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Re: FOIA concerns

Dear Colleagues,

In an effort provide faculty a perspective on how FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) works and how to responsibly follow the law while taking active steps to help safeguard potentially private or otherwise protected information, University Senates Conference has authored the attached document "Understanding FOIA." We strongly encourage the Senates to share this document broadly with all your faculty.

Sincerely,

Sandra De Groote, Chair University Senates Conference

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