

Institute of American Indian Arts
Hybrid Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
(11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
Notes

Out of Office, unable to attend

Nena Martinez Anaya

Melanie Kirby

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Chelsea Napper

Eliza Combs

Anthony Coca

1. **Opening** – Elizabeth Lucero
2. **Opening Positive Note**
Russel Stolins mentioned that summer is almost here! Water levels are up everywhere in New Mexico and the monsoon season started 6 weeks early.
3. **Approve Meeting Notes – March 1, 2023, President's Advisory Council Notes**
Dr. Martin requested consideration for approval of the March 1, 2023, President's Advisory Council Notes. Ryan Flahive moved to approve the notes, Mary Silentwalker seconded. Nicole Lawe abstained. The notes were approved.
4. **Update on May 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting**– Dr. Martin discussed the main action items at the May Board of Trustees meeting. The Board approved a resolution naming the Museum Docents and Volunteers Room in honor of the Mary G. Ross Docents. The Gift Acceptance Resolution was approved to support scholarships, the endowment, general donations, and museum memberships.

Larry Mirabal provided Trustee training on Enterprise Risk Management. He gave the board an overview, Todd Spillman covered safety and security issues, Anthony Coca covered cyber security issues and David Tingley, the IAIA insurance broker presented.

Graduating Seniors had lunch with the board and did impressive presentations on their work and showed lots of enthusiasm for IAIA.

The Achieving the Dream coaches did a presentation and emphasized the **One Up** and **Bridge** programs and the need to scale both up. Dr. Martin asked Provost Colon to report back what kind of additional resources and support are needed to scale these programs. The Bridge Program needs to increase to fifty-plus first-year students to provide a head start on navigating the campus and succeeding in the gateway classes.

The MFA Creative Writing graduates met with the board. They shared information regarding their stories and how much they have learned from colleagues and mentors, shared future plans, and their publications in process.

The MFA Studio Arts Program held a hooding ceremony in the Hogan; it was packed with families and friends; Jaune Quick-To-See Smith gave the keynote.

Aimee Balthazar asked if the board was planning to schedule only one day meetings of committee and general sessions in the future. Dr. Martin reported that it has been proposed that the committee hold their meetings before the board meeting and have meetings with students and staff during the board session.

5. **Commencement and Pow Wow** - Dr. Martin & Mary Silentwalker

Dr. Martin thanked those who served on the Commencement Committee for their service and great work. There were lots of positive comments from parents and staff at the ceremony.

The live streaming and graduating student photos were professionally done and Jeffrey Gibson's keynote address was impressive.

Mary Silentwalker reported that everything came together very well, especially regarding the changes in location because of the weather.

The gym was crowded, and the question came up as to whether more people could be accommodated if the bleachers were to be pulled out and some chairs taken away. There were many people in the lobby and those who sat on top of the bleachers, and some were standing in front of the bleachers. People standing were happy to stand and be present rather than go to another room for livestreaming.

The Pow Wow also had a smooth transition from Commencement in the gym. Facilities staff members, and volunteers executed that quickly. IAIA accommodated 51 vendors through the auditorium lobby and gym. They were pleased to be there and did well.

Dr. Martin said that a concern he heard was the question of where many of the faculty and staff were that day. There were several scheduling conflicts taking place during the week of commencement; hopefully, in the future, greater numbers will be present to celebrate with the students. Dr. Martin asked everyone for recommendations for increasing faculty and staff attendance and participation.

6. **Summer Activities** – Dr. Martin asked the President's Cabinet members to submit their summer priorities and activities by Tuesday. He will be on a 2-month sabbatical during June and July, awarded by the Board of Trustees. Dr. Martin notified the Advisory Committee that Larry Mirabal, Vice President of Operations, would be the Interim President during his absence.

7. **Data Minute** – Anita Gavin presented the Data Minute and asked the group: "*In 23SP IAIA served students from 92 tribes. The Navajo Nation had the most students represented (54). What is one of the next 4 top tribes represented?*" Teresa Quintana answered with Apache.

8. **Institutional Research & Accreditation Update** – Anita Gavin gave an update on the Institutional Research reports, most of which have been turned in for the year; there is one more due to the Higher Education Department for the IAIA Enrollment Data.

The Achieving the Dream Coaches visited and discussed with the student success committee their goals for the coming year: mental health, improving the Food Pantry, cleaning up the data in Empower so that students are taking the right courses, and continuing scaling up the Bridge and One Up Programs.

The Higher Learning accreditation criterion meetings are progressing, and the evaluation team will be at IAIA in March of 2024. A draft of the assurance argument will be completed by the end of the summer.

9. **Online Learning, Data Administration needs of IAIA** - Russel Stolins gave a report with his conclusions and examples. Data Administration controls access to data that staff, faculty, and students need to function effectively and efficiently. An example would be contacting students to find out what their internet needs were during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Russel concluded by saying that IAIA needs a more intentional approach and one individual in charge of a campus-wide perspective of the IAIA data administration needs to make sure we are serving our students, faculty, and staff as well as possible.

Dr. Martin remarked that IAIA has a capacity-building grant from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation that will be implemented this summer to look at the integration of our data software systems.

10. **Student Reports** – Mary Silentwalker gave an Admissions report that was current as of May 10, 2023. Total accepted applications are 145 with 64 new Freshmen, 20 transfers, 43 graduate students and 3 readmits.

There are an estimated 30 to 35 students enrolled in the summer bridge program. A State of New Mexico grant was received to set establish Micro Pantries across campus, along with the Main Pantry remaining open. The grant allowed the Student Success Center to hire two student workers to organize the new pantry structure. A partnership between IAIA and Santa Fe Food Depot was created to reduce costs for pantry food items that are delivered on a weekly basis.

Dr. Martin remarked that the IAIA Foundation Board would like to explore how they can support the Student Pantry. He requested that a representative contact Advancement and go to one of their next meetings.

11. **Facilities and Operations Update** – Paul Dykan reported for Vincent Kaniatobe, who could not be present today. The heat pumps for the dorms are still on order, so the contractor is looking at a temporary fix to keep rooms cool for the summer students and conference guests.

The CLE HVAC and air handler parts are back ordered and scheduled to arrive in July, the Hogan lighted concrete pathway is nearly complete, and the Research Center HVAC system upgrade parts also were delayed. Supply chain issues are causing the delays.

The Facilities Department is preparing for a thorough cleaning of the dorm rooms for the summer conference guests and also to create a good experience for the students. Campus landscaping is being looked at to make sure that the company that contracts with IAIA is doing what needs to be done for the right aesthetics on the campus.

12. **Library Updates** – Sara Quimby gave the Advisory Council an end-of-the-year Library Update. See attached PowerPoint.
13. **Staff Council Update** – Teresa Quintana reported that at the last Staff Council meeting staff were inquiring about CPR Training. They are planning a small retreat for the staff. They are working on the Staff Council Budget.
14. **Faculty Council Update**- Ryan Flahive reported for the Faculty Council. Craig Tompkins is no longer the Chair of the Faculty Council and there was no one elected before the end of the school year. There will be an election at the beginning of the school year to fill that position. There were two Artificial Intelligence statements adopted, specifically for generative AI, that will be added to the academic integrity section of the course syllabi. An Indigenous assessment of the IAIA class evaluation process is ongoing. The Faculty Handbook is still undergoing edits.
15. **Academics** – Dean Char and Elizabeth Lucero gave a hiring update.
16. **Announcements**
Elissa reported that the bookstore is doing a cleanup after graduation and Pow Wow weekend, This Friday, Jontay Kahm has an opening at the store with 20 new pieces. Students will be doing Friday popups every Friday through the summer. The American Indian College Fund's Denver EATTS is scheduled in three weeks with more room for both more and larger IAIA student artworks. The New York EATTS did \$8,000 in student sales.
17. **Closing Positive Note**
Dr. Martin asked Danielle to tell the Council about the inaugural relaunching of the President's Circle last night at the Folk Art Museum. It was an Alaskan Parka exhibition curated by IAIA alum Melissa Shaginoff. Golga Oscar, another IAIA alum, also has a parka in the exhibition. Melissa provided remarks and Golga closed the program remarks with a song. Dr. Martin said that the Advancement Team did a great job organizing this President Circle event.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m..

