

RE: Public Interest Sunshine Law request

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Wed 12/21/2022 8:30 AM

To: Hanson, Monica <adhanson1s@semo.edu>

Cc: Renner, Christie Anne <crenner@semo.edu>

Monica,

In follow-up to my initial response below, this communication will serve to provide you a final reply to your request.

After reviewing your request against applicable statutory and legal authorities, it has been determined that there are no documents responsive to your request. Pursuant to Missouri case law “the plain language of the Sunshine Law does not require a public governmental body to create a new records upon request, but only to provide access to existing records...” **Jones v. Jackson County Circuit Court, 162 S.W. 3d 53 (Mo. 2005)**. The records you request do not exist in the form you request and would have to be compiled from various sources and then formatted in a way that is suitable for public consumption.

Additionally, any documents that would have to be created would include information that is closed under the Missouri Sunshine Law. Specifically, Section 610.021(18) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri that pertains to operational guidelines, policies and specific response plans developed, adopted, or maintained by a public agency; Section 610.021(21) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri that pertains to records that identify the configuration of components or the operation of a computer, computer system, computer network or telecommunications network; and Section 610.021(22) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri that pertains to digital certificates, physical and virtual keys, access codes or authorization codes that are used to protect the security of electronic transactions. Disclosure of the type of information that you request would impair the University’s ability to protect the security and safety of its systems and networks that are relied on for compliance in any number of areas including but not limited to public safety, educational records, health records and financial records. As such, the public interest in nondisclosure would outweigh the public interest in disclosure.

In your December 7 communication, you state that a potential work around to the alleged challenges you face would be to use a VPN. It is my understanding that this option (e.g., use of a VPN) was previously communicated and suggested to you, but that you indicated it was not satisfactory. If a VPN is acceptable to you, which again your December 7 email states it is, I would encourage you to revisit the previous offers made.

With delivery of this final reply, we will mark your request closed.

Regards,

Chris



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From: Martin, Christopher Ralph
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Subject: RE: Public Interest Sunshine Law request

Monica,

This correspondence will serve to confirm receipt of your request below. Please note that additional time is needed to more fully respond to your request. Specifically, I will need to confer with colleagues in other offices to ascertain whether there may be public records potentially responsive to your request. If there are, I will then need time to review them to ensure their relevance and to determine whether any redactions are appropriate consistent with state law. To that end, it is my hope to follow-up with you again on or before January 9, 2023 to provide an update.

Please be advised that Missouri law allows public entities to charge for the processing of information requests. If I determine a fee is necessary, I will contact you prior to continuing our work.

If you have any questions about this reply, please do not hesitate to contact me via this email.

Regards,

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From: Hanson, Monica <adhanson1s@semo.edu>
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To whom it may concern,
My name is Monica Hanson, a current student and resident at SEMO. In my personal experience on campus, I've picked up on a port-based firewall put in place with a lack of communication as to why

they have been blocked. At this point, I'm requesting a full comprehensive list of blocked services, the reason why they're blocked, and what data is being logged in accordance to the [Missouri Sunshine Law](#) § 610.011, which states "It is the public policy of this state that meetings, records, votes, actions, and deliberations of public governmental bodies be open to the public unless otherwise provided by law." The ports in question are TCP Ports 22, 23, 25, 194, 8000, 9001, and 9090. Of note, port 22 is SSH, a protocol used to securely manage remote servers using end-to-end encryption. Port 194, IRC, is a communication protocol that allows users to communicate with others, often for troubleshooting. Livestreaming platforms such as twitch.tv also use IRC for their chat as it provides low overhead to the client.

When reading through [the ResNet policies](#), there's nothing that states what services are blocked, with the closest match being "Firewalls may be used by Information Technology to protect network resources." These arbitrarily placed restrictions hinder my ability to effectively practice my degree, work, and assist my family and friends back home and can easily be worked around by using a different port on the server or using a VPN. Due to how widespread these issues are, this results in issues for the public effectively censoring their access on the internet without any clarification as to why. I ask that these records be provided in a pdf format as per your format request online.

Thank you for your time,

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