

# Institute of American Indian Arts

## President's Advisory Council Meeting LKN Welcome Center – Boardroom

Wednesday, April 14, 2021  
(11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

### Minutes

<b>Present:</b>	Dr. Robert Martin	Jason Ordaz	Peter Romero
	Angie Brown	Leslie Romero	Roanna Shebala
	Aimee Balthazar	Madge Duus	Robert Orozco
	Anthony Coca	Mary Silentwalker	Ryan Flahive
	Delight Talawepi	Matthew Eaton	Russel Stolins
	Elissa Wheeler	Melanie Kirby	Sara Quimby
	Anita Gavin	Paul Moore	Tatiana Lomahaftewa-Singer
<b>Absent:</b>	Elizabeth Lucero	Jonathon Breaker	

#### 1. Opening

Delight Talawepi provided the opening.

#### 2. Positive note:

Mary Silentwalker has hired a new Admissions Counselor, Adrianna Tso.

#### 3. Approve Meeting Minutes – *March 17, President's Advisory Council Meeting*

Dr. Martin requested a motion to approve the March 17 President's Advisory Council minutes. Aimee Balthazar moved to approve, and Russel Stolins seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Leslie Romero and Matthew Eaton abstained. Motion carried.

#### 4. COVID Update

The New Mexico Department of Health will be on campus for COVID-19 surveillance testing, April 14, from 1:00 PM–3:00 PM, at the PFAC. Dr. Martin encourages all faculty, staff, and students to get tested.

The Santa Fe Indian School will host a vaccination clinic on April 16 at 9:00 AM in the gymnasium for those scheduled for their second shot. To date, 80% of IAIA staff are vaccinated. Santa Fe County is at the turquoise level, which allows for increased capacity; however, the campus will remain closed until the end of the semester. We will continue to practice social distancing and wearing masks.

#### 5. Commencement Update

The IAIA 2021 Virtual Commencement is scheduled for May 15 and will be streaming live on the website. In addition, student photographs and video presentations are due Wednesday, April 21, by 5:00 PM for this year's virtual commencement.

#### 6. Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is Friday, May 14, beginning at 11:00 AM. There will be a Town Hall meeting with the Staff Council at noon to discuss staff council priorities and concerns, followed by committee meetings and a general session.

#### 7. Staff Updates

Dr. Martin announced that Suzette Sherman is the Interim Director for Institutional Advancement. In addition, Peter Romero has tendered his resignation; Phil Cooney will be the Interim Facilities Director.

**8. ATD Data Minute**

Anita Gavin presented the Data Minute and asked, "In Spring 21, what percent of the students are in face-to-face classes (hybrid, eight-week accelerated, or 16-week standard), not including MFA or dual credit students?" The correct answer is 48%; Madge Duus was the closest, with a response of 47%.

The math DevEd is continuing to do well, and the Pathways Council wants to scale it up this fall and place DevEd English students into a college-level English class.

**9. IAIA College Catalog**

The 2021–2022 IAIA College Catalog is on the website and includes the MFA in Studio Arts, online learning, and other initiatives. The artwork on the cover is by Jeff Kahm and is a tribute to his memory. The inside cover is a dedication to the community who have suffered loss and hardship during the pandemic.

**10. Admissions Report and Upcoming Events**

Admissions accepted 83 applicants for Fall 21 with 46 new Freshmen. The Creative Writing MFA has 29 students planning to participate in the program. The deadline to apply for the MFA Studio Arts Program is April 16.

Admissions will host the following events for new and prospective students.

- Info Session, for Perspective students, April 27, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM.
- Info Session for Transfer Students, April 23, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM.
- Meet Current IAIA Students, April 22, 4:00 PM–5:00 PM.

For these and future events, visit the admissions website at <https://iaia.edu/admissions/>

**11. Store and MoCNA Updates**

Effective April 19, MoCNA store hours will return to 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday and Wednesday through Saturday and Sunday. Tickets for the museum are available for purchase online or in person. In addition, they are working on merchandise for the Linda Lomahaftewa exhibit.

The online store has processed 2,137 orders. In addition, Elissa Wheeler and Colin Fraser are working on a contest for a t-shirt design to promote student engagement. The students based the theme for the shirt on what inspired them to return to college. They are also working on student recommendation cards to get student input on the merchandise they should have available for sale.

**12. Peer to Peer Fundraising Event**

Alumni Council is hosting a fundraising initiative, "Walk to Graduation," a 5-k run/walk to help raise \$15,000 for Alumni Scholarships beginning April 26 through May 28.

**13. Counseling Services Update**

Madge Duus announced that they now have two new interns from Southwestern College. Natasha Martinez and Jacque Madsen are joining the counseling team and are working remotely. They have created a Zoom grief support group each Friday from 2:00 PM-3:00 PM. Information on the counseling staff and mental health resources are on the web at <https://iaia.edu/admissions/>.

**14. Faculty Council Chair Report**

Faculty members continue to mourn the recent loss of Jeff Kahm. The Curriculum Committee remains busy as they approve curriculum maps for the proposed MFA in

Cultural Administration. In addition, Mario Caro and the Studio Arts faculty will review student applications for acceptance into the MFA in Studio Arts Program.

Faculty Council and the Governance Committee are working on the Faculty Handbook to include a non-binary language statement and other changes. Matthew Eaton mentioned a concern about the Adjunct Faculty who leave IAIA and go to other Institutions and receive higher salaries. They will prepare a proposal requesting an increase in Adjunct Faculty compensation for the President's approval. Dr. Martin recommends including the Adjunct Faculty pay increase in the Handbook. Upon completing the Handbook, it will go to the Academic Dean and the President's Cabinet for approval.

**15. Staff Council Updates**

There were no updates to report from Staff Council at this time; the next Staff Council meeting is April 20, 2:30 PM.

**16. Campus Technology Plan Key Components**

Russel Stolins and Anthony Coca are working on a comprehensive campus technology plan. The goal is to provide a better system for technology upgrades and provide continued support according to the needs of our students and our community. In addition, they are looking at ways to determine how often to replace or rotate technology and programs and provide 24/7 support.

**17. Announcements**

- The Library will host an IAIA Art & Feminism Wikipedia Edit-a-thon, April 23, 1:30 PM -3:30 PM.
- Tatiana Lomahaftewa-Singer is installing a Memorial Exhibition of Jess Kahm's work at the Ells Science and Technology Building in the Robert and Barbara Family Collection Gallery.
- Student Life received about 17 applications for housing, and they are in the process of hiring Resident Advisors.
- Health and Wellness staff have completed the deadlift platform in the PAFC.

**18. Closing Positive Note**

- Visa gift cards are available to those who are fully vaccinated.
- The MFA in Studio Arts Coordinator interviews have concluded; they will soon select a candidate.

**Adjournment:** Dr. Martin adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:36 PM.