

**Institute of American Indian Arts**  
President's Cabinet Meeting  
Monday July 26, 2021 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

<b>Present:</b>	Dr. Robert Martin, Angie Brown, Laurie Logan Brayshaw, Nena Martinez Anaya, Larry Mirabal, Felipe Colon, Patsy Phillips, Suzette Sherman, Anita Gavin, and Jason Ordaz
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**1. Opening**

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Felipe Colon provided the opening.

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**2. Opening Positive Note**

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On July 23, Suzette Sherman toured the campus with Father Napier from Greenwich Village (NYC). He has a friend/donor interested in giving to IAIA. This donor sold a painting through a CA gallery and wants the \$70,000 to go toward scholarships for two Hopi students: one male and one female. In addition, she is working on her will and has an \$800,000 trust, which she also wants to leave to IAIA to support one male and one female Hopi student.

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**3. Approval of Minutes**

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Dr. Martin introduced for consideration and approval the President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes of July 12. Jason Ordaz made the motion and seconded by Felipe Colon to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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**4. August Board Meeting**

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On August 19, there will be a Trustee and Foundation Board Retreat - Building Capacity for Fundraising - CCS Consultants in the CLE Commons. Members of the President's Cabinet are invited but not required to attend, except for the Director of Institutional Advancement. The General Session will be in the LKN Board Conference Room.

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**5. COVID-19 Update**

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All of the Summer Bridge Students on campus received their vaccinations. There is a concern to separate vaccinated students from non-vaccinated students during the Fall 2021 semester. Depending on the spread of the Delta Variant, IAIA may need to transition back to online classes. Students registering for in-person courses will be placed on Dean's hold and released once they produce proof of vaccination or their approved exemption.

Dr. Martin is working with the Federal Department of Health and Human Services to provide weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing and administer vaccines in the Health Clinic.

This year's Convocation will be in person on August 26 in the gymnasium. Jason Ordaz will work out the technical details to live-stream the gathering, and masks will be optional.

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**6. Staff Updates**

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Interviews for the Director of Institutional Research have concluded. The committee has selected Mary Beth Worley from Dona Ana Community College, who will begin her position with IAIA in September. Anita Gavin will continue to serve as the Interim Director until Ms. Worley arrives.

Sharon Russell, the Administrative Assistant in the Office of Institutional Advancement, has resigned.

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**7. FA21 Class Updates**

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The total number of classes remains at 150. This summer, Academics is developing an ENGL101-1Up Program that will mirror the Math Program, which will allow students to enroll in college-level English courses. Based on the placement testing results, there should be eight students enrolling in the fall. In addition, they will add an AIHEC Basketball course.

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## 8. Vaccination Mandate Updates

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Two hundred nineteen students have pre-registered for classes, with 29 taking only online courses. Eight exemption applications have been received; six are for health reasons, and two are for religious or philosophical reasons. Students who received their first vaccine may attend in-person classes, wear a mask indoors, and provide -weekly test results until they receive their second vaccination.

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## 9. Academic Staff Changes

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Nami Okuzono, IAIA Online Learning Data Manager, is resigning her position on August 6, 2021. She has been instrumental in the success of the Online Learning Department and the continued growth of the academic programs. In the meantime, Felipe Colon is setting up an interim plan until they fill the position.

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## 10. Communications Update

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Jason Ordaz recommended changing the Marketing and Communications division name to Communications. MABU, the Marketing and Communications Consultants contracted by IAIA, supports this change as the best choice for, simplifying its branding.

Communication has wrapped up a photo session of 542 images for the auction and posted them on the website. In addition, the William Havu Gallery sent invitations to a Jeff Kahm Exhibit on August 6-September 18, 2021.

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## 11. Admission/Student Success Center Updates

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There is a decline in new Freshmen enrollment from 68 in Fall 2020 to 59 for Fall 2021. Overall, FTE is slightly up from Fall 2020, with 140 enrolled. The Summer Bridge Program has 23 students enrolled. Dr. Martin recommended adding Fall 2019 data for a better comparison. There will be a First-day Frenzy on August 16 to welcome back students. Staff is revising the alcohol and counseling policy and procedures.

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## 12. Exposure: Native Arts and Political Ecology Installation

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The Museum will host an opening reception of Exposure: Native Arts and Political Ecology on Friday, August 20, in the North Gallery.

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## 13. 2021 Virtual Scholarship Event and Auction Updates

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Institutional Advancement received the first \$75,000 installment of the \$150,000 endowed scholarship from Trish Foschi.

They have collected over 70 art pieces donated by Native artists and IAIA alumni for the Virtual Scholarship Event. All items are available for viewing on the website at [www.iaia.edu/bid](http://www.iaia.edu/bid). In addition, Suzette Sherman will send an invitation and link to the August 3 Meet the Artists event.

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## 14. Announcements

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Mass Interact, a Google trusted agency, will film 360° Google tours throughout the campus to replace the current virtual tours on the IAIA website.

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## 15. Closing Positive Note

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Jason Ordaz installed a drip irrigation system in his garden and used 160 gallons of water in addition to the rain.

### Adjournment:

Dr. Martin adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:10 pm.