

PROGRESS REPORT

Working Group Name: Heritage, Culture, and Arts Assets at Texas A&M

Working Group #: 8

Chair: Susan Ballabina

Date: March 11, 2022

Update on Actions Taken Since Last Report:

This is the second report of WG8. The 3rd meeting of the members of the working group was held on March 10, 2022 (the convener attended via zoom due to being on a trip to Washington DC). The 4th meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2022. Recurring future meeting dates and locations for April and May will be set before the end of March and will follow the timeline for completion of WG8 deliverables.

At the 3rd meeting, attending members received answers from both the Chair of the WG8 (represented by the Chief of Staff of the Division of Academic and Strategic Collaborations) and the Convener to further clarify the group's charge.

Subsequently, the convener **(1)** further reiterated and clarified the specific scope and deliverables for each of the four cultural components (i.e., performing arts hall, campus museum, teaching gardens, and hospitality center); **(2)** facilitated an open discussion in which attending members shared their opinions and ideas; and **(3)** formed a subgroup to focus exclusively on the campus museum, and a second subgroup to focus on the other components.

Next Major Issue to be Addressed:

At the next scheduled March 25th meeting, a draft white paper on the museum will be presented to Dr. Ballabina along with an update on any other deliverables. Work will then proceed to systematically work on all the deliverables, as planned.

Barriers Encountered and Solutions Identified:

WG8 has not encountered any barriers to date, but as mentioned previously, has raised important questions. These questions were answered to the satisfaction of WG8 members.

Deliverables Completed:

Deliverables are in progress for each of the four cultural components.

Timeline for Completion of Remaining Deliverables:

Based on the clarified specific scope and deliverables for each of the four cultural components, WG8 will comply with the timeline set for the final deliverables: June 1, 2022.