

Institute of American Indian Arts

Virtual Advisory Council Meeting

**Tuesday, April 12, 2022
(11:00– 12:00 PM)**

Minutes

Present:	Dr. Robert Martin	Leslie Romero	Nicole Lawe
	Aimee Balthazar	Mary Silentwalker	Tatiana Lomahaftewa-Singer
	Anthony Coca	Matthew Eaton	Russel Stolins
	Anita Gavin	Melanie Kirby	Ryan Flahive
	Elissa Wheeler	Delight Talawepi	Sara Quimby
	Madge Duus	Nicole Law	Celeste Stokes
	Renee White	Teresa Quintana	Robert Orozco

1. **Opening – Melanie Kirby**
A moment of silence for the Ukrainians from Dr. Martin
2. **Opening Positive Note**

Melanie Kirby shared that the bees are waking up. New little bees were installed this last weekend. Darlene Anderson donated blocks for them to live in. The bees are called blue orchard bees, or bobs. They are very active for 6 short weeks in early spring when fruit blooms.

Darlene has also donated to support the collaboration between JGI and IAIA, which will focus on youth education. The Jane Goodall event is scheduled for Thursday, May 12 from 5-7 and Anna Rathman, the JGI CEO, will be joining us in person.

3. **Approve Meeting Minutes – *March 08, 2022* President's Advisory Council Minutes**

Dr. Martin requested a motion to approve the March 08, 2022, President's Advisory Council minutes. Delight Talawepi moved to approve, and Celeste Stokes seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Madge Duus abstained. The motion carried.

4. **The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Conference – Dr. Martin**

Dr. Martin reported on the Higher Learning Commission Conference that he and Mary Beth Worley attended. The Higher Learning Commission Conference is the best higher education conference in terms of covering issues in higher education.

Barbara Gellman-Danley used VUCA, an acronym for volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity to describe the landscape of Higher Education,

emphasizing that if Higher Education institutions don't become nimbler and more flexible, they could be among institutions that will be closing.

Equity and changing demographics were still the front and center issue. There is a new credential landscape of micro credentials, non-degree credentials and growth of providers outside Higher Education. Undergraduate enrollment is continuing to decrease; students can't afford to fund four to six years, so they are looking for training for a skill set required for current promotions or new jobs.

Arthur Levine wrote *The Great Upheaval, Past Present and Future*. After the Industrial Revolution, we are now in the Digital Age, and it is again a transformative time. He used the term digital natives, meaning current students and young people who grew up with technology and use it, then there are the digital immigrants, who have had to learn technology and not very adept at it. He reported that private businesses are getting degree granting authority from states for degrees in direct competition with Higher Education institutions. Higher Education needs to be responsive and more proactive before companies like Google and Microsoft take over what we do by doing it quicker and with more resources.

The IAIA CEU non-credit Program provides an opportunity to grow in that area. The Higher Learning Commission seems to be moving in the direction of assessing the quality of non-credit programs, and how will Higher Education ensure the quality of those programs.

Potentially, the Museum could offer classes or non-credit programs under the CEU program and increase their traffic.

5. **IAIA Resilience project** – Tatiana Lomahaftewa-Singer

Tatiana and Angelica Gallegos have been planning and organizing this project. The goal is to provide care for our environment, show resilience as a community and use art and space to help reflect emotion, trauma, loss, grief and other pandemic emotions.

It was part of a larger nationwide project through a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, the Center for the Study of Religion, and the City at Morgan State University.

The 18 member team of students, faculty and staff decided to create a community written poem, a community mural in the library, and an alumni art exhibit to be completed at the end of April, with an opening reception April 28 or 29. The whole IAIA community is welcome to help paint the mural.

6. **Institutional Research Update** – Anita Gavin

Data Minute

Anita presented the Data minute and asked the group, "In the Spring of 2022, there are 224 Undergraduate course sections, that includes dual credit courses, how many sections of continuing education courses does IAIA have scheduled for

Spring 2022?” There was a three way tie among Russel Stolins, Elissa Wheeler, and Nicole Lawe, who were the closest. The tiebreaker question was, “How many of those sections are dual credit?”. Elissa won with 38.

Dr. Martin added that there is concern in the Higher Education community about the quality of non-credit offerings. This will be on the agenda at the June Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees meeting. This was followed by a discussion of how that quality could be measured.

Report submittals and Strategic Plan

Institutional Research has been submitting data reports for the HLC update to IPEDS. Enrollment reports are submitted monthly to the National Student Clearinghouse.

Post secondary data has been submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse, which will compare us to other TCUs and small art colleges. This comprehensive data will give us several dashboards to benchmark IAIA with other similar schools.

The Indigenizing Student Success committee had a focus group with 8 students that was a big success.

The Strategic Planning Committee has updated the strategic plan and the Cabinet will finalize the version on April 25 before it is presented to the Board of Trustees to vote on and approve at the May 13 meeting.

7. End of Semester Counseling update – Madge Duus

Madge updated the Council with information from the counseling team, who are doing prevention tabling events once a month. This week’s event is Thursday, May 14 during the noon hour.. It focuses on risk reduction and mental health. There will be giveaways and promotion of counseling. There is on average 40 people at the tabling events. The next one will be a summer give-away event on April 29 to help students go into finals week in a good way, with self-care items purchased through a grant that IAIA received.

The counselors partnered with ASG for a Self-Love Paint and Pizza party, where there were about 60 attendees. They partnered with the library for the Welcoming Spaces Project. They are also partnering with an organization for free tele-health services that will be open to students, faculty, and staff to help meet the counseling needs of online students as well as on campus and in New Mexico area. The counseling team at IAIA can see student names, but not faculty and staff names.

8. Jane Goodall Event, May 12 – Nicole Lawe

This will be a VIP Invitation only event that will be livestreamed May 12 from 5-7 p.m. in the gym. There will be tours of the gardens. There is the potential to reach 2.4 million people through the JGI social media channels.

9. **Commencement and Pow Wow** – Mary Silentwalker

All event information is on the Website. Mary went over the schedule in more detail for Commencement. The community was encouraged to volunteer to help with all of the events on Saturday. Student vendors will be selling artwork around the Dance Circle.

The committee is finalizing the Honor Pow Wow details. The IAIA community is invited to the lunch and then to attend the Pow Wow, which is a noncompetitive fun event with healing songs, and reflections to acknowledge all we have gone through and encouraging healing to move forward.

10. **Admissions Report** – Mary Silentwalker

The admissions numbers continue evolving as we get closer to Summer and then Fall 22. We are actively recruiting, and have added a new recruiter to the IAIA team on April 18. A new student success advisor is joining the team in May.

11. **Announcements**

- Mary Silentwalker reported that we hope to schedule a live art table at the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow booth to use as a marketing tool as well as promote our programs.
- The ILS department is working to formally renew the Carnegie Math Project Relationship
- Ryan Flahive reported the Alumni Voices monthly lecture series is starting on 4/27, in which different alumni will talk about their student experiences with other students, faculty, and the community.
- Mary Silentwalker announced the in-person return of the Alpha Chi Induction Ceremony scheduled for April 19.
- Melanie Kirby announced a documentary screening, *Inhabitants*, April 18, scheduled in the evening in the auditorium on campus. Dr. Michael Johnson will be doing a livestream also.
- Melanie also introduced the new staff council chair, Teresa Quintana.
- Teresa announced the Staff Council meeting is occurring later this afternoon. There was a question about how the Staff Council budget works. Delight recommended providing Dr. Martin with a proposed budget. Dr. Martin thanked Teresa for her leadership.

12. **Closing Positive Note**

Delight noted that her 19 year old grandson is headed to Turkey to help support young Ukrainians.

Dr. Martin adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:15 pm