

**Institute of American Indian Arts**

**Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2017, 2017  
11:00 AM- 12:00 PM  
LKN Welcome Center Boardroom**

**Attending:**

Dr. Robert Martin  
Anthony Coca  
James Mason  
Chee Brossy  
Anita Gavin  
Stephanie Martinez  
Valerie Nye  
Mary Silentwalker  
Brian Fleetwood  
Blue Tarpalechee  
Jason Ordaz  
JoAnn Bishop  
Joannie Romero  
Tatiana Lomahaftewa-Singer  
Aimee Balthazar  
Jeminie Shell  
Lara Barela  
Delight Talawepi  
Russel Stolins  
Bill Sayre  
Regina Clauschee

**Not Attending:**

**Guests:**

Lucy Ordaz

The Meeting began at 11 AM.

Dr. Martin called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM

1. Opening—James Mason  
James gave the opening.
2. Opening Positive Note  
JoAnn Bishop, Health, Wellness & Fitness Department, reported that we received a Running Strong Grant from the Billy Mills foundation. Also, two basketball teams from IAIA are competing in a Santa Fe Community College tournament.

Delight Talawepi, Assistant to the Dean, reported that Dean Charlene Teters and faculty members are attending the College Arts Conference (check with delight on name of conference) in New York City, February 14, 2017. Dean Teters is one of the recipients of the Art Lifetime Achievement award from the Women's Caucus for Art this year.

3. Approve January 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes  
Meeting minutes approval was postponed until next meeting.
4. AIHEC Winter Meeting—Dr. Robert Martin

Dr. Robert Martin reported that IAIA students, Del Curfman and Valerie Serawop made excellent presentations to our congressional delegation at the AIHEC Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C. They were eloquent and articulate; told moving stories about their experience and how IAIA has positively impacted their lives.

Dr. Martin and IAIA student representatives met with both Senators Udall and Heinrich and Representatives Lujan-Grisham; were both very supportive. Senator Udall suggested that meetings with Republican Senators and Representatives Should be scheduled. A member of Congressman Don Young's staff also met with Dr. Martin and also is supportive.

Dr. Martin also met with the Senate Indian Affairs Committee minority and majority staff. The majority staff person indicated a priority will be infrastructure, Larry Mirabal, CFO, James Mason, Facilities Director, and Laurie Logan Brayshaw, Director of Sponsored Programs, are compiling a list of IAIA's infrastructure needs and will send it to AIHEC.

Dr. Martin also reported the Senate Interior Appropriations Bill includes full forward funding for IAIA, and the House appropriations committee will probably be supportive if there is a continuing resolution for all of FY 17 forward funding would not be included. There are also concerns that Title III funds may be cut, or moved from mandatory to discretionary programming. Additional funding for TCU Land Grants programs is also a priority. We are funded at a much lower level than the 1862 land grant universities, which is discriminatory.

Due to Tribal Obligations, AIHEC is asking for exemptions from across-the-board cuts including sequestrations. All Tribal funding also would be included. There is non-partisan support for Native issues in the US Congress. One rumor is that to pay for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, Congress may impose a 20% across-the-board cut in domestic programs.

Senate Interior Appropriations staff who work with Senators Udall and Senator Murkowski are very supportive and that during the full transition to the new administration it's important to understand what the administration's priorities are and to be present as much as possible on the Hill and advocate for TCUs needs.

Darren Benjamin, Majority staff for the Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations, will be here next Friday with two other majority staff members. They will be visiting with the Indian Health Service and other federal programs, and then take a tour of the IAIA Museum and campus.

5. Performing Arts and Fitness Center Update—James Mason

James Mason reported that the steel framing was installed this morning. Building is a few days ahead of schedule. Block walls are being put into place. The Superintendent is prepared to host an informal tour if the Board of Trustees is interested.

The building will include 80- 320-watt solar panels, which will save us about \$2,500 per year in electricity costs. The Worcester Polytechnic Institute students who visited last fall developed the specifications for the solar installation. The whole system is scalable and modularized; renewable energy is in all our future projects.

6. Housing Update—Blue Tarpalechee

168 students are in on-campus housing, 134 students in the residence hall and 34 in family housing. All but one of the 24 family housing units are occupied. One family just moved out last week, and we will go to our waiting list to fill it, if possible.

There are 77 rooms total in the residence hall with a theoretical maximum occupancy of 154 assuming each room is a double with two beds. There are four RAs, 2 on the first floor and 2 on the second, occupying four rooms as singles. There are 2 ADA rooms and one room is kept empty for flexibility and emergencies. Those arrangements bring the total occupancy down to 146, and 136 is pretty close to full capacity. There are more ADA students filling more than just the two rooms. We are also accommodating single room requests.

35 new students expressed interest in residing on campus, but 18 didn't show. 13 students from Fall 2016, moved off campus, and 7 students moved out during the first few weeks. There have been 9 disciplinary incidents, some of which were serious.

7. Enrollment update—Mary Silentwalker

Mary Silentwalker, Admissions and Recruitment Director, reviewed the Spring 2017 enrollment report that Nena Martinez- Anaya recently completed. 707 students are enrolled with an FTE count of 490. There are 342 dual credit students in the high schools.

8. Staff Council—Russel Stolins

Russel Stolins reported 25 staff members will join the Board of Trustees for lunch on Friday. Their next meeting will be held at the Museum, which will happen once or twice a year. Participants will also be able to see the new exhibits.

Tatiana Lomahaftewa-Singer and JoAnn Bishop are planning a Staff Retreat for the second week in June. Russel Stolins will report to Dr. Martin in detail about what plans and logistical arrangements will be. There is no budget for this event.

9. Faculty Council—Porter Swentzell

Porter Swentzell reported Faculty Council is working on a major update to the Faculty Handbook, which was last revised in 2014. Approved policies and procedures need to be implemented into the Faculty Handbook.

Progress was made during the in-service at the beginning of this semester. A Professor Emeritus/Emerita policy has been approved, but is not mentioned in the Handbook.

A new course evaluation process has been drawn up by the Faculty Development and Concerns Committee and submitted to the Council.

An Academic Division re-organization proposal has been approved in spirit by the Faculty Council to. Presentations have also been presented to the Presidential Cabinet.

The Summer Bridge program has been revamped. The dates this year are July 10 to August 4, 2017. Programming is more in line with a typical summer bridge program, focusing on student retention and completion. This concept was brought up and supported during the Persistence and Completion Academy's retreat last March. Jennifer Love is the new coordinator.

The Scholarship Dinner keynote speaker this semester is Kim Blanchard, an attorney from New York City and a board member of American Indian College Fund. She's funded the faculty of the year awards at IAIA and other TCUs. A luncheon with her and past faculty of the year awardees is being planned. Ms. Blanchard also funds Full Circle AICF scholarships. Kim Urish, Major Giving Officer, American Indian College Fund will also be in attendance.

Delight Talawepi reported that President's and Dean's list recipients will be honored at a separate event from the Scholarship Dinner. A pizza luncheon is planned this semester. Council members were asked to forward any suggestions for future celebrations to Delight Talawepi.

Chee Brossy, Alumni/Constituent Relations Manager, reported that the Alumni Council is meeting next Friday. Their agenda will address how they can help with the gala and fund raising; contacting artists whom they think may be interested in donating. Each Council member is holding events within their own regions around the country.

The Alumni Council is interested in seeing an alumnus appointed to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Martin pointed out, the President of the United States makes those appointments, and the process is very complicated. Karl Duncan requested to be put on agenda at the Board of Trustee meeting. Dr. Martin approved request and advised Mr. Duncan to submit report when due that would be included in the board packet.

10. Announcements

JoAnn Bishop reported that a Zumba Love-A-Thon will be held at the Hogan that evening at 6:30 PM.

The Scholarship dinner is Thursday. Check in is at 5:00 pm, and the program starts at 5:30 pm. The group photo will be at 5:00. Individual photos of students will be taken, too. A total of 534 awards will be given to 262 students with \$519,000 funds total.

On February 17, 2017 at 12:30 there will be a Brown Bag presentation at the IAIA Museum.

Therapy dogs are returning to the Library on March 3, 2017 from 1PM to 3 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Valerie Nye and Bill Sayre will be preparing our Higher Learning Commission (HLC) assurance argument due July, 2018. They reviewed the current process. There is a new electronic platform for gathering documents that will provide evidence that we are meeting the criteria.

11. Closing Positive Note

Russel Stolins and his wife are approaching their tenth anniversary. They have fostered 70 children over 10 years.

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM.