

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

Report No.: II-D

Date: August 19, 2008

Subject: Miné Okubo Collection

Background: In the Will and Testament and Codicil of Ms. Okubo, Riverside Community College is bequeathed paintings, reference materials, photographs, slides, books, writings, letters and printed material. Recently, the executor of Ms. Okubo's estate informed the District that all legal matters have been finalized and that the materials bequeathed can now be released. For the District, this entails about 25 banker boxes of reference materials, photographs, slides, books, writings, letters and printed material, and a host of paintings.

The paintings were moved from New York to Riverside after the passing of Ms. Okubo. Many of the paintings are not mounted and are either loose canvas or rolled. The paintings are located in vaults in Riverside, but unfortunately, when the paintings were packaged and placed in the vaults, they were not separated by whom they were to be distributed. The executor, in light of this, requests that the paintings be re-distributed between RCC and the family, based upon how they are packaged and stored. In total, it is represented that RCC would receive approximately 30 paintings/groups, instead of 17 paintings/groups (250 pieces). At this date, there has been no assessment of the paintings for either value or importance. If the Board does not approve the re-distribution of the paintings as proposed, staff will inform the executor and work with the repackaging of the paintings and storage, as carefully as possible.

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees: 1) either approve or reject the re-distribution of the paintings as proposed by the executor of the estate, 2) and formally receive the items bequeathed to the District from the estate.

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