University of Houston System-Wide
Arts Acquisition Committee

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Meeting Minutes
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1) Review of Strategic Plan
Lea Weingarten from Weingarten Art Group presented the final strategic plan for University of Houston System Public Art. The outcome of the strategic plan is that the focus of the System-wide Art Acquisition Committee will be on activities related to the 50th anniversary celebration, scheduled for 2019. The Committee members have begun organizing into sub-committees focused on these efforts: Marketing & Communication, Curatorial Taskforce, and Stewardship & Standards.

2) Updates on conservation and appraisal
The conservator has completed the review of the University of Houston and is completing the reports for the maintenance and care of artwork for this institution. The review of artwork at the other component universities will begin soon. The appraiser has nearly completed the evaluation and tour of artwork for UH and the review of artwork at the other component universities is underway.

3) Reports from SWAAC Sub-Committees
Stewardship & Standards Sub-committee. This sub-committee will begin its efforts with a review of best practices for university public art and public art policies. The next meeting will be an extended meeting that will review, evaluate, and suggest changes to current operating policies and procedures to align them with best practices.

Curatorial Task Force. This sub-committee has begun assessing the collection and identifying artworks to be considered for deaccession as well as touring the Arts Precinct to assess current placement of artworks to better enhance this area of campus.

The Media Relations and Marketing Committee is working on branding of PAC and identifying potential partners for the PAC going forward.
4) Action items and next steps

At the next SWAAC meeting, the Committee will be presented with a draft timeline of 50th anniversary milestones for review and discussion.