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Several university art museums or their school administrations have recently sold, or have attempted to sell, artworks and objects in their collections to offset operating costs. In response to this, CAA has joined a task force supporting the educational importance of preserving collections at university museums and galleries. The task force - which includes representatives from the American Association of Museums, the Association of Art Museum Directors, the Association of College and University Museums and Galleries, and the Samuel H. Kress Foundation - has established a two-pronged effort: 1) to recognize museums as integral educational resources in the university accreditation process; and 2) to heighten public awareness of the educational value of art museum collections.

Members of the task force are meeting with accreditation organizations throughout the country to enlist their support for the recognition of art museums as integral educational resources.

A petition <<http://www.acumg.org/petition.php>> has been prepared that reaffirms the integrity and value of university and college museums.

Please show support for our efforts by adding your name and affiliation <<http://www.acumg.org/petition.php>> to this petition, which will be published in the /Chronicle of Higher Education/ this fall. Please encourage your university, college, or museum to sign it as well.

Thank you for your support on this critical issue.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Jaskot,
President

Linda Downs,
Executive Director

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