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Dear University Senate Chairs Harris and Uprichard,

In response to the University Senate resolution on LUMA

The Loyola University Museum of Art (LUMA) is a vital educational and cultural resource for faculty and students alike. The museum, however, has been facing increasing operating deficits. In light of these deficits, President Rooney received recommendations from a number of different constituents whose recommendations ranged from closing LUMA entirely to maintaining its status as an accredited museum with no changes.

We decided to ensure that the resources of LUMA would continue to be made available to faculty for teaching and research, and to students for learning purposes and displaying art. It will no longer be open to the public for daily admission, though it will function as a special event and exhibition space for internal and external groups. It will also continue to serve classes that arrange museum visits throughout the year, supporting academic enterprise across the University through its collections, exhibitions, and educational programs. We estimate that these changes will result in \$1 million in annual savings to the University.

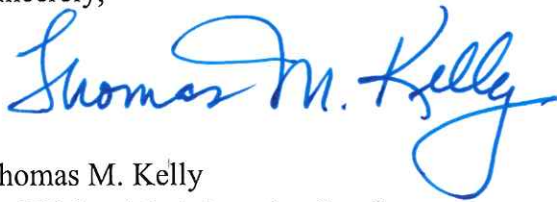
The University has voluntarily withdrawn LUMA's accreditation with the American Alliance of Museums, as the alliance's rigorous requirements were a primary driver of the continued and increasing operating deficits. We will also integrate other staff members from across the University into the operations of the museum. This will allow the University to

prioritize resources in support of the museum's academic focus and use the museum space for special events, while maintaining the visibility of its collections and exhibitions.

The University will maintain its care for and display of the D'Arcy Collection of medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque art. The museum will continue to display its beloved annual Crèche exhibition and solicit both internal student and/or faculty exhibitions as well as periodic external exhibitions. Additionally, the museum also will have the ability to showcase numerous other University-owned holdings, including many pieces from the Cuneo Mansion.

Loyola has begun a search for LUMA's new curatorial leader, whose responsibilities will include not only caring for and leading exhibitions of the museum's internal collections, but also for engaging the University with both internal—especially student-led—and external exhibitions and shaping student internship opportunities. One of this new leader's responsibilities will be to engage with faculty and students – seeking input on opportunities to increase faculty and student involvement with LUMA.

Sincerely,



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