

Institute of American Indian Arts
President's Cabinet Meeting
Virtual
Tuesday February 1, 2021 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Present:	Dr. Robert Martin, Angie Brown, Dr. Bill Sayre, Laurie Logan Brayshaw, Nena Martinez Anaya, Danyelle Means, Felipe Colon, Eric Davis, Paul Moore, and Larry Mirabal
Absent:	Patsy Phillips

1. Opening

Laurie Brayshaw provided the opening.

2. Opening Positive Note

- The judges received three mural submissions from three student groups suitable for the Recreation Center.
- Dr. Martin announced Bryson Meyers as this year's IAIA's Student-of-the Year sponsored by American Indian College Fund (AICF). He will send an announcement to the IAIA community.

3. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Martin introduced for consideration and approval the President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes of January 19. Eric Davis made the motion and seconded by Nena Martinez Anaya to approve the minutes. Larry Mirabal abstained. Motion carried.

4. February Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees Meeting on February 12 will start at 11:00 AM, followed by a Town Hall Meeting with the Trustees and Faculty at noon. Dr. Martin requires all Cabinet members to attend. Cabinet members should only report additional information not included in their Departmental Board Reports to avoid redundancies.

5. COVID Relief Funding

The White House has signed off on a fourth COVID relief package (CV4) for \$900 billion. From the 89% fund, IAIA expects to receive \$770,000. The Tribal College University (TCU) Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Fund is 82.1 million divided among all Tribal Colleges; IAIA's estimated share is about 2.63 million. The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) TCU Fund is 163.7 million of that, IAIA will receive about 4.7 million. Thomas Short Bull, President of Oglala Lakota College, objected to any funding going to Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, which may affect IAIA because neither institution is operated or funded by the Bureau of Indian Education. We expect to receive a letter from the BIE Director, Tony Dearman, stating they will withhold our funding. Carrie Billie, AIHEC President & CEO, is working to change the definition as included in the Higher Education Act language. The Department of Education and the Department of the Interior will announce COVID-related funding availability in the upcoming weeks.

6. IAIA Climate Action Plan

Dr. Sayre summarized IAIA's current Climate Action Plan goals and activities. He shared sustainability activities from the College of Menominee Nation and Santa Fe Community College campuses. IAIA aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by shifting from fossil fuels to an alternative renewable energy source. To date, we have not met the Plan'22 goal of a 5% reduction in greenhouse gas. Dr. Sayre stated the 2020 numbers would be down because of less business travel and commuting. He asked the Cabinet how they think IAIA should proceed and whether they should continue to work on reducing greenhouse gasses. He recommended a retreat for the Cabinet to determine the next steps. After further discussion, Dr. Martin will work with Dr. Sayre to update and simplify the plan to move IAIA forward.

7. ATD Data Minute

Dr. Sayre received a question about safe COVID practices and IAIA's policies regarding eating meals since the cafeteria is closed. Some students, faculty, and staff pick up their meals and consume them in the CLE foyer or the conference rooms and classrooms. After further discussion, the Cabinet recommended that faculty, staff, and students follow the social distancing guidelines for dining defined by the New Mexico Department of Health. Dr. Sayre will prepare a summary of recommendations for Dr. Martin's consideration. Dr. Martin will also confer with the other Tribal Colleges to see how they are managing this issue,

Dr. Sayre then presented the Data Minute question to the Cabinet, "Of the degree-seeking undergraduate and degree-seeking graduate students, 82 students left the Institution after Spring'20 and did not re-enroll in Fall'20. How many of the 82 students re-enrolled in another institution in Fall'20?" The correct answer is 9; Larry Mirabal answered correctly and received an Amazon Gift card.

8. AICF Grant Update

Since receiving the AICF-TRA grant, Felipe Colon has found hiring a remote IT Technology Assistance Contractor to provide 24/7 technical support is no longer required by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in Spring 2020. Further, it did not meet the institution's needs because faculty and staff are taking care of all requests during business hours. He submitted a budget adjustment request to AICF and received approval to remove non-essential elements and reallocate funds to other essential areas. IAIA can meet the IT and Distance Learning technology needs with its internal IT and Distance Learning staff.

9. SP21 On-Campus Student Update

There are 33 senior students on campus in the studios and fitness center. Academics see a significant increase in the number of students registering for hybrid courses from the mid-'80s to 132 total students on campus by March 22. Academic spaces, studios, and classrooms are allowing six students per room for social distancing. Only eleven students have dropped classes this Spring, which is the lowest count from any other semester.

10. Housing Update

There are 68 students in student housing and six in family housing. The overall count is down from last semester. There are still 3-4 students in quarantine and no reported COVID symptoms.

11. SP'21 Projected Enrollment

Admissions expected a decrease in enrollment from 5 to 12% for the 2021 Spring Semester. The Spring '21 FTE count is 405 as compared to 470 from Spring'20. They are expecting an increase in headcount as dual credit students continue to enroll. They received an AICF Grant of \$63,000 for new freshmen to support student enrollment and persistence towards an academic degree.

12. Announcements

- Dr. Sayre announced his retirement on May 21, 2021. Dr. Martin will send a formal announcement to the IAIA community
 - Updates to the College Catalog are due February 12.
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13. Closing Positive Note

- The Library of Congress reappointed Joy Harjo to serve a third term as the U.S. Poet Laureate.
 - The Albuquerque Journal featured Making History: IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts publication, including an interview with Patsy Philips in its January 30 article.
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Adjournment Dr. Martin adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:22 PM