




January 17, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: Jim Murdaugh, President 
SUBJECT: Indefinite Closing of the Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science

Item Description

This item is to update the Board on the impact to the College of the recent announcement by the Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science of their indefinite closing which is to occur on January 15, 2012.

Overview and Background

On December 9, 2003, TCC entered into an assigned lease with the Leon County School Board for the Capital Center. As part of this lease, the Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science was to be provided existing space in the Capital Center at a cost of \$1 per year, payable to TCC. TCC would be responsible for any renovations and deferred maintenance related to the facility at no further cost to the Brogan Museum.

An additional requirement of the assignment was in the utilization of Public Education Capital Outlay Funds (PECO) to maintain the facility for the joint use. Per the assignment, if the lease was to terminate and the Florida Department of Education (DOE) determined that PECO funds should be reimbursed, it would become TCC's responsibility to do so. If the lease reverted back to the Leon County School Board, it would be the School Board's duty to reimburse PECO funds that had been utilized to support the physical building.

Another point of compliance was that the facility was to be utilized for public education purposes which both the Brogan Museum and TCC have attended to during the life of the lease. With the closing of the Museum, it will be incumbent upon TCC to ensure full compliance with the intended use of the assigned lease. Currently classes are offered by TCC at the Capital Center and plans are to maintain the public offerings. Based on the indefinite closing of the Museum, the College's attorney has reviewed the current lease requirements with College personnel to ensure that the assigned lease is not in jeopardy during this time of transition.

At the most recent Brogan Museum Board Meeting, there was a very strong interest in re-inventing the Brogan and emerging as something new and different. Based on the College's review of the lease and the ongoing commitment by the Board of the Museum, no immediate action is required on the part of TCC's Board of Trustees.

Past Actions by the Board

Current lease approved in December 2003.

Funding/Financial Implications

No funding issues at this time.

Staff Resource

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Recommended Action

Information only.