

**Institute of American Indian Arts**  
**Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 8, 2017**  
**LKN Welcome Center Boardroom**

**Attending:**

Delight Talawepi  
Anthony Coca  
Anita Gavin  
Stephanie Martinez  
Valerie Nye  
Mary Silentwalker  
Jason Ordaz  
JoAnn Bishop  
Tatiana Lomahaftewa-Singer  
Aimee Balthazar  
Jeminie Shell  
Blue Tarpalechee  
Lara Barela  
Russel Stolins  
Dr. Robert Martin  
Regina Clauchee

**Not Attending:**

Joannie Romero  
Brian Fleetwood

**Guests:**

Dr. Martin, President, called the Advisory Council Meeting to order at 11:02 am MST.

1. Opening

Anthony Coca, IT Director, gave the Opening for the meeting.

2. Opening Positive Note(s)

Russel Stolins, Instructional Design & e-Portfolio Manager, reported that the Staff Council meeting at the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts (MoCNA) was a success, and plans to have at least two meetings a year at the MoCNA in the future.

3. Approve Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Lara Barela, Financial Aid Director, moved to approve the meeting minutes; Russel Stolins, Instructional Design & e-Portfolio Manager, seconded the motion; There was no further discussion. Dr. Martin called for a vote; all in favor – 14; opposed – 0; abstained – 0

The Advisory Council approved the January 25, 2017, meeting minutes.

Anthony Coca, IT Director, moved to approve the meeting minutes; JoAnn Bishop, Health, Wellness & Fitness Director, seconded the motion; There was no further discussion. Dr. Martin called for a vote; all in favor – 14; opposed – 0; abstained – 0

The Advisory Council approved the February 14, 2017, meeting minutes.

4. Board of Trustees Actions - Dr. Martin

Approval of Resolutions:

- Resolution 2017-#003 – 2017 Honorary Doctorate Recipient
  - Approved the nomination of Linda Lomahaftewa to receive the Honorary Doctorate Degree of Humanities at the May 13, 2017, IAIA commencement ceremonies.
  - Discussion regarding the other honoring's for Ms. Lomahaftewa:
    - Press Release by Eric Davis forthcoming
    - April 26, 2017: Honoring at Community Gathering

- Honor Song at IAIA Commencement powwow
  - Featured in Spring Appeal Campaign
  - Faculty Emeritus of IAIA- Academic Division
- Resolution 2017 - #004 Allred Naming
  - Approved the proposal to name the Theater Green Room in honor of Charmay Allred.
- Resolution 2017 - #005 Davis Mayo Naming
  - approved the proposal to name the Concessions Stand: In Honor of Laurel & Raven Davis-Mayo.
- Resolution 2017 - #006 Kieve-Blum Naming
  - Approved the proposal to name the Dance Studio A: Barbara Davis Blum Dance Studio Given by Anne and Loren Kieve and IAIA to honor her 22 years as a Trustee.
- Resolution 2017 - #007 Morris Naming
  - Approved the proposal to name the Dance Studio B in honor of Michael and Beverly Morris.
- Resolution 2017 - #008 Ells Naming
  - Approved the proposal naming the West Entrance Gathering Circle in honor Barbara Ells and Robert Ells in celebration of the generosity of the other 2016 Trustees: JoAnn Balzer, Bidtah Becker, Barbara Davis Blum, Cynthia Chavez Lamar, Deborah Goodman, Princess Johnson, Sonya Kelliher-Combs, Loren Kieve, Brenda Kingery, Kristine Miller and Barbara Ells.
- Resolution 2017- #009 Balzer Naming
  - Approved the proposal to name the Lobby Corridor Gallery in honor of JoAnn and Bob Balzer.
- 2017-#010– 1st QTR. Gift Acceptance
  - 1st Quarter (October 1 – December 31, 2016) Gifts of \$ 1,836,143 \$ 319,286 Scholarships & Endowments; \$ 10,137 General Donations & Gifts In Kind; \$ 1,506,720 Grant Proceeds and Temporarily Restricted Gifts; Board of Trustees concurred with the recommendation of the President and accepted said gifts
- 2017-#011– Tuition Incentives Relative to Retention/Completion
  - Concurs with the recommendation of the President and adopted recommendations 2 and 3 from the document “Fiscal Strategies to Improve Student Retention and Degree Completion”
- Resolution 2017 - #012 Audit Acceptance
  - Concurred with the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and accepted the audit for Fiscal Year 2016

During the Board meeting, each new Trustee discussed impressions of their first meeting. They were impressed with the level of IAIA staff professionalism. Dr. Martin commended the Cabinet and staff for their diligent efforts.

Charles Galbraith and Lawrence Roberts are both in the Washington, D.C area and are willing to approach Congress and advocate on behalf IAIA.

Dinner at the Shed honored Barbara Blum and Sonya Kelliher-Combs with a Pendleton blanket for their service to IAIA.

Dr. Martin added Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Board Meeting actions to the agenda. Actions included the following:

- Review of the accreditation criteria will begin in the fall, which is required every five years.
- Approved on first reading of a Fraud and Abuse Policy.
- Approved a revised policy for teach-out for students when an institution or institutional program is closing. This is the first reading and proposed change will go to membership for comment.

- First reading for clarifying that an institution may be placed on Notice when it is the collective judgment of the peer review team that it is in danger of being out of compliance for either the assumed practices, accreditation criteria or federal compliance requirements.
- Policy regarding change of control or structure requests. Before the HLC can consider a change of control or structure request, the pre-acquisition letter from Department of Education must be received. Also discussed was lawsuits filed by institutions against HL. If the lawsuit is unsuccessful, legal costs will be incurred by institution filing legal action.

Darren Benjamin, Senior Staff, House Appropriations Committee, U.S. House of Representatives, accompanied by Jackie Kilroy and Kristin Richmond, two subcommittee staff, visited the campus on February 24. The group visited the museum, toured the campus and met with students. Mr. Benjamin was optimistic regarding FY 17 funding.

5. Johnson Scholarship Foundation Site Visit - Dr. Martin

Visit to review IAIA's management of the Johnson Scholarship Foundation funds will be Friday, March 10, 2017. The Johnson Foundation provides IAIA Business and Entrepreneurship Program students approximately \$30,000 a semester. Johnson Scholarship consultants stated that at some point in the future that our funding may become an endowed scholarship.. IAIA students will be included in the site visit. Steve Fadden will be representing the Academic Division in Dean Teters absence. Dr. Martin also requested that Laurie Logan Brayshaw attend the meeting. Former American Indian College Fund (AICF) president, Richard Williams, and Sherry Salway Black will be representing the Johnson Scholarship Foundation.

6. Staff Council Update – Russel Stolins

Staff Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2017 was held at Museum of Contemporary Native Arts and staff had a tour.

The Staff Council Executive Committee met on Tuesday, February 20, 2017 and discussed the Staff Retreat. Russel Stolins is planning on presenting a budget to President Martin for consideration.

7. Faculty Council Update – Porter Swentzell

The Faculty Council reported the outcomes of the Educational Standard Committee (ESC) meeting. The committee is conducting an inventory of classroom needs that identified missing furniture and classroom equipment that was either missing or damaged. The ESC will submit a request for Strategic Unmet Priority Needs. This is a one-time budget to request outside the normal operational budget process..

8. Announcements

- AIHEC Student Conference, March 18-21, 2017, Rapid City, SD
- President's & Dean's List Luncheon, March 15, 2017 12 PM-1 PM, CLE Commons

9. Closing Positive Note

Valerie Nye, Director Library, reported the March 3, 2017 the Southwest Canine Corps of Volunteers brought four therapy dogs back to the IAIA library to hang out with students, staff and faculty for a couple of hours. It was a huge success and helped with the stress level of mid-terms for the IAIA students.

The President adjourned the meeting at 12:03 pm MST.