



UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
SWAAC Meeting  
Minutes of the July 12, 2011  
Committee Meeting  
University of Houston  
E. Cullen Building, Room 128  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nandita Berry  
Welcome Wilson  
Dave Irvin  
Clint Willour  
Mary Ann Shallberg

Michael Guidry  
Karen Farber  
Kimberly Davenport  
Mark Cervenka  
Toby Kamps

1. **UH System Collection** – Mike Guidry gave a presentation on how UH System might develop a book to document the University's art collection. Estimated costs for writing related essays, documenting all of the collection, professionally photographing the most important works and editing is \$50,000. The committee felt this is a project the University should undertake to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the collection in 2005. University Advancement should be asked to collaborate in securing financial support and in publicizing the publication. Artwork on all UH System campuses will be included.

In the near term the committee recommended updating the online brochure and printing the brochure to publicize the collection.

2. **UH System Art Policy Update** – Dave Irvin gave an update on potential revisions to the BOR art acquisition policy as recommended by the committee. The BOR will be asked at their August meeting to change the policy to include total renovation projects. The protocol exempts previously approved projects and projects which are deferred maintenance, code compliance and building system rehabilitation.
3. **UH Artist Selection Update** – Mike Guidry presented information on the status of each previously approved art proposal and artist RFP. Artwork at UH System and Sugar Land and UH Downtown will be installed by September. Most of the artists chosen to provide proposals for projects have visited campus and have the information they need to develop proposals. Proposals are due in October at which time the artists will make presentations to the committee.
4. **UH Grotto** – After extensive discussion the committee tabled the item. Pending further information. They asked the UH members of the committee to meet with the College of Architecture, the project developers and if needed the Blaffer family to secure more information on the work's final development, landscaping, maintenance requirements and other aspects of the project. A presentation on the project will be made at the next meeting.

5. **UH Downtown Academic Parking Deck** - Regent Wilson moved, Clint Willour seconded and the committee approved utilizing art funds generated by the UH Downtown Academic Parking Deck to complete restoration and re-installation of the Robert Bourdon sculpture at the entry of the One Main Building.
6. **UH Valenti Project** – Clint Willour moved and Karen Farber and the committee approved allocating \$30,000 for additional artwork for the main entry and column at the Lance Funston addition to the UH Valenti School of Communication.

**Selection of artists – Agenda item 6 – 9 for:**

UH Valenti Project, UH Cougar Village, UH Cougar Place and UH University Center Transformation – Dave Irvin distributed a compilation of art funds available from UH projects and encumbrances and commitments previously made by the committee. He then described each of the recently approved upcoming construction projects including existing artwork which will require relocation. Kim Davenport moved, Karen Farber seconded and the committee approved moving, restoring and relocating the existing artwork as recommended.

Selection of artist to develop proposals for these projects will occur at the next committee meeting.