

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT  
Minutes

February 25, 2015

The Committee on Institutional Advancement met on Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

**Committee and Board of Trustee members present:** Chair Marilda Gándara, Charles Bunnell, Shari Cantor, Rick Carbray and Andrea Dennis-LaVigne

**Guests participating:** Mo Cotton Kelly, Larry Gramling, Josh Newton, Lori Riiska and Rachel Rubin

**Staff participating:** Tysen Kendig

Ms. Gándara called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**Alumni Relations:**

Ms. Gándara briefed the committee on conversations to date pertaining to the UConn Alumni Association. She advised that the UCAA board voted to dissolve the organization. Ms. Riiska confirmed this vote did take place after much discussion, and was passed by a vast majority of board members. Ms. Riiska advised that this now needs to go the full association membership and must be passed by 2/3 majority vote. The focus of the Board at this point is on the future of three items; the UCAA building, endowments, and contracts/affinity groups.

Ms. Riiska indicated that a meeting was called with the UCAA Alumni Council for next Wednesday, March 4, to go over what has unfolded to date. She requested a combined statement coming from the University and UCAA board that would present the plan to the membership and update on dissolution vote. Issues to address would be the impact of the transition on staff, future of the building, endowments, assets, affinity groups, and the effect on local chapters.

No actions were taken by the committee for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.