Institute of American Indian Arts

President's Cabinet Meeting Virtual Monday, June 15, 2020, | 2:00 PM

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

1. Opening

Patsy Phillips provided the opening.

2. Opening Positive Note

MoCNA has received a \$100,000 grant from the Warhol Foundation. The grant will fund the uranium project to curate an exhibition on Indigenous peoples and uranium next summer.

3. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Martin introduced for consideration the approval of the President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes of June 1. Larry Mirabal made the motion and seconded by Paul Moore, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

4. CARES Act Funding Updates

IAIA has received its portion of the CARES Act funding; however, there may be additional funding in July and August. The BIE has not determined the stabilization fund split. IAIA may be left out of that funding since it's not funded by BIE but by the Treasury. Carrie Billy and the congressional delegation are working on this issue.

The current Title III grant will have an additional five years added to the end date because of a clause in the CARES act.

5. HEI Teleconference Meeting

Paul Moor and Eric Davis attended the Higher Education Institution (HEI) webinar. The webinar's focus was to share and exchange ideas on getting census information out to students and families who live in rural areas. IAIA will share the census video on social media. Because of the circumstances resulting from the COVID pandemic, the deadline for households to self-respond to the census online is October 31.

6. 2020 Virtual Commencement Planning Update

The Commencement Planning Team reviewed the valedictorian speeches. Instead of selecting one speech, the committee agreed to have the three valedictorians deliver the valedictory together. The committee is working with a traditional student drummer on drum music and the honor song. They will incorporate #ManyNationsOneFamily theme into the video for the ceremony along with a digital collection of the tribal flags.

7. Fall Semester Plans

Departments have made adjustments to the Fall semester course schedule. Approximately 68% of the courses are online. There will be a few in-person classes on an 8-week accelerated schedule and hybrid online/in-person 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 for the second half. In the event there is a spike in the coronavirus, departments are currently working on quickly transitioning all or most courses to entirely online should the campus close.

The next step is to conduct an audit on resources to determine students' needs for classes. SSC will survey registered students to identify their needs for the fall. IAIA will utilize the CARES Act funding to purchase laptops or other items.

Dr. Martin tasked each Cabinet member to prepare a list of campus reopening guidelines and schedules addressing the safety needs for students, faculty, and staff. He will vet the document and share it with the EOC committee to evaluate and discuss the college's on-going response to the COVID-19 health crisis. The guidelines will be a dynamic document that will change as conditions develop. Communication will go out to students, faculty, and staff on IAIA's plans going into the Fall to ease any concerns.

8. COVID-19 Achieving the Dream Faculty and Staff Survey

Dr. Sayre shared a draft COVID-19 Reflection survey with questions provided by the ATD coaches. He asked the Cabinet if they would like to take the survey or distribute to faculty and staff. Before sharing the survey, Dr. Martin recommended meeting with the ATD team members, coaches, and the Cabinet to discuss the reflection survey, review the progress made in the last year and priorities for the coming year.

9. Fall 2020 Pre-registration Trends

Pre-registration activity remains steady and is tracking at 21% behind the average for the last four years.

New Gaming Minor in Cinematic Arts

A Minor in Programming for Gaming and Interactive Arts has been approved for the Fall semester. Anthony Dieter has developed the graphic and several upper and lower division courses for the minor. The course will prepare students to work as artists, designers, or programmers within the field of digital arts.

11. Admissions Report

The number of new freshmen accepted is 68, overall admissions is down 24 by 24. In, order to maintain social distancing housing is preparing for 50% capacity in student housing. The occupancy in the dorms will drop from two students per room to one. The Casitas will also drop from four occupants to two.

12. Online Activity

The infographics for the #ManyNationsOneFamily and the Tuition Reduction communication had over 21,000 views and shared over 200 times. Empower Your Creativity Video on Facebook had over 27,000 views and over 400 people viewed the entire video. Tuition Reduction and Empower Your Creativity had over 1,300 Instagram impressions.

Dr. Martin commended Nicole Lawe in providing the Tewa translation for Black Lives Matter for the AIHEC newsletter. The Indigenous languages of many of the tribes from each TCU were included.

13. Announcements

The parking lot at family housing is now repaved. Contractors will be on campus to measure the windows in family housing to replace before the start of the Fall semester.

14. Closing Positive Note

Patsy Phillips is collaborating with Suzan Harjo who has received \$150,000 from the Walton Family to give to artists. The gifts will be anywhere from \$500-\$5,000 to use at the artist's discretion.

Adjournment

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