

September 27, 2017

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees  
FROM: Jeremy Teitelbaum, Interim Provost  
RE: Centers and Institutes



The *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut*, Article XII, state that “All centers and institutes will be reviewed on a five-year cycle to determine their continued contribution to the University’s mission,” and that the “Provost will routinely inform the Board of Trustees ... of the establishment and discontinuation of all centers and institutes.” This document represents such notice.

BACKGROUND:

Following review and deliberation, the Academic Centers and Institutes Review Committee brought forth the following recommendations, which I support:

Established

Center for the Advancement of Business Analytics (CABA)  
Center of Biological Risk

Renewed for five-year term

Center for Behavioral Education and Research  
Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR)  
Connecticut Sea Grant College Program  
El Instituto: Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean and Latin American Studies  
Human Rights Institute  
Insurance Law Center  
Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Center

Renewed for two-year term

GE Global Learning Center

Renewed for one-year term

Center for Environmental Health and Health Promotion

Discontinued

Center for Public Health and Health Policy  
Digital Media Center  
Institute of Comparative Human Rights

Mission statements for established and renewed Centers and Institutes are available on the following pages.

## Established

### **Center for the Advancement of Business Analytics (CABA)**

The mission of the Center for the Advancement of Business Analytics (CABA) is to be a

- One stop shop for ‘business analytics and data science’;
- Value proposition for partnering organizations by developing and enhancing their analytics capabilities;
- Outlet for faculty engagement – research projects, business interactions/projects;
- Channel for knowledge dissemination – workshops, conferences, certifications, short courses;
- Focal point for community services – repository of data, thought leadership, and newsletters; and
- Conduit for student engagement - projects, experiential learning, capstone, and internships.

### **Center of Biological Risk**

The Center of Biological Risk seeks to improve the capacity to assess, manage, and communicate biological risks of global change through research, teaching, and community outreach. The Center focuses on risks that affect, originate from, or are mediated by biological systems. These risks are commonly neglected in contemporary risk analyses and are often more complicated than physical threats, yet can have just as damaging consequences.

## Renewed

### **Center for Behavioral Education and Research**

CBER seeks to promote equity and improve educational outcomes for all learners, especially those with or at risk for learning and behavioral difficulties.

### **Center for Environmental Health and Health Promotion (CEHHP)**

At the Center for Environmental Health and Health Promotion (CEHHP), we bring together researchers to investigate and analyze the interaction between human behavior and the environment. We strive to identify health resources and constraints in various environmental settings and how they contribute to the development of chronic diseases. We promote developing interventions that integrate health behavior and lifestyle modifications with environmental alterations, which is essential in improving human health and reducing the rate and prevalence of chronic diseases

### **Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR)**

To provide information and assistance to land use decision makers and other audiences in support of better land use decisions, healthier natural resources, and more resilient communities.

### **Connecticut Sea Grant College Program**

Connecticut Sea Grant generates and provides science-based information to achieve healthy coastal and marine ecosystems and consequent public benefits.

### **El Instituto: Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean and Latin American Studies**

El Instituto is an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary academic institute that advances the research, scholarship, creative endeavors and undergraduate and graduate teaching of Latina/o, Caribbean, Puerto Rican, and Latin American Studies. The Institute’s core and affiliated faculty are engaged in community-based, regional, national, and international scholarship and collaborations that enhance our understanding of local and global diasporic issues, social justice and historical inequalities, and growth and progress among Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American populations.

**GE Global Learning Center**

The Center's mission is to build and enhance the role of UConn and its School of Business as a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary resource for promoting global business education and practice.

**Human Rights Institute**

The Institute advances human rights teaching across all University of Connecticut colleges and schools and pursues novel and critical approaches to human rights scholarship and pedagogy. Our aim is to educate well-rounded scholars with an informed understanding of human rights, promote interdisciplinary scholarship and provide experiential learning for our students. The Institute encourages engaged discussion and academic research on the advantages and limitations of human rights discourse and practice. Our research programs demonstrate the Institute's commitment to bridging disciplinary boundaries and providing a space for scholars and advocates to exchange knowledge and experience across areas of expertise.

**Insurance Law Center (ILC)**

The mission of Insurance Law Center is to promote the study of insurance law and risk regulation through education and independent research, and to preserve UConn and Connecticut's academic, historic, and commercial advantage in those fields.

**Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Center**

To combine the important elements of understanding wildlife and fish biology, the habitats that wild populations occupy, and the consequences of interactions with humans to inform management decisions that affect the future sustainability of fish and wildlife species.