

Institute of American Indian Arts
HYBRID President's Cabinet Meeting
Monday, May 22, 2023
(11:00 – 12:00 PM)

Notes

Absent: Suzette Sherman on travel, Danielle Murzynsky-Obiekwe joined Cabinet in her place.

1. Opening – Laurie Logan Brayshaw

2. Opening Positive Note

Patsy Phillips was at the American Alliance of Museums Conference last week as an incoming board member. The Ford and Mellon Foundations were at the Saturday reception, and she had good conversations with them.

3. Accept Meeting Notes for the April 24, 2023 President's Cabinet Meeting

Dr. Martin introduced for consideration and approval the President's Cabinet Meeting Notes of April 24, 2023. There were no corrections, deletions, or additions. Mary Beth Worley made the motion to accept the meeting notes, and Patsy Phillips seconded. Danielle Murzynsky-Obiekwe abstained. Motion carried to accept the notes.

4. Dr. Martin

Dr. Martin gave an overview of the Board of Trustees summer meeting which was May 11, 2023. The board approved two resolutions; the gift acceptance resolution and a proposal to name the docent and volunteer office in honor of Mary G. Ross. Larry Mirabal, Vice President of Operations gave the final training session. Todd Spilman, Anthony Coca, and David Tinley, our insurance broker, joined Larry to give finer details regarding security in each of their areas. Loren Kieve, the Board Chair, questioned if the insurance coverage was enough. Larry will meet with the insurance company and IAIA's counsel, and report their findings back to the board.

Dr. Martin asked if Mary Beth Worley would give an update on Achieving The Dream goals. It is time to come up with three goals for IAIA for the upcoming year. The Coaches would like to see IAIA scale up the One Up Program and the Summer Bridge Program. Scaling up these programs would mean more resources for gateway courses for English and Math. Dr. Martin asked Felipe and Larry to build resources for this into the budget. The committee decided that goals that indigenize pathways to success are Mental Health Awareness and supporting the Food Pantry. They are meeting again to finalize the third goal.

The MFA Creative Writing graduating class and Graduating Senior Presentations at the Board meeting were impressive. Loren Kieve and JoAnn Balzer along with Dr. Martin attended the inaugural hooding ceremony for the MFA Studio Arts graduating class. Dr. Martin attended MFA Creative Writing hooding, where Luci Tapahonso was the keynote speaker. Dr. Martin is asking Academics to coordinate events for graduation next year so that board members and donors can attend.

The Cabinet discussed the 2023 Commencement Ceremony held on May 13. The board thought that it was well organized. Jeffrey Gibson's keynote had a lot of positive feedback. The Valedictorian's comments were outstanding, Adensunset Levy was a dual credit student from the New Mexico School for the Arts. Attendance at Commencement and Pow Wow was one of the highest on record.

Dr. Martin asked the Cabinet to forward their list of summer work priorities by May 30.

Dr. Martin announced that his Sabbatical starts June 1 and ends July 31. Larry Mirabal will be the acting president.

5. Academics and Student Services –Provost Colon

Provost Colon reported that the Associated Student Government has new Representation for next Fall: Laura Ten Fingers was elected president, Sereya Taylor is the new vice president, and Rika Nelson is secretary/treasurer.

The Cabinet discussed Faculty and Staff hiring. There have been many interviews and follow-up presentations with candidates for several positions. The Dean's search has had five applicants, but four withdrew their applications. Ruby Troup resigned as the sculpture technician, which was a MACP-funded position.

The Chair of the Public Art Committee is currently Tatiana Lomahaftewa Singer. The committee work is very time-consuming and determines public art for the IAIA campus and MoCNA. It would be good to have a permanent full-time employee who can devote time to be the chair of that committee. Patsy Phillips recommends a Full-time curator for public art and the Balzer Gallery.

There was a discussion regarding Saturday as commencement day, not just because faculty are not attending and staff is not volunteering, but because there would be fewer conflicts with other institutions and their events.

6. Institutional Research - Mary Beth Worley

Mary Beth reminded everyone that the Quality Initiative is due June 1, and the next Criterion Chair meeting is May 23 at 11:00 a.m. The Quality Initiative is a requirement for accreditation and the focus is our approach to teaching and learning using an indigenous framework. Mary Beth asked the Cabinet to make sure it is outlined from an indigenous framework when they are reviewing it.

7. Communications – Jason Ordaz

Jason Ordaz announced that IAIA is sponsoring a film festival with SWAIA and Chris Eyre. *Get Indigenous* will be sponsored by us at the Violet Crown, with new episodes of *Dark Winds* and *Rez Dogs* and actors from both shows there on Thursday, August 17. We are also sponsoring the *Best of Show* on Friday afternoon of Indian Market and Robert Mirabal on the Plaza the Tuesday before.

8. Announcements

- The next Cabinet meeting is Wednesday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m. with Larry Mirabal as Acting President leading the meeting.
- Jontay Kahm's show opens Friday in the Lloyd Kiva New Gallery

9. Closing Positive Note

Patsy Phillips saw Shelly Lowe at the museum conference, and she is excited to host our November Board of Trustees meeting in Washington D.C.

Adjourned: 12:23 pm