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Eager to move forward

In his article “Alumnae group, Rutgers settle tiff over fundraising” (July 22), reporter Adam Clark reiterates claims from when this dispute between the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College and Rutgers University first surfaced in April 2015. He failed to include the July 20 statement from Rutgers that says, “Rutgers University acknowledges the AADC’s long and successfully history of fundraising for and stewardship of gifts to Douglass, enabling the College to grow and fulfill its mission.” A year of discussions and extensive review of information helped Rutgers gain a much better understanding of the AADC’s practices.

The AADC has effectively stewarded gifts to the Douglass Fund while maintaining the highest standards in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibility as the trustee with the best interests of the college and the wishes of the donors paramount. The roles of each party now have been made clear, and we are all eager to move forward in a unified manner that benefits Douglass Residential College, its students, the loyal Douglass alumnae and the Rutgers community.

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