

Institute of American Indian Arts

President's Advisory Council Meeting LKN Welcome Center – Boardroom

Wednesday, May 26, 2021
(11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Minutes

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

Opening

Jason Ordaz provided the opening.

Positive note:

Congratulations to Roanna Shebala on completing her MFA in Creative Writing.

Approve Meeting Minutes – April 14, President's Advisory Council Meeting

Dr. Martin requested a motion to approve the April 14 President's Advisory Council minutes. Russel Stolins moved to approve, and Jason Ordaz seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

COVID Update

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued updated guidance stating that vaccinated individuals may gather in most indoor settings without wearing masks. Effective immediately, the IAIA campus and Museum will follow this change in the current Public Health Order and will no longer require wearing a mask indoors or outdoors if fully vaccinated. There will be new signage to read "masks recommended" throughout campus as soon as possible.

BIE has determined that they will fully fund IAIA and Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College the COVID-19 relief funding. IAIA will receive approximately 4.2 million dollars and must follow the Department of Education guidance regarding allowable expenses for the COVID relief funds. Expenditures must relate to the pandemic, e.g., financial assistance for students, network connectivity, offset costs associated with revenue losses, etc. New construction is not an allowable expense, but prefabricated or portable structures are an exception for storage or additional classroom space. Using the funds to discharge student debt is acceptable, but not for student loan debt.

Board of Trustees Meeting

During the Town Hall Meeting with the Board of Trustees and Staff Council on May 14, the Staff Council recognized Leah Boss, Financial Aid, and Scholarship Advisor, as the 2020-2021 Staff person of the year. In addition, associate Professor of Creative Writing Kimberly Parko is the 2020-2021 Faculty of the year.

During the Board Meeting, the trustees approved the Gift Acceptance of \$1.78 million for the Second quarter from January 1 thru March 31, 2021. They also approved to increase the endowment by \$2.8 million from the MacKenzie Scott donation to be used as a match for the

\$1.34 million transfer from Title III funds. In addition, the Board approved the creation of the low residency MFA in Cultural Administration; the Academic division will submit a proposal to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) to request approval of the program for accreditation. The Board also approved a resolution requiring vaccinations for all students attending in-person classes, with an exception for medical, religious, or philosophical reasons. IAIA will require those granted an exception to wear a mask and test regularly.

Admissions Report

Admissions continue to accept and process applications for FA21; the deadline for submissions is July 27. The total FTE for FA21 is 110, with 49 new freshmen. In addition, they have accepted six students for the Summer Bridge Program. Recruitment is continuing virtually through zoom, online chat sessions, and by internet or telephone appointment.

Museum Update

Planting Seeds: Jewelry Trunk with Bazille Owen-Reese at the Museum Store is ending May 31. Both the bookstore and the Museum are currently hiring store Associates, one full-time and one part-time. The Lloyd Kiva New Gallery show will open on August 19 during Indian Market with Rebecca Kunz from the Tree of Life Studio.

The Museum has two new hires: Hank Cooper, the new Curatorial Assistant, and IAIA alum Patrick Bednark, the new Preparator Assistant.

Facilities installed new doors for the Art Park and windows for the second-floor conference room. In addition, Jason Ordaz is working on an alternative to increasing the internet connection speed at the Museum to prepare for the Scholarship event.

The four collaborative ceramic figurines by Kathleen Wall for the Scholarship Event and Auction will be on display on the first floor of the LKN Welcome Center.

Library End of the Year Report/Update

The library has two new librarians: Tianna Finney, Library Specialist, and Avi N. Wooten, Public and Technical Services Librarian. They have expanded their online services, adjusted work areas for social distancing, implemented live chat references and incorporated a zoom reference and a document delivery service. They also expanded their online collections to include a new video streaming service and new eBook platforms.

Faculty Council Update

Faculty Council met on May 18; Porter Swentzell and Kahlil Hudson will be on sabbatical leave. In addition, the following faculty received promotions; Kahlil Hudson, Associate Professor; Jessie Ryker-Crawford, Professor; Lara Evens, Professor; James Stevens, Professor; and Jeff Kahm, Professor posthumously. The updates to the Faculty Council handbook will be completed over the summer.

Counseling Services Update

The counseling team will work a reduced-hour schedule during the summer and is available via Telehealth, a confidential video platform; email and telephone will be used for those who do not have internet. The team is consulting with three New Mexico College Counseling Centers, UNM, NMSU, ENMSU, to create protocols for in-person counseling in the fall and following best practices and state guidelines. In addition, they will continue to promote themes on suicide prevention, substance abuse, and general mental health. The team is available at counselingteam@iaia.edu.

Staff Council Updates

Staff Council met on May 18 and discussed re-establishing Staff Committees, reviewing the staff handbook, and possibly scheduling a summer retreat.

Announcements

- Russel Stollins launched a pilot to test a unified help desk for online learning support.
- Association of College and University Educators and AIHEC are offering a new 6-week TCU Summer Faculty Development Course on Effective Online Teaching Practices, beginning June 21 and ending August 1, 2021.
- On May 18, the Land Grant Program received the "transported" honeybee colonies; located on campus behind the greenhouse.
- The Land Grant Program will meet with representatives from Fish and Wildlife to assist with land mapping for tree planting.

Closing Positive Note

Dr. Martin commended Jason Ordaz for stepping in as the Interim Director of Marketing and Communication while also performing his duties as Associate Director of Marketing and Communication.

Adjournment: Dr. Martin adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:03 PM.