

Faculty and staff across the Medford/Somerville campus have been exploring the many dimensions of this opportunity in areas including academics, student services and student life, facilities and operations, admissions, finance and legal affairs. At the end of last week, the trustees of both the Museum and the University approved a memorandum of understanding stating that—subject to continued study and review and final approval during the Spring by both institutional boards—the SMFA would become part of Tufts on June 30, 2016.

This would be an exciting step for Tufts and the SMFA. Though there are still many details to address, we are confident that this new relationship would provide significant long-term benefits to Tufts, the MFA and SMFA and our communities.

We are pleased to be able to share such positive news as the year ends and look forward to updating you as further information is available. Meanwhile, we wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Best wishes,

Tony Monaco, President
Jim Glaser, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences

Read *Boston Globe* article:

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/arts/2015/12/21/school-museum-fine-arts-will-run-tufts-university/ALnjFmIjcuJqCeyyGPxyjM/story.html#comments>