53 FACILITIES

53.01 Works of Art

The Board shall appoint a committee to steward the UH System-wide Public Art Collection: a Public Art UHS National Advisory Committee. The National Advisory Committee will review and offer insight into the curatorial and programmatic plan as overseen by the Director and Chief Curator of Public Art of the University of Houston System, with members serving as ambassadors and champions for Public Art UHS. There will be an UHS internal committee as well, a Public Art UHS Curatorial Committee which will review, advise, and make recommendations on Public Art UHS's curatorial and programmatic activities to ensure alignment with the mission and goals of the University of Houston System and its units. The Public Art UHS National Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Board according to guidelines noted in the Public Art of the University of Houston Operating Procedures Manual.

53.01.1 Acquisition of Works of Art

This policy pertains to construction projects in excess of \$1,000,000 involving construction of a new building or the addition of square footage to an existing building or renovation projects greater than \$5,000,000. One percent of the construction costs for new buildings may be allocated for the acquisition of art for the project. Renovation projects greater than \$5,000,000 may be subject to a 0.5% allocation for the acquisition of art for the project. Of the 1% and 0.5% allocated, the Committee may set aside sufficient funds for promotion, public programs, operations, and conservation of the public art collection. The determination of the specific amount to be set aside will be made by the Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance (or designee) based on recommendations from the Public Art UHS Curatorial Committee. The Public Art of the University of Houston Operating Procedures Manual, governing the administration of the public art collection, shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

Any college, foundation, corporation, or other entity wishing to contribute to new facilities, donate, participate in a joint venture, or otherwise give or create new facilities with any university must include, as part of the project cost, at least one percent of the construction cost for the commissioning, selection, and installation of art. The Board delegates to the Chancellor or their designee the authority to identify and acquire art. All works of art acquired through the process must be recommended by the Public Art UHS Curatorial Committee in accordance with the Public Art of the University of Houston Operating Procedures Manual and approved by the Chancellor.

Any individual, foundation, or business entity may also wish to contribute to the Systemwide Public Art Collection. If donated, such art will be reviewed according to System gift acceptance policies as well as the policies and procedures in the Public Art of the University of Houston Operating Procedures Manual.

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