

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

Wednesday, January 13, 2021
(11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Minutes

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

1. Opening

Elissa Walker provided the opening.

2. Opening Positive Note

Dr. Martin shared the State of New Mexico COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Memo. Section 1B of the memo states that persons sixteen and older, essential frontline workers, and vulnerable populations are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. He is encouraging all IAIA faculty, staff, and students to register for the vaccine.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes–December 4, President's Advisory Council Meeting

Dr. Martin presented a motion to approve the December 4, 2020, President's Advisory Council minutes. Delight Talawepi moved to approve, and Matthew Eaton seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

4. February Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is February 12, 1:00 PM. Before the Board Meeting, there will be a Town Hall Meeting at noon with the Trustees and the Faculty Council.

5. Update on Bookstore operations for Spring 2021

The bookstore staff is preparing for textbook book distribution. The store will reopen on January 19, Monday thru Friday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Only two students at a time will be allowed in the store as part of social distancing.

6. Update on Museum/Online stores

The Museum online store exceeded 1000 orders totaling close to \$18,000 in the first quarter. The most popular items include museum admission tickets, Pendleton blankets, and various publications. In February, the Museum will feature jewelry made by IAIA alumni

7. Pathways Project Update

Anita Gavin asked the Advisory Council, "What percentage of degree-seeking students made the Dean's List or the President's List in 20 Fall"? Matthew Eaton answered with 36% and received an Amazon gift card.

The Pathway's Committee will begin meetings in February. Andrea Otero is planning to test at least five students in the Math and English Developmental Pilot Program. Students will test on developmental courses to mainstream into college-level classes with additional tutoring support from Matt Fontis.

8. Admissions Report

Freshmen enrollment decreased from 18 to 13 in Spring'21. Admissions reached out to those students who withdrew and found the reason was not financial but because of the pandemic. Fall 21 acceptance applications are low, and they are working on follow-up and increasing visibility on social media. They have participated in 10-12 virtual college fairs, resulting in low participation. Admissions staff are working on creative ways to recruit students by providing \$50.00 gift cards and miscellaneous giveaways and working with tribal colleges to host virtual college fairs at all colleges within the southwest region.

9. Virtual Community

Russel Stollins is searching for a virtual learning community platform to allow students, faculty, and staff to communicate interactively on projects while maintaining connections. He shared an online pilot platform that allows staff and students to create pages, share ideas, and retain ownership of any intellectual property they contribute to the padlet. He will meet with Faculty Council to discuss the pilot platform and determine if it will be effective for an online teaching and learning tool. He is hoping to establish a similar platform by the first half of 2021. Matthew Eaton stated that this would work well for dual credit students who want to transition into IAIA programs. Because of the pandemic and online courses, Roanna Shebala supports the idea of having more interaction with classmates.

10. Announcements

The Faculty Council is continuing to work on the MFA Programs in Museum Studies curriculum.

Housing currently has 70 students living on campus, with the possibility of increasing that number to 77. They are expecting 20-22 students in the family housing and 50-55 in the dorms.

Facilities are in the final phase of the academic building HVAC project. They are also working on various ADA projects throughout the campus. AT&T has donated a large amount of PPE to IAIA, and space is now available in facilities to receive the inventory.

The IAIA Security Team discovered an old bomb casing near the casitas. They found that the device was brought onto campus for an art project, and it was never any danger to anyone.

The virtual Academic Spring in-service has concluded with a record number of professors, faculty adjuncts, and dual credit adjuncts attending the information and sessions.

Staff Council has not met since the end of October but will schedule a meeting in the future.

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend a Well-being Through Expressive Arts group session on Wednesday, January 20, at 4:00 PM. More information is available at https://iaia.libguides.com/mental_health_resources

The Library and the PFAC will reopen on January 19, with a limited capacity of 5 individuals at a time.

11. Closing Positive Note

Congratulations to Roanna Shebala on completing her MFA in Creative Writing residency.

The New York Times recognized two IAIA alumnae entrepreneurs; Tania Larsson for fine jewelry made from musk ox horn and other natural materials and Jamie Okuma for her beaded Louboutin stilettos.

Adjourned 12:24 PM