

Institute of American Indian Arts

President's Advisory Council Meeting LKN Welcome Center – Boardroom

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

Minutes

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

1. Opening

Roanna Shebala provided the opening.

2. Positive note:

Everybody commented on the beautiful snow day.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes – February 17, President's Advisory Council Meeting

Dr. Martin requested a motion to approve the February 17 President's Advisory Council minutes. Delight Talawepi moved to approve, and Roanna Shebala seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

4. COVID Update

The Department of Health (DOH) has prioritized education faculty and staff for receiving the COVID vaccine.

Indian Health Service (IHS) has scheduled IAIA faculty, staff, and students, who have submitted documents to establish a chart, to receive COVID-19 vaccinations at 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 25, Santa Fe Indian School Gymnasium. Students requiring transportation to and from the site must make arrangements with Paul Moore. The Department of Health (DOH) also will be on campus to conduct surveillance testing that same day from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM in the Performing Art Center Gymnasium. Testing is a safety precaution for all faculty, staff, and students whether they have taken the vaccine or not.

IAIA has received several COVID relief funding package plans that are being developed to expend the funds. Finance must ensure that all expenditures using these funds are directly related to the pandemic, e.g., financial assistance for students, network connectivity, offset costs associated with revenue losses, etc. We have also been requests from the Academic Division for classroom modifications. When requesting to utilize COVID funding, it must be noted on each request. A Tribal College President is challenging one of the colleges' eligibility to receive BIE Education Stabilization Funds because they are neither BIE-operated nor funded. If they find that the other College is not eligible, it may impact IAIA's eligibility as well. We are working with our congressional offices and AIHEC to have the funds released.

5. New Mexico Legislative Session Update

The Legislative Session ends this week. IAIA's Capital Outlay funding level is still unknown regarding our request for an additional \$500,000 since LFC recommended only \$200,000. We have identified another funding source, if necessary, to complete the Research Center project. The reduced Tribal Colleges Dual-Credit Reimbursement Program funding has been restored to its original amount of \$262,000.

6. ATD Data Minute/ Pathways Council Update

Anita Gavin presented the following Data Minute question, "What percentage of the 21 Spring instructors are Adjunct Instructors?" "This includes Dual Credit and graduate courses." The correct answer is 77%; Ryan Flahive was the closest, with his response of 75%.

The Pathways Council chairs met with their coaches regarding priority projects for this spring. Anita Gavin met with Karen Gomez, Paul Moore, and Angelica Gallegos to discuss modifying and improving the Staff Advising Program and changing the program's name to something that feels more community-oriented. They will create guidelines for the staff advisors to follow and provide training on the new functions in Empower to capture student contact information.

Andrea Otero received news that one of her one-up pilot program students scored 94% on their Math 102 mid-term exam.

7. Admissions

Admissions has accepted 34 new freshmen and 30 graduate applicants, including two international students. The current FTE count is 68 for Fall '21. They are in the process of cleaning up student data and changing a student's status from accepted to non-responsive if they have not responded to their acceptance confirmation letters. Graduate students are confirming their acceptance for the fall semester. The deadline for the MFA Studio Arts application is April 15. With funding from AICF, Admissions has created a task checklist for high school students from the class of 2021 to complete when they arrive on campus; if they meet every task on the list, they will receive a \$1,000 award as an incentive.

8. Library Updates

The fall library hours are 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday, Fridays 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and Sundays 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM. They will we will continue to support online live chat reference and virtual instruction.

Library employees are working on the following collaborations.

- They provide library and open resources for the speakers in the Four Directions Projections webinar series with the IAIA Land-Grant Program on the library website at https://iaia.libguides.com/Four_Directions_Projections.
- Shoshana Vegh-Gaynor received a grant from the funding group: art + feminism; thus, with a free virtual IAIA Art + Feminism Wikipedia Edit-a-thon focusing on IAIA affiliated women artists, April 23, 1:30 PM–3:30 PM. The Wiki Edit-a-thon is a collaboration with faculty and classes.
- The IAIA Library and Kim Parko's Creative Writing classes are working on an oral history catalog project to record, preserve, and access student oral history podcasts.

9. Faculty Council Updates

The Faculty Council met on March 4; they discussed spaces and faculty needs to prepare for in-person classes for fall 2021. There were numerous curriculum approvals, including

a certificate for Broadcast Journalism. The sub-committees are working on the faculty handbook edits and updates.

10. Staff Council Updates

Staff Council met on March 16; Dr. Martin provided a COVID update; Melanie Kirby shared that the IAIA Junior Master Gardening Program has over 30 students participating throughout the country. The SSC offices will be staffed and open on March 22.

Madge Duus and the counseling team conducted an anonymous survey of student clients who received counseling during Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 to collect data on how to improve their services. They encouraged participation by awarding prizes and conducting a raffle. She will share the results during the next Advisory Council meeting.

Danyelle Means introduced the new In-Kind (non-cash) gift contribution form.

11. Announcements

The Fitness Center received new archery targets; Robert Orozco is working on getting a new deadlift platform installed.

Facilities completed an order to replace all the public bathroom fixtures on campus with touchless soap and towel dispensers and door openers. They will be working on an RFP to install solar panels on each building on campus, except the Hogan. They installed seven new tables with canopies around the dance circle and will be adding charging stations. Peter Romero is working on another RFP to install in a shaded covering for the cafe patio.

On March 19, the wheelwright Museum will present Indigenous Women: Border Matters that features a timely look at four Indigenous women artists M. Jenea Sanchez, Gabriela Muñoz, and two former IAIA students, Makaye Lewis (Tohono O'odham) and Daisy Quezada Ureña (Mexican American).

12. Closing Positive Note

Roanna Shebala will be graduating in May.

Adjournment: Dr. Martin adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 AM