President’s Office Policy PRE-23

PUBLIC ART POLICY

GENERAL DISPLAYS

All permanent public displays of art (defined as located in a place accessible by the general public) located on Sam Houston State University property shall be approved by the President. The President will request a recommendation from the Campus Art Review Committee regarding any purchase and/or placement of pieces of art (painting, sculptures, etc.) that will be displayed publically. The President at his/her discretion will consult with other groups such as the President’s Cabinet; however, the final approval will come directly from the President.

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The purchase and/or placement of all art pieces in association with a major construction project shall follow the guidelines listed below.

- Chapter III, rule 1.52 of the Texas State University System Rules and Regulations requires that, for major construction projects, the University shall allocate a percentage of construction costs (not less than 1 percent of the total project budget) for public art projects at or near the site of the construction project. The President will determine an amount to include for fine art projects when the first project budget is submitted to the Board of Regents at the design development stage of the project, which amount may not be less than the amount required to be set aside for public art pursuant to the TSUS Rules and Regulations.

- An ad hoc committee will be established for each major construction project to make recommendations to the President specifically concerning the art works that will be placed in, or in close proximity to, the new construction. The President will select two members of the Campus Art Review Committee to serve on the ad hoc committee. This will be considered their concurrence of the recommendations to fulfill the obligation of the Campus Art Review Committee’s charge. The remainder of the committee will be comprised of the following which will be appointed by the President: stakeholder members, the Associate Director of the Physical Plant, and the chief Architect for the construction project.

- The President will consider the recommendation of the ad hoc committee as well as other groups such as the President’s Cabinet regarding the purchase and placement of the public displays of art associated with the major construction project. However, the final approval will come directly from the President.

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