



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
NORTHWEST

Board of Advisors' Meeting
February 26, 2014

Future Meeting Dates

- May 7, 2014; September 17, 2014

Chair/Executive Committee Report

- Executive Committee Resignation & Nomination
 - F.C. Richardson, an Executive Committee (EC) member, has resigned from the Board of Advisors (BOA). Unanimous Board of Advisors approval for Gavin Mariano to replace Richardson on the EC.
- Board Vacancies
 - In addition to F.C. Richardson, Tom Collins has also resigned from the BOA.
 - Unanimous BOA approval for David Wilkinson, President at Strack & Van Til, to be appointed to the BOA. Wilkinson will be named to the BOA, pending approval by the IU Board of Trustees.
- Honorary Status
 - BOA Chair Garry Aloia and Chancellor William Lowe proposed naming F.C. Richardson an Honorary BOA member recognizing his long-standing service and commitment to IU and IU Northwest.
 - The recommendation received unanimous BOA approval.

Issues & Initiatives: Proposed Board of Advisors Committees & Sign-up

- The EC has discussed ways to further engage the BOA and their expertise in ways that will have significant campus impact, and lead to greater opportunities for IU Northwest students. Each BOA is asked to join one, or more, of the below committees:
 - Social & Cultural Engagement Committee – Focus: To encourage the BOA to become more engaged, visible attendees at campus activities, encouraging socialization among the BOA.
 - Experiential Learning & Internships Committee (*Supported by Student Affairs & Career Services*) – Focus: To discuss obstacles students face in securing and completing internships, and how the BOA can be instrumental in creating internships that are more accessible and attractive to students.
 - Philanthropy & Fundraising Committee (*Supported by University Advancement & External Affairs*) – Focus: To develop philanthropic and fundraising priorities the BOA can support that are in tandem with campus and students' needs.
- Committees will meet regularly and will provide updates at BOA meetings.

Chancellor's Update

- IU Northwest Board of Advisors webpage
 - A BOA webpage has been developed. The page is not live, but can be viewed for review and feedback at the [test site](#).
 - Unanimous BOA approval on the page. All BOA meeting summaries, such as this, will be publically accessible from the webpage.
 - The site will launch as soon as BOA feedback is received, and has been populated with copy and photos.
- Revised IU Northwest Strategic Priorities
 - The revised and approved [IU Northwest Strategic Priorities](#) was provided. The recent revision added the priority 'Student as Future Citizen is an essential component of student success'.
 - Chancellor Lowe explained the word 'future' was extensively debated. The rationale is that by earning an IU degree students are further propelled to be active citizens due to the Indiana University academic experiences, connections and intellect.

- The campus's Strategic Priorities frame the strategic thinking for the IU Northwest campus and is aligned with IU's *Principles of Excellence* and the *Blueprint for Student Attainment* for the regional campuses.
- It was suggested the Strategic Priorities be posted on campus, much like the campus's Mission Statement.

Spring Semester 2014

- Enrollment Highlights:
 - Enrollment for the spring semester is higher than what was experienced during the spring 2013 semester.
 - The spring 2014 semester follows the campus's all-time enrollment high experienced during fall 2013.
 - IU Northwest is working to maintain moderate enrollment growth moving forward.
 - With enrollment numbers high, a focused campus priority is student retention and degree completion.
- Arts & Sciences Building:
 - The planning of the recently approved academic building, temporarily named 'Arts & Sciences' building, is moving rapidly. Campus administration expects to see renderings in March. The renderings will be shared with BOA in the coming months.
 - The building will span most of a city block, east of Broadway, making it a significant construction project, and signature building in the City of Gary and throughout Northwest Indiana.
 - The building will include a state-of-the-art theatre, art studios, classrooms, smaller meeting areas and conference rooms. It will house art and science-related curricula for both IU Northwest and Ivy Tech.
 - The building will serve the educational needs of students from both institutions, strengthening the partnership between IU Northwest and Ivy Tech and enhancing the transfer-student pathway.
 - The construction of the Arts & Sciences building will result in the loss of campus parking. The upcoming demolition of several buildings on the campus's perimeter this summer will account for roughly 60 percent of the spots that will be lost. IU Northwest is currently exploring additional ways to increase parking.
- The IU Northwest Lady RedHawk's basketball team had a record-setting 22-8 regular season and is in the playoffs.
- The May BOA meeting will be in the Savannah Center's Gallery for Contemporary Art, which will feature the Spring Student Art Show, highlighting the work of select Fine Art students.

IU Northwest Board of Advisors Purpose

- Unanimous board approval of the BOA Purpose:

"Our purpose as the Indiana University Northwest Board of Advisors is to be an active conduit for the sharing of IU Northwest information to the Northwest Indiana community and from the community back to IU Northwest, to help the campus to provide programs and services that support academic success for the region's diverse student population. As representatives of the Northwest Indiana community, we will accomplish this by actively participating and collaborating with the leadership at Indiana University Northwest, to develop strategies that mutually benefit the community and the campus."

Upcoming Campus Events and Opportunities

- **"The Miser" by Moliere:** March 27 – 30 & April 2 – 5 at Arts on Grant
- "Women Helping Women: Honoring Student Volunteer Leadership" featuring Laurie Burns McRobbie: April 1 at IU Northwest (*BOA will receive an invitation*)
- The Chancellor's Commission for Community Engagement: April 2 (*BOA will receive an invitation*)
- **48th Annual Commencement:** May 15 at Genesis Center (*BOA will receive an invitation*) ###