

Institute of American Indian Arts
President's Advisory Council Meeting
LKN Welcome Center – Boardroom

Friday, December 4, 2020
(11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Minutes

Present:	Dr. Robert Martin	Elissa Wheeler	Leslie Romero
	Angie Brown	Elizabeth Lucero	Robert Orozco
	Aimee Balthazar	Jonathon Breaker	Russell Stollins
	Anita Gavin	Mary Silentwalker	Ryan Flahive
	Anthony Coca	Matthew Eaton	Sara Quimby
	Delight Talawepi	Peter Romero	Tatiana Lomahaftewa-Singer
Absent:	Jason Ordaz	Roanna Shebala	Madge Duus

1. Opening

Delight Talawepi provided the opening.

2. Opening Positive Note

Everybody is looking forward to the end of the semester.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes–October 7, President's Advisory Council Meeting

Dr. Martin presented a motion to approve the October 7, 2020, President's Advisory Council minutes. Russel Stolins moved to approve, and Aimee Balthazar seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

4. November Board Meeting

During the November 13 meeting, the Board approved Institutional Advancement's 2021 Fundraising Plan. Advancement developed the plan with input from both the Board of Trustees and the Foundation to use as a fundraising strategy.

One of the Board members proposed incorporating Storytelling as part of the Research Center's "building" name or in a description within an exhibit. Ryan Flahive agreed that Storytelling is a large part of IAIA's Research Center.

The Board also had a Student Town Hall Meeting; the next will be with Faculty Council.

5. NM Legislative Finance Committee Hearing

Dr. Martin will attend the Virtual LFC Meeting on Tuesday, December 8, on behalf of the Tribal Colleges and IAIA. He will thank the legislators for allowing IAIA students to be eligible for the Lottery Scholarship and the Opportunity Scholarship in his testimony. He will also address his concern that the NMHED has declined IAIA's capital project request for the upcoming legislative session. Last year, IAIA requested \$1.5 million for the Research Center. The LFC reduced the amount to \$700,000 because they misunderstood the project. NMHED capital outlay does

not fund museums. Dr. Martin will request an additional \$700,000 in capital project funding during the upcoming session to bring the two-year total in state funding to \$1.4 million. The project's total estimated costs are \$3.8 million; IAIA has raised the additional \$2.4 million from private and federal sources.

6. COVID-19 Testing

The Department of Health notified Dr. Martin that they would no longer provide surveillance COVID testing services on the IAIA campus because of the surge in positive COVID-19 cases requires them to increase testing hours at their offices. He is working with the Indian Health Service (IHS) to administer rapid testing on campus or seek other testing alternatives.

7. Public Health Order and Higher Education Institutions

IAIA is complying with the public health order for higher education institutions. With 25 - 30 people working on campus, we are below the health order's 25% capacity mandate. Dr. Martin encourages Faculty and Staff to refer students to the Indian Health Service or the New Mexico Health Department website to find test locations when they return home for the winter break.

There are 40 - 45 students in residential and family housing; 25 have gone home for the break and will not return.

8. Pathways Project Update

Anita Gavin summarized the pathway projects. The team will continue to use available data to make decisions about IAIA and share the information with the community. She introduced the Pathways/ATD Data Minute, a game designed to promote data literacy. In this game, they share data by asking questions and award a small prize to the participant with the correct answer. The goal is to promote active discussions and to understand the IAIA community.

9. Admissions Report

As of December 2, there are 18 new freshmen for Spring '21, totaling 23 admits. The fall applications are arriving with eight students accepted, and seven of them are new Freshmen. Admissions staff are working on creative ways to recruit students through social media.

10. Library Hours and Procedures

The library will remain open to the IAIA community by appointment. They are offering curbside assistance for picking up and returning books and DVDs. There will be limited library access during the holiday break. The virtual chat hours are Sunday thru Thursday until 7:00 PM to allow students to connect with library staff.

11. Security Gate

Sara Quimby announced that the Unfunded Strategic Priorities Committee approved funding for the library's new security gate, which complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations.

12. New eBook Platforms to Support Students and Classes

Sara Quimby is working with Felipe Colon and Doris Hernandez on securing additional eBooks for online learning. They are seeking individual eBook titles to expand the collection. Access to the eBook platforms does not require additional software or special licenses. Overall, eBook requests continue to increase.

13. Announcements

The Fitness Center and Gymnasium is open and operating at a limited capacity.

The Faculty is working on fast-tracking the curriculum for the MFA in Studio Arts Program. The Program has ten spots available and over 100 inquiries. Mary Silentwalker and Jason Ordaz are working on the Program and adding the application to the IAIA website. In the meantime, all inquiries will go thru Admissions.

The classrooms and studios are scheduled to close during the holiday break. There are 39 students in the residence center, and 26 will remain at home until the end of winter break. A few students will not be returning for financial reasons. The Student Success Center will be available to assist those students who are expressing financial hardship.

14. Closing Positive Note

- Faculty and staff have created 57 instructional videos during the fall term.
- Dr. Martin commended the Open House Committee for their work resulting in the Virtual Open House's success.

Adjourned 12:24 PM