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UT regents to consider art museum

A University of Texas system regents committee Thursday afternoon approved a feasibility study on turning one of UT's oldest and grandest buildings into an art museum.

The building and grounds committee authorized a \$20,000 feasibility study and preliminary architectural work on making room for UT's continually growing art collection.

The grounds committee meets in the presence of the full Board of Regents, so its actions usually are automatically ratified at the next day's board session. The full session begins at 9 a.m. today in Ashbel Smith Hall on 7th Street between Guadalupe and Lavaca.

UT President Lorene Rogers had suggested

the Battle Hall renovation as one way to solve a fight that's been simmering in the art department for months: It will allow the current Huntington Gallery in the Art Building to be used primarily as a "teaching gallery" as many art faculty members want.

Rogers also suggested that Battle Hall might be the best permanent location for the \$2 million Gutenberg Bible that UT acquired earlier this year.

However, regents chairman Allan Shivers didn't sound too happy with that idea. "Let's don't move the Gutenberg," he said. It's now housed in the Humanities Research Center.

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