

Institute of American Indian Arts
President's Cabinet Meeting
Virtual
Tuesday February 22, 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, Larry Mirabal, and Patsy Phillips
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1. Opening

Felipe Colon provided the opening.

2. Opening Positive Note

- The art on the cover of the Spring 2021 edition of the Tribal College Journal and page 8 is by IAIA student Bryson Meyers.
- The illustration featured on the February 22 Google Doodle is by IAIA Alumni Chris Pappan in celebration of the 145th birthday of writer, musician, teacher, composer, and suffragist Zitkala-Ša.

3. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Martin introduced for consideration and approval the President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes of February 1. Felipe Colon made the motion and seconded by Dr. Bill Sayre to approve the minutes. Patsy Phillips abstained. Motion carried.

4. February Trustees Meeting

During the February 12 meeting, the Board approved the 2019 Audit Acceptance Resolution. The audit was clean and unqualified. They also approved the FY'2020 First Quarter gift acceptance of \$5,211,614; the amount also includes the MacKenzie Scott donation. Lastly, they agreed to deposit 2.8 million into the IAIA endowment account.

IAIA is currently receiving Honorary Doctorate nominations; the Board recommended Dr. Jill Biden, First Lady of the United States, to be this year's Honorary recipient. Nominations are due March 1; this year, the Honorary Doctorate Nomination Committee is Larry Roberts, Bidtah Becker, and Andrea Burgess.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting in May will be virtual and include a Town Hall Meeting with the Trustees and Staff Council. The May 15 Commencement will also be virtual.

5. COVID Relief Funding

Nena Martinez Anaya and Scott Whittaker are distributing \$171,610 of student relief emergency funding to all degree-seeking students. The amounts students receive are determined by their enrollment status. Dr. Martin commended the enrollment and finance staff for expediting the checks to students.

Since IAIA and Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College are not operated or funded by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). Dr. Martin, together with Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College's President, and Carrie Billie, AIHEC President & CEO, responded to the (BIE) Director, Tony Dearman's letter on their eligibility to receive BIE funding.

6. New Mexico Legislative Update

IAIA will continue to seek support from legislative sponsors to restore \$500,000 to support the Research Center's construction renovation. The Legislative Finance Committee is requesting \$200,000 in Capital Outlay Funding whereas, IAIA initially requested \$700,000. IAIA will submit a \$500,000 request to increase capital outlay funding.

IAIA and three Tribal Colleges will share \$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%.

7. Land Grant Plan

Laurie Logan Brayshaw provided an update of the Land Grant Program. They have been growing fruits, vegetables, and flowers in the greenhouse and garden for the campus community and the IAIA café. They're delivering a virtual Junior Master Gardening Program for youth ages 5-17 and incorporating Native American concepts while sharing traditions. The team is working with the Continuing Education Department staff in developing workshops with Native American agricultural themes.

In the Land Grant Plan, they intend to expand their operations over the next three years. The expansion will include pollination with bats, bees and birds and increase planting across the campus. There will be physical and Educational activities on campus during the summer, which will assist with recruitment and retention while enriching the IAIA curriculum.

8. IAIA Climate Action Plan

Dr. Sayre shared the 2021 Climate Action Plan. The plan included possible measurable activities for each Department. He recommended all projects contain metrics showing a reduction in greenhouse gases. Paul Moore suggested eliminating bottled water on campus as an idea and have more water filling stations installed. Dr. Martin agreed and moved to eliminated bottled water on campus, the Cabinet asked that each Cabinet member continue with their projects and forward them to Dr. Sayre for discussion during the March 8 meeting.

9. Plan'22 Metrics Update

The current Plan '22 will need to include metrics for each project or use one of the five Plan '22 metrics recommended by Dr. Sayre. The five are retention, completion, persistence, student satisfaction, or student engagement. Cabinet members will update their work plans and add measures to a project to evaluate its success. Work plans are due in one month for review and further discussion.

10. ATD Data Minute

Dr. Sayre presented the following Data Minute question to the Cabinet, "What is the one-year retention rate for new freshmen admitted in Fall'19 that returned in in Fall'20?" The correct is 43%, Angie Brown answered the closest with 35%. Before the Pandemic, the rate was steady at 50%. They relate the drop in enrollment to the Pandemic.

11. Dome RFP

The evaluation of the RFPs for the Dome's construction is complete, and construction has begun. Work on the Dome should conclude by the end of March to start classes in the Dome.

12. Fall Academic Calendar

The Fall'2021 Academic Calendar is almost complete. The Department has agreed that courses will continue to meet in person for 8-weeks, and the second 8-weeks will be online. There will no longer be 8-week floating classes. In the event of a resurgence of the Pandemic, a contingency calendar is available.

13. Summer MFA Residencies

The Academics Department is planning for only online residencies during the summer. The exception is the graduation MFA residencies, who choose to do their residencies in person.

14. Spring 2021 Enrollment

FTE has decreased by 9%, from 470 in Spring'20 to 426 for Spring'21. Because of the Pandemic, the on-campus FTE declined by 82%, from 309 in Spring'20 to 56 for Spring'21. Enrollment headcount has increased

by 23% from 689 students in Spring'20 to 847 students in Spring'21; with the Continuing Education Program's help, headcount increased by 215 students.

15. Website/Social Media Stats

The stores received over 144 orders this month. The website is averaging 2.5 minutes per session; many visitors found IAIA through organic searches from the MacKenzie Scott Donation and NBC Universal Declaration. IAIA's Facebook now has over 29,000 followers, and NBCU Academy reached over 60,000 people. The Museum's Facebook page has over 16,000 followers and 123 new followers.

16. Announcements

Alumni Christine McHorse passed away on February 18, 2021, from COVID-19.

17. Closing Positive Note

Water bottles are available in Student Services.

Adjournment Dr. Martin adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:22 PM