

**Institute of American Indian Arts**  
President's Cabinet Meeting  
Virtual  
Monday, June 1, 2020, | 2:00 PM

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**Present:** Dr. Robert Martin, Angie Brown, Dr. Bill Sayre, Laurie Logan Brayshaw, Nena Martinez Anaya, Larry Mirabal, Eric Davis, Danyelle Means, Paul Moore, Charlene Teters, Patsy Phillips

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**1. Opening**

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Eric Davis provided the opening.

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**2. Opening Positive Note**

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Dr. Martin and Felipe Colon met with the new CEO of the Johnson Scholarship Foundation to discuss the impact that the Coronavirus has had on the Institute. Because of the meeting, IAIA will receive a onetime COVID-19 response grant for \$40,000 from the Johnson Scholarship Foundation. After consulting with Felipe and Nena Martinez Anaya, the grant will go towards supporting student needs, including purchasing laptops, communication upgrades faculty stipend support and stocking the Pantry

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**3. Approval of Minutes**

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Dr. Martin introduced for consideration the approval of the President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes of May 18. Larry Mirabal made the motion and seconded by Patsy Phillips, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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**4. CARES Act Funding Updates**

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IAIA received notification from the U.S Department of Education will award a grant for \$1.4 million. When the funds are available for drawdown in the G5 system, 25% will be drawn for FY20, and the remaining 75% in 2021.

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**5. Retention and Recruitment Action**

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The retention and recruitment team has launched the #ManyNationsOneFamily campaign on the IAIA Facebook page. A script has been developed that the faculty will use for their phone calls this summer to prospective students. They will take notes after each call to share with admissions and will work with ASG and the alumni to assist with future calls.

The team will work with Marketing and Communications on another video and infographics for Facebook and Instagram.

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**6. 2020 Virtual Commencement Planning Update**

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Commencement planning is on track; the committee is working with a prospective producer/director on the timeline and virtual commencement logistics. Students agree that a virtual ceremony is best for social distancing. The committee has also recommended sending gifts to the graduates. The three valedictorians are preparing their speeches. One will be selected to deliver the valedictory during the ceremony.

Matthew Eaton will be the recipient of this year's faculty-of-the-year award.

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**7. 2020 Fall Semester Update**

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Departments have made adjustments to courses for the Fall semester. Creative Writing and Indigenous Liberal Studies courses are entirely online. Studio Arts, Performing Arts, Museum Studies, and Cinematic Arts will have options to include online, in-person courses on an 8-week accelerated schedule, and hybrid online/in-person courses for some studio and film classes. The first half of the semester will be in-person instruction with access to equipment and studios, followed by online delivery in the second half with limited enrollment to maintain social distancing.

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## 8. Decision Date for Fall 2020

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The Cabinet discussed issues surrounding fall semester plans. As IAIA plans for the start of the academic year in August, social distancing will continue for the Fall Semester and possibly for the rest of the academic year. Each Cabinet member is to assess their areas of responsibility, to include work processes, classrooms, studios, conference rooms, offices, and workspaces, and develop plans for safe utilization and social distancing. Cabinet members will send their plans to Dr. Martin and the EOC Chair, Todd Spilman, by June 16.

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## 9. Pre-registration Trends

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Fall 2020 pre-registration for June is down 25% as compared to 23% in May.

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## 10. Admissions Report

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Admissions for new freshmen remains low for fall 2020; the number of graduates is still on track with 30. Admissions counselors and departmental staff continue to guide students through the enrollment process. They are working on Veteran enrollment eligibility policies and catalog language to be more specific on expectations.

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## 11. GALA Update

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This year's Gala theme is Scholarships Shape Futures. Advancement is working with Paul Moore and Eric Davis to hire a producer/director to coordinate the Gala and the Commencement Ceremonies. The Gala will feature an online silent auction of top-quality Native art pieces, a paddle call, video remarks from students, well-known artists, alumni, and celebrity friends.

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## 12. Online Activity

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Web activity has remained consistent in April and May with approximately 17,000-page views. The MoCNA and the IAIA Facebook likes have expanded and continue to receive positive attention.

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## 13. Announcements

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The 2020 graduating class valedictorians are; Jessica L. Cordes, Lydia Clark, and Nancy Beauregard.

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## 14. Closing Positive Note

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Rose Freese, a diplomat in China, sent a letter along with a \$1,000 donation to MoCNA.

### Adjournment

Dr. Martin adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:04 PM.