

Memorandum of Understanding

University

Museum

The ____ Museum has been an integral part of ____ University since it opened to the public in date. (History of the Museum.)

The ____ Museum exists to foster and support life-long learning and engaged citizenship in _____. The museum will support the University's mission of teaching, research and service specifically through collections, exhibits and educational outreach. The vision of the _____ Museum is to be... The ____ Museum will develop facilities to support collections, exhibits and programming of national stature. The museum will meet or exceed national standards of management, sustained through continuous professional development of a highly qualified staff.

The ____ Museum is an operational unit of the University's College of ____ and receives support from the University's general fund for its operations. The Museum exists as a permanent depository for objects pertaining to the mission of the Museum. ____ University recognizes the educational and outreach value of its collections and their care and of the exhibitions and programs through which they are presented to the University and the public. In recognition of this invaluable learning resource, the University expresses its commitment to the continuation of its museum and agrees that the museum shall be considered an integral and permanent part of _____ University. The University agrees to continue to make available the resources necessary for the Museum's operation to the extent permitted by the University's financial resources. The University agrees to protect the Museum's tangible and intangible assets held in public trust.

The University is committed to following American Association of Museums and museum field standards with regard to managing the Museum's collections, their collection, acceptance, and possible deaccession. In regard to the latter, ____ University recognizes that the Museum's collections are essential to the Museum and the University's missions and will not consider the Museum's collections as disposable assets.

_____, President

University

Date

_____, Director, _____ Museum

University

Date