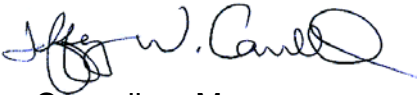
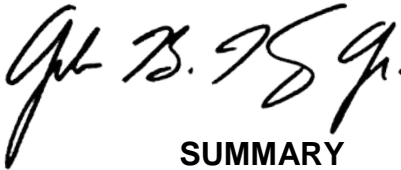




THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO: Cultural Education Committee
FROM: Jeffrey Cannell 
SUBJECT: Regents Advisory Council on Museums
DATE: January 2, 2013

AUTHORIZATION(S): 
SUMMARY

Issue for Approval

Does the Board of Regents approve of the Commissioner's appointments to fill two vacancies on the Regents Advisory Council on Museums?

Proposed Handling

This item is before the Cultural Education Committee for discussion and will go before the Board of Regents for approval.

Background

At the January 2012 meeting the Board supported creation of an eleven member Regents Advisory Council on Museums to assist the Board and Department. The Board approved appointment of members at its February 2012 meeting.

The Regents Advisory Council on Museums is appointed pursuant to 8 NYCRR 3.12(a)(4). Members serve by appointment of the Commissioner with approval by the Board of Regents.

There are currently two vacancies on the Regents Advisory Council on Museums.

Information

The Commissioner has selected the following appointees to fill the two existing vacancies:

- Dr. Anthony Bannon Director of the Burchfield Penney Art Center, SUNY Buffalo. Buffalo, New York. Mr. Bannon will replace Louis Grachos and complete his term, which ends September 30, 2017.
- Catherine Gilbert , Executive Director, MuseumWise: The Museum Association of New York. Ms. Gilbert will replace Anne Ackerson and complete her term, which ends September 30, 2013.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Commissioner's appointments.

Attachment

Dr. Anthony Bannon
Director of the Burchfield Penney Art Center, Buffalo New York

Anthony Bannon, Ph.D., is currently director of the Burchfield Penney Art Center. Appointed in 2012, the past 16 years, Bannon was director of the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film, located in Rochester, New York. During his tenure at Eastman House, Bannon led the creation of three postgraduate preservation schools, alliances with museums, universities, and collectors clubs in large U.S. cities, and many of the most well-attended exhibitions in the Rochester museum's 65-year history. He also oversaw the digitization of collections and aggressive social-media campaigns to share Eastman House's unparalleled collections with the world. This will be the second term as director of the Burchfield Penney for Bannon. Bannon earned his bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University in Olean, New York, his master of arts from the University at Buffalo's English Department with a concentration in media study, and his Ph.D. in English with a focus on cultural studies, also from UB. He began his career as a filmmaker and a journalist, serving as the arts editor and critic for the Buffalo Evening News and the Buffalo News from 1969 to 1985.

Catherine Gilbert
Executive Director, MuseumWise: The Museum Association of New York

Ms. Gilbert has her Masters of Arts in Museum Education from Tufts University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts/Art History. Her past work experience includes positions as the Coordinator of Outreach at the Miami Children's Museum, Manager of Statewide Programs and History Day Coordinator at the New York State Historical Association, and Visitor Services Manager at Old South Meeting House. She has a balance of skills in management, education, and front-line museum experience. Regarding the new Museumwise: The Museum Association of New York:

Mission

In partnership with diverse museums, heritage and related organizations, Museumwise: The Museum Association of New York strengthens the capacity of New York State's cultural community by supporting high professional standards, strong organizational development, and by providing advocacy, training and flexible information networks so that all may better serve their missions and communities.