

# **Bylaws of the Board of Advisors**

## **The Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University**

### **Mission Statement:**

The Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University promotes engagement with the visual arts among a broad community including Duke students, faculty, and staff, the greater Durham community, the Triangle region, and the national and international art community. The museum is dedicated to an innovative approach, and presents collections, exhibitions, publications, and programs that attain the highest level of artistic excellence, stimulate intellectual discourse, enrich individual lives, and generate new knowledge in the service of society. Drawing on the resources of a leading research university, the museum serves as a laboratory for interdisciplinary approaches to embracing and understanding the visual arts.

### **I. Name:**

This advisory board shall be known as The Board of Advisors of the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University (the "Board of Advisors").

### **II. Purpose:**

Serve in an advisory role to the Director of the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University (the "Nasher") on matters of collection development, planning, and fundraising, and to accomplish that purpose, undertake the following:

- A. Connect the Nasher to key stakeholders, supporters, and constituencies on a national level.
- B. Provide advice to the Nasher on key planning and policy issues including strategic planning, collection development, program development, and resource development.
- C. Provide significant financial support to the Nasher's annual fund, and additional financial support for special initiatives including acquisitions, exhibitions, and other important priorities.
- D. Ensure a strong and lasting connection to policy making within Duke University

### **III. Membership:**

Members of the Board of Advisors shall be selected from alumni, friends of the Nasher, faculty and administration, and others interested in the Nasher and committed to art and education and the success of the Nasher. Membership shall be selected and organized as follows:

- A. The Board of Advisors is appointed by the President of Duke University upon the recommendation of the Director.
- B. There shall be at least twelve but no more than thirty-six members.
- C. Candidates for membership should possess some or all of the following characteristics:
  - (1) significant connection to Duke University and/or the visual arts at the national level;
  - (2) demonstrated commitment of significant support of the Nasher or immediate potential;
  - (3) a Duke affiliation with significant knowledge of the visual arts at the national level; however, membership may include a few national peers in the visual arts who are not affiliated with Duke but who lend key expertise and perspective to the Board of Advisors;
  - (4) *ex officio* members selected to represent key Duke constituencies.
- D. Members shall serve three year terms, and may be appointed to more than one term.
- E. The Director shall serve as an *ex officio* member.
- F. The Chairperson of the Board of Advisors shall be appointed by the Director of the Nasher, and shall be an *ex officio* member of the Collections Committee. The Collections Committee of the Nasher is the advisory board appointed by the Director of the Nasher to serve as a source for consultation by the Director on all matters relating to the collection including acquisitions and deaccessions.
- G. Members no longer serving as active members may be appointed to *emeritus* status.

#### **IV. Meetings:**

- A. The Board of Advisors shall meet at least twice annually in conjunction with the Collections Committee.
- B. The meeting dates, times and locations will be scheduled by the Director of the Nasher.

#### **V. Revision of Bylaws:**

These Bylaws may be revised by the President of Duke University on the recommendation of the Director of the Nasher and the Provost of the University.

These Bylaws shall be effective April 14, 2012.