

MINUTES
Asian Art Commission – Ethics Committee
Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
4th Floor Executive Conference Room
Asian Art Museum, 200 Larkin Street, San Francisco, California

Present: Alexander D. Calhoun, Chair
Nanci Nishimura
Anthony Sun
Brenda Wright

Absent: Jane Tom

Others Present: Lauren Curry
Catherine Finn
Jay Xu
Laura Hathhorn

Call to Order

Chair Alexander D. Calhoun called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., a quorum being present.

Minutes from the July 19, 2017 Ethics Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. Calhoun led a discussion regarding details of an invitation to Asian Art Museum Director Jay Xu from Shanghai University to serve a three-year term (two weeks per year) as an adjunct professor in his field of specialization. He asked Dr. Xu to briefly summarize the external engagement invitation and to furnish the committee with an estimate of the honoraria he would likely receive. Dr. Xu noted it would be approximately \$3,000 per year plus travel expenses. After thorough discussion and review, including comments by Deputy City Attorney Lauren Curry, the Committee's favorable reaction to the request resulted in the Committee Chair's agreement to sign off on the approval as the rules required with "no objection." The Committee noted Dr. Xu could report back in one year's time to Board Leaders. Dr. Xu noted he would fill out necessary forms and that CHRO Catherine Finn would oversee the process.

Deputy City Attorney Lauren Curry gave an update on the status of Brundage Collection objects from Thailand that the government of Thailand has communicated that they may take back. Mr. Calhoun noted the matter is not considered closed, but no further committee action would be required. He noted communication would now be handled between Homeland Security and the City Attorney's Office.

Public Comment – Members of the public were invited to address the Commission on items that were within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Asian Art Commission Ethics Committee. The public may address the Committee for up to three minutes and the chair may limit total testimony to thirty minutes.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.