



March 6, 2009

VIA E-MAIL AND CAMPUS MAIL

Mr. Robert Albert Melok, Jr.  
The Montclarion  
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Montclair, NJ 07043

Re: Open Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Melok:

In response to your March 4, 2008 request for meeting minutes for the February 4, 2009 public session and executive session of the Montclair State University Student Government Association ("SGA") pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq., ("OPMA") Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq. ("OPRA") and the common law right of citizens of the state to obtain access to public documents, please be advised that the SGA is not a "public body" as that term is defined by OPMA at N.J.S.A. 4:10-8(a), SGA meeting minutes do not constitute a "government record" as that term is defined by OPRA at N.J.S.A.47:1A-1.1 and minutes of the SGA are not public documents subject to the common law right of citizen to obtain access to public documents.

Since the SGA is an independent corporation that is not subject to either OPRA or OPMA, as Custodian of Government Records I am unable to provide the documents you requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Valerie L. Van Baaren  
University Counsel

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