

UMAC Resolution

Be it resolved by UMAC, the University Museums And Collections Committee of ICOM (International Council of Museums) on this 14th day of August, 2013, in the ICOM triennial meeting in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, that whereas:

1. Collections held by universities internationally are an important part of university and world heritage.
2. These collections are irreplaceable and must not be dealt with purely as fungible, financial assets of the university that can be disposed of to meet financial needs.

Therefore:

3. These collections must be valued for the role they can play in preserving the history of universities and for the role they can play in current teaching and research at universities, as well as for educating the public.
4. If a collection must be disposed of for any reason, it must be done in keeping with the professional standards of museums and the disciplines concerned. Any disposal of collection by a university must be done in consultation with, and on the advisement of, those experts who are responsible for the collection.
5. It is the responsibility of a university to provide appropriate protection for collections that they hold in trust for their students and faculty and the world community, now and in the future.

- a) This resolution is in support of and in accordance with ICOM's Code of Ethics for Museums, Code of Professional Ethics, adopted unanimously by the 15th General Assembly of ICOM in Buenos Aires (Argentina) on 4 November 1986 and amended by the 20th General Assembly in Barcelona (Spain) on 6 July 2001, retitled Code of Ethics for Museums, and revised by the 21st General Assembly in Seoul (Republic of Korea) on 8 October 2004. This resolution refers to the section on Removing Collections 2.12-2.17
- b) This resolution is in support of and in accordance with the Council Of Europe Committee Of Ministers, Recommendation Rec (2005)13 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the governance and management of university heritage (*Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 7 December 2005 at the 950th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies*) particularly sections 7 and 8 that encourage public

authorities and higher education institutions to make full use of existing laws and of external and internal regulations for the protection and preservation of the heritage of universities and to adopt adequate provisions to protect their heritage where such do not already exist and section 18 that encourages institutions to provide and maintain suitable physical accommodation for their heritage and to provide balanced and reasonable funding for its protection and enhancement.

- c) This resolution is in support of and in accordance with the American Alliance of Museums *Code of Ethics for Museums*, adopted by its Board of Trustees on November 12, 1993 and the Association of Art Museum Directors *Professional Practices in Art Museums*, 2001.