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Dear Aodhán Eóin Ciarán mag Uidhir Broadchest

Your request for information received on 16 May 2016 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

You asked:

1. Minutes or notes of meetings of formal departmental or school student/faculty representative or liaison meetings for all UG and taught PG courses from 2011 academic year;
2. Amounts of financial resource expensed, paid to, paid in kind or granted to any student society affiliated with academic departments and their courses since 2011 academic year; and
3. Student complaint topics made formally to the University since 2011 academic year.

University response

1. The University is unable to fulfil your request for information. This is because the University does not hold the information in such a way that it can reasonably be collated and provided in response to your request. As you may be aware, under section 12(1) of the FOIA, public authorities are not obliged to comply with requests for information if they estimate that the cost of complying with the requests would exceed the 'appropriate limit'. The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 set an 'appropriate limit' of £450 for public authorities, which equates to 18 hours work at a statutory rate of £25 per hour.

In this case, to gather the required information it would take us considerably over the time limit set under the Act. This is because we have a large number of departments within each of our six Schools and the School structure itself has been restructured since 2011.

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3. Student complaints topics since 2011 fall under the following categories: academic status; services issues; academic misconduct, plagiarism and cheating; financial; and disciplinary matters (not academic)

If you would like to discuss ways of reformulating your request to bring it within the cost threshold, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I trust this satisfies your request sufficiently. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the University's response to your request for information. If you have such a complaint, you may contact Ms Sophie Bowen, Chief Operating Officer, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 4472, s.l.bowen@mdx.ac.uk within 40 days of the date of this letter for a review of the University's decision. If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of that complaint, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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