

**Institute of American Indian Arts  
Hybrid Advisory Council Meeting**

**Monday, March 1, 2023  
(11:00– 12:00 PM)**

**NOTES**

**Dean Teters, Anita Gavin, Mary Silentwalker, Ryan Flahive, Elizabeth Lucero, Danielle Murzynsky-Obiekwe, Dr. Martin, Renee White, Aimee Balthazar, Joe Tompkins, Nuttaphol, Elissa Wheeler, Melanie Kirby**

**1. Opening – Danielle Murzynsky-Obiekwe**

**2. Opening Positive Note**

The AIHEC Student Conference is rapidly approaching and should be an amazing event.

The Museum of Contemporary Native Arts was voted number 3 in the nation by USA Today.

**3. Approve Meeting Notes – November 30, 2022, President's Advisory Council Notes**

Dr. Martin requested consideration for approval of the November 30, 2022 Presidents Advisory Council Notes. Ryan Flahive moved to approve the notes, Elizabeth Lucero seconded. Abstained: Danielle Murzynsky-Obiekwe, Mary Silentwalker, and Dean Char Teters.

**4. AIHEC Student Conference in March– Dr. Martin**

Mary Silentwalker reported that IAIA will have about 40 students competing; some in several events. Forty-six students are attending with some serving as volunteers. Dr. Martin said that there should be many volunteers attending from the staff and faculty. Encourage your co-workers to go to the AIHEC website to sign up to volunteer. The event needs volunteers to give directions, fill bags, and assist in all kinds of areas.

SIPI, Haskell, and IAIA will be responsible for the first day. Secretary Stephanie Rodriguez will speak and Shannon Hooper will sing the National Anthem in her language and offer the opening prayer. Carrie Billy will welcome everyone and do a remembrance for our Tribal College Presidents lost during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Keynote speaker is Migizi Pensoneau, IAIA MFA Creative Writing alum, who is the writer and producer for Reservation Dogs.

**5. March 10 & 11 Board of Trustees Meeting - Dr. Martin**

Dr. Martin discussed the Board of Trustees agenda and meetings happening next week. He also gave a shout-out to Aimee Balthazar and Larry Mirabal for another clean audit.

**6. Data Minute – Anita Gavin**

What is the new freshmen retention rate from Fall 21 to Fall 22? Craig Thompson won a Bookstore Gift Certificate with 70%.

The answer is 72% for new freshmen and 68% for transfers and new freshmen.

**7. Institutional Research & Strategic Plan Update – Anita Gavin**

Anita reported that Daniel Zamora from Online Learning is helping Institutional Research two days a week with Empower. The current focus is on a degree audit for the Registrar and Empower so advisors can more easily use it. Institutional Research will have a common email address for the faculty and staff to send requests to Mary Beth Worley, Anita Gavin, and Daniel.

The Higher Learning Commission will conduct an onsite evaluation team visit March 4-5, 2024. The Steering Committee members will be reaching out to the community for evidence of compliance for the five criteria.

Empower had a three-day outage system-wide. They assured IAIA that it was something that happened in the Cloud to all subscribers.

**8. Deans Report – Charlene Teters**

Dean Teters reported that student issues usually appear around mid-terms, but so far, things are calm. Dean Teters announced a new staff person, Melina Petroski, the new assistant to faculty who moved from the position of program assistant for Dual Credit classes. Melina is also cross-training with the Registrar's office.

The Dean's office is gearing up for graduation, which will include the inaugural graduates for MFA Studio Arts, getting ready for Fall pre-registration, book adoptions, and a visit from CalArts.

**9. Student Reports – Mary Silentwalker**

Mary Silentwalker reported on the projected enrollment of 100 FTE dual credit students, not including Bernalillo and Espanola.

**10. Staff Council Report** Melanie Kirby

Melanie Kirby reported that the staff council is developing a budget for professional development, staff appreciation ideas, and staff training to present to the President, but there haven't been many meetings this semester. There will be nominations for new executive leadership at the next meeting.

The Beekeeper's Association reached out to IAIA for support on a Pollinator Protection Plan for New Mexico. Melanie reported that she went to the Round House for the presentations.

**11. Faculty Council Report**

Craig reported that the Faculty is working on organizing a working retreat to make a few changes and updates to the faculty handbook. The Standards Committee is working on feedback for programs for students.

CPR and active shooter training are part of upcoming training that will be offered. Dr. Martin suggested that this be campus-wide training.

Five faculty members are applying for an increase in rank.

**12. Announcements**

Danielle Murzynsky-Obiekwe announced that Advancement has new online donation software that just went live.

Renee White announced that the Santa Fe Indigenous Center and New Mexico Department of Health have scheduled a booster clinic today for the Omicron vaccination.

Mary Silentwalker announced that Sereya Taylor was one of three scholars selected from the nation to attend the Achieving The Dream Conference. She will also be competing for Ms. AIHEC at the Student Conference.

**13. Closing Positive Note**

Melanie Kirby announced that 4 inches of snow are expected tonight.

Ryan Flahive announced that the Research Center construction should be completed in a month.

Adjourned at 12:03 p.m.