

Institute of American Indian Arts

President's Advisory Council Meeting LKN Welcome Center – Boardroom

Wednesday, September 1, 2021
(11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Minutes

Present: Dr. Robert Martin Henry Mignardot Nicole Lawe
Angie Brown Jonathon Breaker Roanna Shebala
Aimee Balthazar Leslie Romero Robert Orozco
Anthony Coca Madge Duus Russel Stolins
Delight Talawepi Mary Silentwalker Ryan Flahive
Elissa Wheeler Matthew Eaton Sara Quimby
Elizabeth Lucero Melanie Kirby Tatiana Lomahaftewa-Singer

Absent: Anita Gavin

1. Opening

Delight Talawepi provided the opening.

2. Positive note:

Land Grant is preparing to harvest honey. They also will be sharing apples and pears with the IAIA Community on Friday- September 3, 2021, from 12:00 PM -1:00 PM, in the Garden.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes – May 26, President's Advisory Council Meeting

Dr. Martin requested a motion to approve the May 26 President's Advisory Council minutes. Delight Talawepi moved to approve, and Roanna Shebala seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Matthew Eaton and Aimee Balthazar abstained. Motion carried.

4. August Board of Trustees Meeting

The CCS Consultants presented Building Capacity for Fundraising during the Board Retreat with the Trustees and the Foundation Board. After the presentation, both Boards recommended that CCS share their presentation with IAIA faculty and staff to discuss becoming ambassadors for the College and understand their roles in the fundraising process.

The Board approved the FY'22 Operating Budget for \$15,507,390, the Third Quarter Gift Acceptance of \$3,873.671, and the 2022 Board Goals.

5. COVID Update

eTrueNorth is providing weekly surveillance testing for COVID–19 intended for asymptomatic individuals. Everyone is encouraged to get tested and wear a face covering while in line and inside the clinic. Approximately 97% of in-person students are either vaccinated or in the process of receiving their second vaccinations; only a small number have requested an exemption. Today, September 1, there will be COVID testing beginning from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Dr. Martin is working with Sam's Club Pharmacy to schedule an on-campus vaccination clinic for those who have not received their vaccinations.

6. FY'21 Deadline

Finance is sending a reminder out to faculty and staff to close out the FY2021 budget. Purchase Orders (PO) are due Friday, September 3, 2021, by noon. Departments must receive items purchased from a PO before Thursday, September 30, 2021. Purchases on the Wells Fargo card made after Friday, September 24, 2021, will be considered FY'22 expenses. The deadline for check requests and invoices is Friday, October 21, 2021. They recommend not to make purchases between Tuesday, September 28, 2021, and Monday, October 4, 2021.

7. Museum Update

Tatiana Lomahaftewa encouraged Advisory Council members to see the exhibition, Exposure: Native Art and Political Ecology; it's on display through July 2022. In addition, the recent Graduate Art Market, held August 21–22, under the Museum's Portale, did well during Indian Market. The Annual Aspen Curator talks will take place on Tuesday, September 14. Then, on Wednesday, September 29, an Instagram take-over with one of the Exposure artists, followed by a Curator talk on Thursday, October 29.

Dr. Martin commended the museum staff on the coordination of the Gala Viewing party and the exhibitions.

8. Museum Shops & Store Updates

Admission numbers for the Museum on Friday, August 13, were a little under 500, Saturday, approximately 677, and Sunday just under 400 visitors, which is less than previous years. However, the free Museum admission in August played a part in the higher visitor turnout since the pandemic. Store sales were \$29,345 for the week, down \$1,200 from 2019.

Artist Rebecca Lee Kunz (Cherokee Nation) presented her latest work in a public opening Friday, August 20, that will run through Wednesday, October 20; in the first two weeks, she has sold out on over half of her shows.

The Bookstore's book pick-up is going smoothly. They are holding a t-shirt design contest to encourage students to participate and an item review campaign. Students who participate and provide feedback on the store's merchandise will receive 15% off school supplies.

9. Open House/Web Stats

The IAIA open house is Wednesday, September 29, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This year's event will be virtual and in-person. Submissions of presentations by faculty and students and demonstrations in the studios and classrooms are due Wednesday, September 8, by 5:30 PM. Before Open House begins, there will be the installation of the Mowatt Totem Crest.

10. Housing Update

There are 73 students on-campus, of that 65 are in the Residence Center, and eight families are in Family Housing. Sixty-nine out of the 77 Resident Center rooms are in use. Housing was working with Presbyterian Medical Services and met with staff and faculty to discuss providing childcare; however, they could not open the daycare because of staffing shortages. Overall, check-in went smoothly.

11. Counseling Services Update

September is Suicide Prevention Month; the counseling staff Madge Duus, Mila Anguluan, Eliza Combs and Natasha Martinez are available to address student concerns. Their contact information, office hours, health resources, and events such as Well Being through Art Expression are available at https://iaia.libguides.com/mental_health_resources.

12. Alumni Council/Gala Update

The Virtual Scholarship Event and Auction featured 73 works by 63 Native artists, grossing over \$450,000 in donations and art purchases. In addition, over 100 attended the meet the artist reception.

Forty-three Alumni attended the in-person IAIA Alumni luncheon with their families at the Museum, and over 83 alumni participated at Indian Market. They are working on the Social Media take-over to promote their artwork and are opening applications for artists to take over social media.

13. Faculty Council Update

There were no updates from Matthew Eaton, Faculty Council Chair. However, they continue to work on the Faculty handbook revisions to include gender-neutral pronouns. They hope to have it ready for Cabinet review within a month.

14. Admissions/Enrollment Update

Admissions are projecting 485-500 FTE for Fall 2021; from that total, they are also predicting 220-240 on-campus and 40-50 online. The new freshmen count remains low for Fall 2021, with 52, which is down from 74 for Fall 2019.

Admission recruiters are fully staffed and are ready to attend NM college fairs; in addition, they continue to hold virtual events due to the pandemic.

15. Library Update

The Library is improving its collections and has added publications on Therapy and Children's Books by Indigenous authors. In addition, Sara Quimby, Library Director, will send an instruction email to the IAIA community on accessing eBooks or the online journal database off-campus. The Library is currently open until 8:00 PM, Monday through Thursday, and has limited hours on Sundays.

16. Announcements

Throughout September, the Land-Grant Program beekeepers will take students, staff, and faculty on a guided tour through the campus beehives from 12:10 to 12:50 PM on Thursdays; veils and gloves will be available to those participating.

Continuing Education had over 240 students enrolled for Summer courses; the Fall course schedule will be available on the website by Friday, September 3.

17. Closing Positive Note

Admissions is offering five hyflex designed courses that are open and allow students to enroll either in person or online. In addition, they are using the meeting towers from the AICF grant to support the courses, build expertise, and socially distance classes.

18. Adjournment: Dr. Martin adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:10 PM.