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To whom it may concern,

Mr. Welp has appealed a denial of a public records request by the University of Oregon.

On March 26, 2019, Mr. Welp requested that the University provide "... any and all copies of campaign contribution and expenditure forms for ASUO election slates within the last five years, including the 2019 election."

As of the date of this order, it appears that the University has provided responsive records, having redacted the names of students, and phone numbers.

The University claims the redaction of names is required under FERPA, and that the redaction of phone number is pursuant to ORS 192.355(2).

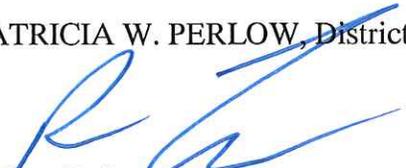
Consistent with previous opinions of this office, phone numbers are conditionally exempt from disclosure.

ORS 192.355(8), exempts from disclosure records that are protected by FERPA. The University claims the redacted information constitutes "education records," and I agree. While the appellant may be correct in arguing that there is a public interest in knowing who the donors are, FERPA does not allow the University to make such a determination, and override FERPA's blanket privacy mandate.

Therefore, the appeal is denied.

Sincerely,

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