

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

Wednesday, February 17, 2021
(11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Minutes

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

1. Opening

Mary Silentwalker provided the opening.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes – January 13, President's Advisory Council Meeting

Dr. Martin requested a motion to approve the January 13 President's Advisory Council minutes. Mary Silentwalker moved to approve, and Elizabeth Lucero seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

3. February Trustees Meeting – Dr. Martin

During the February 12 meeting, the Board approved the 2019 Audit Acceptance Resolution; the audit was clean and unqualified. They also approved the First Quarter gift acceptance of \$5,211,614; the amount includes the MacKenzie Scott donation, \$2.8 million of which was transferred to the IAIA endowment account.

The Board recommended Dr. Jill Biden, First Lady of the United States, to be this year's Honorary Doctorate recipient. Should she accept, she also will provide the commencement keynote address. The IAIA community is welcome to submit other nominations for consideration.

4. COVID Relief Funding

The latest COVID relief package includes the 89% and minority Serving Institutions (MSI) funds administered by the US Department of Education and the Education Stabilization TCU Fund administered by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). The MSI funds are allocated based on the same formula as Title III funding and allows for more latitude in spending. IAIA expects to receive \$700,000 from the 89% fund. A minimum of 171,000 must go toward student financial aid grants. The amounts of MSI and BIE/TCU funds are unknown. Dr. Martin received a letter stating that the BIE TCU funds are currently on hold because a Tribal President is protesting IAIA's eligibility to receive the funds since we are neither BIE operated nor funded. With Carrie, Billie, AIHEC President & CEO's assistance, we have responded and are waiting on the Interior Department Solicitor's determination.

The funds are to defray expenses associated with the virus, support student activities addressing COVID-19 related needs, and financial aid grants. Dr. Martin is waiting on

clarification on the limitation of financial aid to students. According to the previous administration, students had to be Pell-eligible and excluded DACA and graduate students. He is expecting more latitude in expending funds to all students.

5. New Mexico Legislative Session Update

Dr. Martin is requesting \$700,000 for the Research Center's construction and renovation. IAIA has received \$200,000 from The LFC is recommending only \$200,000 for IAIA. We are requesting an additional \$500,000 from Santa Fe County's legislative members.

IAIA, together with two other tribal colleges, are requesting \$262,000 in recurring funding for the high school dual credit reimbursement program. This year they reduced funding for this program and other higher education programs by 9%. We will continue monitoring the program and seeking assistance from Representative Allison to restore all or part of the 9%.

6. ATD Data Minute/ Pathways Council Update

Anita Gavin presented the Data Minute and asked, "What percentage of IAIA's undergraduate courses are Dual Credit courses?" The correct answer is 14%. Roanna Shebala was the closest with 15% and received an Amazon gift card.

Twelve representatives from IAIA are attending the DREAM 2021, Achieving the Dream's (ATD) 17th annual conference. Madge Duus, Mila Anguluan, and Eliza Combs will present on Trauma at the ATD conference on February 18.

7. Admissions

Enrollment applications have declined from 32 in Fall'20 to 27 in Fall'21; 23 are new freshmen, including one transfer, one readmitting, and one certificate student. They are reviewing the 32 applications received for the MFA Creative Program. They have also begun accepting applications for the MFA Studio Arts Program.

Admissions have posted two Admission Counselor positions and are receiving applications. Warrior Brown is the new Outreach Coordinator and is working on the dual credit and summer bridge programs.

8. Library Updates

The library has a new streaming video platform that allows for individual licenses. There are six DVD drives with USB ports available for faculty to check out. They have started a bi-weekly newsletter to communicate within the departments and created copyright and streaming video guides to educate faculty on what they can and cannot do with live or video streaming. They are also providing resources on creating course content. The embedded librarian program continues to be successful in reaching out and communicating with new students.

9. Housing Update

Sixty-nine students live on campus, 51 are in the dorms, and 18 are in family housing, six of which have families. Housing expects two more students on campus in March; to date, they have received ten applications for Fall'21. All students are out of quarantine.

10. Community Calendar

IAIA's Community Calendar has been available on the website to advertise Community and Academic events. Jason Ordaz announced he would advertise events upon receiving the event title, date, beginning and end time, location, and a brief description of

the event. If the event is virtual, include the URL; he will send an invitation to share the calendar in order to see all events.

11. Staff Council Update

Delight Talawepi shared updates from the February 16 Staff Council meeting with over 33 attendees. The 2020–21 College Arts Association (CAA) Nominating Committee has selected Lara Evans to the CAA Board of Directors. Katherine Berry is the new Staff Council secretary. Paul Moore is encouraging participation from Faculty and Staff to attend ASG meetings. Scott Whittaker announced the process for Scholarships awards. Staff Council will meet each month through May.

12. Faculty Council Update

The Faculty Council met on February 11; they discussed catalog submissions for the MFA in cultural administration, visiting faculty, and sabbatical requests and deadlines. The Council approved courses from the curriculum committee. Felipe Colon presented an update on COVID's relief funding. Dr. Martin added that funds would go toward the HVAC expansion in the older building, outdoor tables and chairs, covered seating and portable heaters for the café patio area, touchless restroom access for doors, sinks, toilets, and paper towel dispensers, and improvements in other areas to continue to keep the Community safe.

13. Announcements

The NM Department of Health conducted COVID surveillance testing on February 11; Dr. Martin will request them to return once in-person classes resume. There was only one positive case involving a contract worker who had no contact with any faculty, staff, or students and is currently in quarantine.

14. Closing Positive Note

The Land Grant Program will host virtual sessions each Wednesday beginning February 17 thru April 28 at 7:30 PM on various topics.

Continuing Education is offering virtual Introduction to Beekeeping courses, beginning March 7-21, 2021.

Dr. Martin commended Jonathon Breaker for his work on expanding Continuing Education course offerings.

Adjourned at 11:54 AM