, but which should be included.
- 2. A listing of the sources for these monies, by amount, name and affiiliation, whether private or public.
- 3. Cost to the University of Oklahoma and/or the State of Oklahoma for this speech, including but not limited to, costs for security, physical plant, advertising, and faculty time spent promoting this event. I would also like any costs to the University of Oklahoma and/ or the State of Oklahoma of which you, the University staff or the President's office are aware and which I fail to mention in this email.
- 4. A copy of correspondence and negotiations between Dr Dawkins and any parties involved in his appearance at the University of Oklahoma which pertain to the event itself, funding for the event, or any payments to Dr Dawkins.
- 5. A listing to the persons or entities to whom monies for this event were paid, including any educational institutions or foundations to whom the money was donated.

Any other financial information pertinent to this event that I did not mention here but which you or University staff are aware of.

Sincerely,

Representative Rebecca Hamilton

McCombs, Rachel K.

From:

Hilliard, Danny C.

Sent:

Thursday, March 12, 2009 4:50 PM

To: Cc: McCombs, Rachel K. Gollahalli, Anil V.

Subject:

Fw: Request

Rachel

Anil asked that I forward to you and treat as an open records request. I will be on Campus tomorrow should you need anything. Thank you.

Danny

From: Hilliard, Danny C.

To: Gollahalli, Anil V.; Boren, David L.

Cc: Evans, Sherry L.

Sent: Thu Mar 12 15:01:38 2009

Subject: Fw: Request

Anil.

Dr. Rick Farmer is the Director for the Oklahoma House of Reps. Committee Staff

He asked me about this at the Capitol yesterday. I mentioned it to President Boren at dinner last night. Now he wants a statement saying the speaking fees were waived. Any suggestions?

Danny

From: Rick Farmer < Rick.Farmer@okhouse.gov>

To: Hilliard, Danny C.

Sent: Thu Mar 12 14:53:19 2009

Subject: Request Rep. Hilliard:

Sorry, I thought we had completed this request. Would you please ask the university to send me a letter indicating that Richard Dawkins waved his fee at the University of Oklahoma?

Thanks, Rick

Rick Farmer, PhD
Director of Committee Staff
Oklahoma House of Representatives
405.557.7460

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