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Resolution: DePauw University Galleries, Museums & Collections

The educational mission of the Galleries, Museums & Collections at DePauw University is to inspire and engage diverse audiences through our collections, exhibitions and public programming, and to stimulate the spirit of inquiry through a variety of learning styles. As part of an institution of higher learning, we are dedicated to providing educational programming that enhances the cultural life of the immediate community by contributing to the educational enrichment of students, faculty members, and the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of DePauw University does hereby:

1. recognize that the Galleries, Museums & Collections are an important division and integral part of DePauw University, with daily operational responsibilities and authority delegated to the program Director/Curator;
2. recognize the importance and contributions of the Galleries, Museums & Collections to DePauw University and its mission as an intellectual and educational resource, and applaud its many successes in its educational endeavors, exhibitions, community outreach and the continued care and enhancement of its collection;
3. express the commitment of DePauw University and its resources to provide capital as well as operating support for the Galleries, Museums & Collections to ensure its continued success and the attainment of its mission;
4. recognize the permanent art collection as an essential component of the mission of the DePauw University Galleries, Museums & Collections and not operating assets that are available to the University as disposable assets; and
5. express a commitment to exercise its fiduciary obligation to protect the assets of the DePauw University Galleries, Museums & Collections, both tangible and intangible, and to fully support the aforementioned program in its compliance with the standards set forth by the American Alliance of Museums and the Association of Academic Museums & Galleries including policies relating to collecting and gift acceptance, deaccessions, and the use of deaccession proceeds.

Submitted to the Board of Trustees on October 3, 2016.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on October 27, 2016.