



Rutgers Alumni Association A Resolution

Resolution recognizing the integration of the School of Arts and Sciences and the Rutgers Alumni Association.

May 24, 2018

WHEREAS, the Rutgers Alumni Association, Inc., (“RAA”) was founded in 1831 as the Alumni Association of Rutgers College; and

WHEREAS, the RAA is the fourth oldest college alumni association in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the RAA’s membership was historically comprised of alumni from Rutgers College and its predecessors, and was later expanded to include alumni of the School of Engineering, the Mason Gross School of the Arts, the School of Management and Labor Relations, the former College of Agriculture, the former School of Education, the Graduate School of New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2006, The Rutgers University Board of Governors approved the consolidation of Rutgers, Douglass, Livingston and University Colleges in New Brunswick in the School of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, the RAA passed a Resolution supporting the creation of the School of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, the School of Arts and Sciences began admitting students in the fall of 2007; and

WHEREAS, the School of Arts and Sciences began conferring undergraduate degrees in May of 2008; and

WHEREAS, The School of Arts and Sciences is the largest academic unit at Rutgers University–New Brunswick providing a comprehensive liberal arts education to more than 20,000 undergraduates. The School upholds the tradition of excellence, first founded more than 250 years ago as Queens College, and continues the expansion of access to outstanding higher education created by Rutgers, Douglass, Livingston, and University Colleges; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2008, the Rutgers University Board of Governors approved the creation of the Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA) as the University’s lead organization in partnering with Rutgers Department of Alumni Relations staff in the delivery of programming and services to all University alumni with all Rutgers alumni becoming members of the RUAA; and



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WHEREAS, on December 8, 2008, the RAA became a charter organization of the RUAA; and

WHEREAS, the RAA's charter did not include alumni from the School of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, the School of Arts and Sciences now seeks to have the RAA become the recognized alumni association/charter organization for its alumni; and

WHEREAS, the RAA now seeks to become the association for alumni of SAS; and

WHEREAS, the RUAA supports the integration of the School of Arts and Sciences and the Rutgers Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is the management body for the RAA. and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed a change to the RAA Bylaws incorporating the placement of SAS as the principal academic unit of the RAA,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the integration of the School of Arts and Sciences and the Rutgers Alumni Association is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RAA Board of Directors endorses the RAA Bylaws dated today and recommends ratification by the RAA at the Annual Meeting on May 24, 2018.

Brian Tobin,
RAA Vice President and Secretary

Eugene Gentile,
RAA President