

Institute of American Indian Arts
President's Cabinet Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022 | 11:00AM – 12:00 PM

Present:	Dr. Robert Martin, Nena Martinez Anaya, Laurie Logan Brayshaw, Felipe Colón, Jason Ordaz, Patsy Phillips, Suzette Sherman, Mary Beth Worley, and Renee White
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1. Opening

Suzette Sherman provided the opening.

2. Opening Positive Note

Jason Ordaz shared that the Santa Fe New Mexican's Sunday paper spotlighted a story about Jacqueline Yepa, the IAIA student of the year.

Dr. Martin spoke regarding the President's Cabinet meeting and agenda. The President's Cabinet meeting purpose is to do problem solving and to address issues of concern to the Institution as a whole. Each Cabinet Member should list specific items that need to be discussed, and that need input and response from the whole cabinet. Items that can be addressed and shared through email should be presented in that manner. This will facilitate keeping the Cabinet meetings focused on important issues and restricting the meetings to one hour whenever possible.

3. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Martin introduced for consideration and approval the President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2022. Mary Beth Worley made the motion to approve; seconded by Jason Ordaz. Patsy Phillips abstained from approving as she was not at that meeting. Motion carried to approve the minutes.

4. President's Update

COVID-19 Update: Twenty-four (24) people tested for COVID-19 last week and they were all negative. One positive case was tested off campus, but they had been isolating, so no one had to quarantine as they had no contact on campus.

The service agency that has been providing testing will continue testing in a limited fashion going forward. They discussed putting in vending machines that would dispense the tests that could be sent in for results.

The Federal Government is still funding COVID-19 testing through the HHS, so IAIA requested that they continue the current testing procedures at the beginning of the Fall semester and continue with once-a-week testing.

IAIA is currently testing twice a week and will keep doing that until at least the week after Spring Break. Everyone should encourage faculty, staff, and students to do surveillance testing to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Good News: Larry is representing IAIA at the AIHEC Legislative Summit in Washington D.C. and reported good news from the Department of Education Deputy Assistant Secretary, who announced that according to the language in the Omnibus appropriations bill, IAIA can use some of their COVID Relief funds for construction both on Campus and at the Museum.

5. Jane Goodall Event Update

The Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) wants to collaborate with IAIA enhance their work in Native communities with natural resources management, environmentally sustainable practices, and teaching traditional agricultural. JGI will give 5-8 mini grants of \$200.00 each to students that have gone through the Indigenous US Agriculture Program, formerly known as the IAIA Junior Master Gardener Program. In addition, a student internship is still being worked out with JGI.

The May 12 Jane Goodall | IAIA event will be in the IAIA Gym and use the same set-up as commencement two days later. The announcement is awaiting an okay from the JGI and Roots and Shoots communications team. Any dignitaries, VIP donor's names and contact information should be forwarded to Institutional Advancement.

Land Grant staff and students have been working on the gardens and trails so that people can walk around on campus and see all the wonderful things IAIA has to offer.

6. Student Services Update

Nena Martinez Anaya reported that the Dean of Student's Office is working closely with Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, Meow Wolf, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, and First Peoples Fund on internship opportunities for IAIA students.

Upcoming events include the March 23 Community Gathering, April 25th Ambassador Competition, and the April 28th Student Recognition & Awards, which may include the Staff/Faculty of the Year Award, as well.

There are 105 graduates from 2020-22 and they have been asked to bring two guests only with them. Board members, dignitaries and their guests plus faculty and staff will add up to and estimated 500 people present, which is the seating capacity in the gym.

Narcan training is scheduled for April 6 and the Cabinet, and their staff are invited to join the training. Narcan Training ensures that housing staff can identify when a student is overdosing on opioids.

Student Services is working to get a network for online counseling for students, faculty, and staff. There are only two full time and one part time counselor on staff and the students need more.

Admissions numbers have gone up from Fall 21 at the same time of year from 35 to 73, in part with the growth of the Graduate Program. IAIA will need to look at the support and involvement that all programs (graduate and undergraduate) are giving regarding admissions applications. The Higher Learning Commission will look at that when they visit in 2024.

7. Indigenizing Success Committee ISS

Mary Beth Worley reported that the committee discussed assessing what IAIA student goals are and how to tell if they are meeting their goals. This could be achieved by adding the question to the Empower application online.

An online student survey would help the Institute know where changes need to be made and address student satisfaction.

There was a lively discussion at the Faculty Council meeting on the Strategic Plan. Specifically, the Vision and Value section and value of reciprocity.

The AtD Coaches will attend the next Cabinet meeting and have presented some discussion questions.

Achieving the Dream, the Strategic Plan, and Indigenous Student Success all involve metrics, which should be called Key Performance Indicators, which is the standard language. The Cabinet should meet separately to discuss the current 'metrics' so that everyone is aware of and comfortable with what is being planned.

8. Academic Dean

Dean Colon reported that the Summer Fall listings will be entered into Empower between March 25th and 28th. The summer online offerings are robust this year.

Pre-registration starts on April 8. A survey about what students are interested in for the summer will be included.

MFA Summer residencies are set, MFA CW and Studio arts will be in person this year, however, MFA CA will be remote this summer.

There was a discussion regarding vaccine mandates and testing of summer students.

AICF will be visiting the IAIA campus May 21 – 25 to tour and see what IAIA has been doing with their funding.

The new VR in the Dome will be set up mid-April. There will be training on the Dome in the summer, anyone interested should plan on joining the training. The new virtual reality and virtual media studio set up should happen in mid-July and there will also be training for this. The Black Box will get a new lightboard installed in July, which will be closer to the new standard across the theater industry. New courses are being developed for the VR Studio and the new light board.

An attorney is working with IAIA to get an International Contractor Protocol set up for the college, specific to each country we might work with.

The Dean is working on a Chair Handbook and doing some academic restructuring regarding the financial accounting within the department.

Two students will be going to the Florence and Venice Biennale for a month.

The statement on non-binary language will be given out for the Community Gathering on March 23 along with a survey for feedback before the Institute can integrate the statement with how we write documents across IAIA.

9. Advancement Updates

Suzette Sherman discussed the sponsorship grid and the opportunities to provide recognition for sponsors at a high level.

Communications, Advancement, the President, and the Museum will come up with a one sentence response for any pushback the Institute receives regarding the new relationships with Neiman Marcus and any possible appropriation issues.

10. Museum Update

The campus needs to be involved with what the Museum is doing, and the Museum needs to be involved in what the campus is doing. A goal could be to get more support for the students from more faculty and staff for the senior exhibition at the museum.

There is a competition for two students to go to the International Council of Museums in Prague in August.

Sea Alaska would like to send an Intern to the Museum for six weeks in the summer. The position that normally oversees Interns is vacant presently, but Nena is covering that work temporarily and will work with the Museum to make sure that everything is taken care of.

11. Communication Updates

Communications has hired a writer, Rachel Harris-Huffman.

The Land Grant camera is streaming 24/7 on campus community garden and orchards and has a microphone.

12. Announcement

Dr. Martin announced that the TCU President's Summer Meeting in July will be hosted by IAIA. It would be great to have a reception at the Museum on opening day and to have the President's attend one of the MFA Creative Writing readings.

13. Closing Positive Note

Suzette gave the closing positive note that Ralph Loren will be giving IAIA a check for \$15,000 for a student in MFA Studio Arts. A pledge of \$50,000 was received from Estee Lauder Companies as a gift in memory of Richard Buckley.

Adjournment:

Dr. Martin adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.