

UNIVERSITY SENATE *of* LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

MEASURE OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Resolution Calling for Re-evaluation of the Restructuring of the Operations within The Loyola University Museum of Art

To re-evaluate the proposed structure and the process of the restructuring of Loyola Museum of Art

Whereas, the faculty-staff of the “blue sky” committee convened in February 2017 by Dean Thomas Regan, S.J. at the behest of President Jo Ann Rooney and then Provost John Pelissero to offer recommendations to stabilize and reorganize LUMA and to suggest initiatives to help the Loyola Museum of Art (LUMA) achieve its full potential did not receive a response to the submitted recommendations for over 18 months and these recommendations were not implemented in the currently proposed plan; and

Whereas, LUMA is a vital educational and cultural resource that plays a significant role in a transformative education and in preparing students to lead extraordinary lives in many diverse ways, for example:

- faculty from various departments in the College of Arts and Sciences and other schools within the university regularly use the resources of LUMA for their classes;
- LUMA’s Martin D’Arcy Collection is used by international scholars in their research and its objects are loaned to museums on an international scope; and
- LUMA provides valuable museum internships and student work-study experience and employment; and

Whereas, LUMA serves to present the public face of the university and exemplify the goals of its Jesuit Mission by supporting global solidarity and providing our students with an “educated awareness of society and culture, a sense of being interrelated and interconnected, and a commitment to act for the rights of others, especially the disadvantaged and the oppressed”¹; and

Whereas, LUMA supports both Priority 1 and 3 of the 2020 Strategic Plan via a partnership with Arrupe College to bring in community school groups for tours of the exhibitions at LUMA as a means of “prioritiz[jng] access to education for those from underserved communities as well as the tools to promote success for all students” (Priority 1)² and via poetry workshops, dance concerts and artist’s lectures to “[d]evelop innovative multidisciplinary approaches to creation of knowledge and the discovery of solutions that address societal challenges.”(Priority 3)³; and

Whereas, the administration has not completely or thoroughly communicated its plan for the new scope of operations for LUMA to faculty, staff and students while proceeding to terminated all of its student workers and remaining staff.

Be It Resolved, that University Senate recommends a transparent and inclusive re-evaluation of the decision and exact pathway forward that relies upon the information, advice and consultation of the University Senate and other shared governance structures at Loyola University Chicago; and

Be It Resolved, that the University Senate recommends the establishment of a faculty, student and staff advisory board for such re-evaluation purposes.

Signed by the Chairperson of the University Senate



Sponsored By: Senator Sarita Heer
Co-Sponsored By: Senator Diane Jokinen

Motion on the resolution presented on _____ May 14 _____, 2019
Electronic Vote: 14 in favor; 3 opposed; 1 abstentions. Resolution PASSED

¹ <https://www.luc.edu/mission/index.shtml>

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<https://www.luc.edu/strategicplanning/plan2020/1leverageuniversityresourcestoensurestudentaccessandsuccess/>

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<https://www.luc.edu/strategicplanning/plan2020/3promotemultidisciplinarycollaborationtoaddresssocietalchallenges/>