

Executive Summary
Policy 3-044 Museum and Library Collections
and Non-Museum Decorative Items
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This is a new policy that is intended to express the University's commitment to the preservation of art, artifacts, and rare books in the Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Natural History, and the University Libraries, respectively, as well as the education of the public on these items. The policy acts as an umbrella over more detailed internal policies and procedures regarding acquisition, display, and preservation - as prescribed by these entities' accrediting bodies.

While the major focus of the policy deals with collections as described above, it also addresses non-museum decorative items acquired for the purpose of providing an inviting and appealing environment to students, faculty, staff, patients, and visitors.

The policy divides responsibility between the Dean of the College of Fine Arts, the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Financial and Business Services depending on whether the matter relates to issues covered through the accreditation process or whether the matter deals with accounting for and financial reporting of these collections.