

Institute of American Indian Arts
President's Cabinet Meeting
Virtual
Monday March 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, and Patsy Phillips, Aimee Balthazar (for Larry Mirabal)
Absent:	Larry Mirabal

1. Opening

Nena Martinez Anaya provided the opening.

2. Opening Positive Note

Paul Moore wished everyone a happy spring.

3. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Martin introduced for consideration and approval the President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes of March 8. Dr. Sayre made the motion and seconded by Nena Martinez Anaya to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

4. COVID Update

Dr. Martin shared the updated Department of Education Guidance with the Cabinet regarding allowable expenses for the COVID Relief fund. He shared that the document does not include construction as an allowable expense but does permit prefabricated or portable structures for storage or additional classrooms in an effort to maintain social distancing. The funds can be used to discharge student debt, not student loan debt, but IAIA has received \$2.3 million from the Department of Education MSI-TCU Fund and the 89% fund. The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) continues to withhold approximately \$4 million in equalization funds, which are in dispute because IAIA is not BIE operated or funded.

Nena Martinez Anaya has distributed over \$171,000 in emergency aid to students. Emergency Aid funds continue to exist through faculty and staff donations. The Johnson Foundation is providing \$3,000 toward emergency aid and food. In addition, \$5,000 is available from the American Indian college fund for emergency aid and food to stock the Pantry.

Thanks to the Indian Health Service, 50 – 60 faculty, staff, and students have submitted their documents to receive Moderna vaccinations at 10 AM, Thursday, March 25, Santa Fe Indian School Gymnasium. As an incentive, \$50.00 gift cards will be provided to students and employees who are vaccinated.

The Department of Health (DOH) will be on campus to conduct surveillance testing 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. Dr. Martin will wait for guidance from the state to determine when the campus will reopen.

5. New Mexico Legislative Session Update

The Legislative Session ended on Saturday, March 20. IAIA is on the Severance Tax Bond Capital Outlay list for \$250,000 to assist in funding the Research Center. This amount will bring the total funding from the state to \$950,000.

The reduced Tribal Colleges Dual-Credit Reimbursement Program funding has been restored to its original amount of \$263,000.

6. ATD Data Minute

Dr. Sayre presented the following Data Minute question to the Cabinet, "For new freshmen admitted for the Fall semester 2019, of those who earned a GPA of 3.5 or above in their first semester, what percentage remained into their sophomore year?" The correct answer was 74%; Paul Moore answered the closest with 73%.

7. Plan'22 Effectiveness Measures

Dr. Bill Sayre provided a template to the Cabinet to update their departmental Plan 22 Effectiveness Measures. He suggested when adding an effectiveness measure, it must be measurable and have a goal.

8. Niche.com

At a Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Board of Trustees meeting, a university case was discussed. During the evaluation, the university's website mentions that Niche.com ranked them as number 1 in the state, even though the Institution was in financial distress. Dr. Bill Sayre researched Niche.com and found that IAIA is ranked 201 out of 734 Best Colleges for Art in America; however, the rating is inaccurate. IAIA is an Art Institute and is unranked in academics. Overall, Niche.com is a for-profit that ranks schools, colleges, and neighborhoods. The company makes its money from advertising and charging schools to upgrade their profiles on their site. Felipe Colon suggested writing an article for the tribal college journal referencing how these systems inaccurately rank tribal colleges. The Cabinet agreed it is useless for IAIA to buy a membership to receive a higher ranking on their website.

9. Safety Committee Leadership

Dr. Bill Sayre and Sara Quimby are co-chairs of the Health, Safety, and Security Committee. They are recommending replacing Dr. Sayre, upon his retirement, with Bryan Fleetwood. Felipe Colon will reach out to Ryan Fleetwood and ask if he is interested. Sara Quimby will continue as co-chair.

10. USA Cycling HBCU/TCU Grant

IAIA has received a 3-year grant from EF Pro Cycling and Cannondale Bikes to be one of the inaugural three schools in their cycling program. The program provides HBCUs and TCUs with the financial support necessary to build successful cycling programs. IAIA will receive bikes, helmets, kits, trainers, mentorship, cycling guidance, content, and marketing support.

11. Withdrawal/Admission's Report

Nena Martinez Anaya shared a comparison withdrawal report from Spring 19 through Spring 21. The most significant withdrawals occurred during Spring 20, with 16, six in Spring 19, and three in Spring 21.

Admissions accepted 34 new freshmen and 30 graduate applicants. The current FTE count is 68 for Fall 21. New freshmen registering for the Summer Bridge Program will receive a \$1000 stipend as part of a new incentive program.

12. Museum/Stores Opening Next Level

The Museum Shop is open from 11:00 AM–4:00 PM, Wednesday through Sunday. They will open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday through Sunday, and expand to 50% capacity by March 31.

13. Announcements

- Placement testing will begin May 3 and extend through Sunday, August 20, to streamline student placement and registration processes. The staff is working with testing proctors creating a single canvas page to enroll students for their exams and provide test preparation materials.
- Finance is tracking and reporting on all COVID-related expenditures. If any department wishes to use COVID funding, they must note how their projects relate to the pandemic.
- Deb Haaland has been confirmed as the first Native American Interior Secretary.

14. Closing Positive Note

- The seniors are using Ortelia Interactive Spaces to record their Senior shows, allowing them to build their portfolios and promote themselves online and in galleries.
- Caps and gowns will be going out to the students. They are currently working on their graduation videos.

Adjournment: Dr. Martin adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:50 AM.