



Dr George Oppitz-Trotman

By email

Reference: FOI-2012-85

27 April 2012

Dear Dr Oppitz-Trotman,

Your request was received on 28 March 2012 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting that you describe the information held by the University in relation to the case heard by the University's Court of Discipline on 14 March 2012. Specifically, please describe:

- 1.) Any documents submitted to the Court in connection with this case;*
- 2.) any other information relating to the case created by, or in the possession of, the University Advocate;*
- 3.) any other information relating either to the case or to the complaint(s) to the University Advocate which gave rise to the charges in this case, that were created by, or are in the possession of, those who made the complaint(s);*
- 4.) any records of the trial, including any records of deliberations and decisions of the Court, as well as any documents containing any reasons for those decisions;*
- 5.) any official statements made by the University about this case or the complaint(s) which gave rise to it;*
- 6.) any letters, e-mails, inquiries, or other forms of correspondence about this case which were sent to any of the following: the University Advocate; the Vice-Chancellor; the University Council; those who made the complaint(s) to the University Advocate; the organiser of the event at which the protest (which gave rise to the complaint(s)) occurred. Also list any responses issued by or on behalf of those named individuals and authorities to the correspondence so described".*

The information you have requested is held by the University. However, it is estimated that the time required to locate, retrieve and extract the information you have requested would surpass 18 hours of

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staff time charged at £25 per hour, and therefore that your request exceeds the appropriate limit of £450 as set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. Accordingly, your request is refused.

However, it would be possible to deal with your request within the appropriate limit if it were confined to the information described in the paragraphs of your request numbered 1 to 5 and, since you have indicated that you would be content for your request to be limited in this way if the appropriate limit would otherwise be exceeded, the information requested in those paragraphs is set out below.

1. Documents submitted to the Court.

Please note that some items in this list are repeated from the list supplied by letter dated 4 April 2012 in answer to an earlier request by you under the Act, FOI-2012-64. Such duplicate items are indicated by a cross sign (†).

- Advocate's Statement dated 31 January 2012 (†) with appendices:
 - Paper A: Letter from the Advocate to the Registry dated 22 December 2011 (†).
 - Paper B: Copy of statutory provisions.
 - Paper C: Proctorial Notice on Disruption of Lectures and Seminars dated October 2011.
 - Paper D: Extract from the Student Handbook 2011-12 entitled 'Freedom of Speech'.
 - Paper E: Letter from the Senior Proctor and Deputy Senior Proctor to the Advocate dated 7 December 2011 (†).
 - Paper F: Copy of the text of "Go Home, David": An Epistle to David Willetts' (†).
 - Paper G(i) & (ii): Two photographs of events in the Lady Mitchell Hall on 22 November 2011 (†).
 - Paper H: Extract from the Defendant's student record on CamSIS.
 - Paper I: Witness statement from the Director of CRASSH dated 23 January 2012 (†).
- Two YouTube videos of events in the Lady Mitchell Hall on 22 November 2011.
- Clerk's Bundle:
 - Copy of extracts from the *Statutes and Ordinances*, 2011.
 - Copy of 'Court of Discipline: Notice of Practice Statement'.
 - Note on precedents and similar cases.

2. Information relating to the case held by the University Advocate.

Please note that this list does not repeat items already listed in answer to your earlier request, FOI-2012-64.

- Copy of a petition letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor protesting about the prosecution.
- Set of papers for the Court hearing.
- Notes for the Court hearing.
- Copy of the Code for Crown Prosecutors.
- Draft Record of Proceedings and Reasoned Decision of the Court hearing.



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- Email correspondence with the Assistant Clerk to the Court about possible corrections to the draft Record of Proceedings of the Court hearing.
 - Final Record of Proceedings and Reasoned Decision of the Court hearing.
 - Print-out from the *Independent's* website of a letter from certain members of the University concerning the case.
 - Email correspondence with CamFM concerning the case.
 - Email correspondence with a member of the Regent House concerning the case.
 - Electronic file containing links to internet-based press coverage of the case.
3. Information relating to the case and the complaint held by the Senior Proctor (as the person making the complaint).

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- Email correspondence with the University Advocate about arrangements for the Court hearing.
 - Email correspondence with the University Advocate and the Head of the Registry's Office about the Defendant's admission to the MA degree.
 - Email correspondence with the University Advocate about the outcome of the Court hearing.
 - Email correspondence with the University Advocate and the Registry about the issue of a Proctorial Statement following the Court hearing.
 - Draft of a Proctorial Statement.
 - Email correspondence with a member of the public and the Office of External Affairs and Communications concerning the case.
 - Email correspondence with a member of the Regent House concerning the case.
4. Records of the trial.
- Record of Proceedings and Reasoned Decision.
5. Official statements made by the University about the case.
- Press statement issued in response to queries from journalists.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of this decision, you should write to Dr Kirsty Allen, Head of the Registrary's Office, quoting the reference above, at The Old Schools, Trinity Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1TN or send an email marked for her attention to foi@admin.cam.ac.uk. The University would normally expect to receive your request for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this letter and reserves the right not to review a decision where there has been undue delay in raising a complaint. If you are not content with the outcome of your review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the University. The



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Information Commissioner may be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (<http://www.ico.gov.uk/>).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Knapton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Knapton