

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Campus Facilities Planning Committee
Agenda Item Description Form

1. **DATE:** January 29, 2016
2. **ITEM:** Proposal for wall painting by artist eL Seed
3. **REQUESTING DEPARTMENT:** Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts/UH Public Art Collection
4. **CONTACT NAMES & PHONE NUMBERS:** Michael Guidry 713-743-5315
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5. **PRESENTER:** Karen Farber, Executive Director, Mitchell Center
6. **RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval of site for eL Seed painting
7. **SUMMARY:**

We will present a proposal to have acclaimed international artist eL Seed paint the façade of the Science of Research 2 building using his signature style. This project is part of the Mitchell Center's campus wide INTERSECTIONS initiative which seeks to engage the UH campus in a conversation about perceptions and misperceptions of others, with a focus on Muslim, Arab and Middle Eastern cultures. This initiative including the painting by eL Seed, has received a highly competitive research grant from the Building Bridges program of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Arts.

Proposed site: http://www.uh.edu/maps/buildings/?short_name=sr2

The Artist: <http://blog.ted.com/el-seed-uses-calligraffiti-to-transcend-language/>

The Grant:

<http://www.apap365.org/KNOWLEDGE/GrantPrograms/Pages/BuildingBridges.aspx>

<http://www.uh.edu/news-events/stories/2014/January/0116BuildingBridges.php>

8. **PROPOSED START DATE:** April 6-14, 2016
9. **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:**