



INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
NORTHWEST

**Board of Advisors' Meeting**  
May 7, 2014

**Future Meeting Dates**

- September 17, 2014; November 12, 2014; February 25, 2015; May 6, 2015; September 16, 2015

**Chair/Executive Committee Report**

- Welcome new Board member David Wilkinson
  - IU Board of Trustees (BOT) approved David Wilkinson, President of Strack & Van Til and an IU Northwest alumnus, as the newest member of the Board of Advisors (BOA).
- Board Resignation & Nomination
  - With Tom Collins' resignation from the BOA, the Executive Committee (EC) proposes Sylvia Collins.
  - Sylvia earned a bachelor of science in education from Indiana University Bloomington, and a master of science in education from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. She is a member of the IU Women's Philanthropy Council and the IU Northwest Chancellor's Commission for Community Engagement. Sylvia and her husband, Tom, have generously contributed to IU, including the creation of The Sylvia Doyne Collins Education Scholarship.
  - Unanimous BOA approval for Sylvia. She will be named to the BOA, pending approval by the BOT.

**Board of Advisors Committees**

- Board Social & Cultural Engagement Committee (Reported by John MacLennan, Chair)
  - Board members recently attended the Festival of the Dance, hosted by the IU Northwest Dance Company. All agreed this was a premier event showcasing the performance dance and vocal talent of IU Northwest students.
  - Future BOA events may include attending a RedHawks' basketball game, Homecoming festivities (November 1), or attending a presentation by a campus guest speaker.
- Experiential Learning & Internship Committee (Reported by Sharon Johnson Shirley, Member)
  - Vanessa Allen has agreed to chair this committee.
  - The committee has established their mission, goals and future plans. Committee members want a better understanding of why students are not applying for internships. The committee will be conducting surveys and exploring ways to turn students' current jobs into internships.
- Philanthropy & Fundraising Committee (Reported by Cal Bellamy, Chair)
  - Nancy Hamblin has agreed to co-chair the committee.
  - The committee, along with the support of the Office of Development, is working to create a culture of philanthropy on the IU Northwest campus. BOA's support is needed by providing financial contributions, as well as providing names of individuals to be considered as prospective friends of IU Northwest and donors.

**Chancellor's Update**

*Parking passes for BOA members for the 2014/15 academic year were provided. Please contact Kathy Malone for your parking pass.*

- IU Northwest Board of Advisors website
  - The [BOA website](#) was presented.
  - Unanimous BOA approval. The site is set to launch ASAP.
- Board of Advisors presence at 2014 Commencement
  - Chancellor Lowe thanked the members of the BOA who will be attending the ceremony. For those who ordered Commencement gowns, they are available for pick-up. Please contact Kathy Malone.

- Arts & Sciences Building
  - The planning of the recently approved academic building, temporarily named 'Arts & Sciences' building, is moving ahead. IU Architects Office expects to see renderings by late May, and receive the Board of Trustees approval in June. 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 has very much been a part of the planning for the City of Gary's University Park Plan. Once erected, the Arts & Sciences building will serve as a cornerstone for redevelopment in the area.
  - 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.
- Tamarack Green Space Project
  - IU is currently working with a consultant on the overall design of the campus's Green Space, with many of the design recommendations coming directly from two undergraduate students who envisioned what the space might look like through a class project.
  - The current vision includes more attractive laneways, trees, a dry streambed and an open air pavilion.
  - The project, estimated to cost \$2 million, will be done in phases, with funding coming, when possible, from campus resources, but mainly from individual donors.

**Presentation: University Advancement & External Affairs (UAEA)**

- Presentation by Jeri Pat Gabbert, Vice Chancellor for UAEEA
- The department consists of Alumni Relations, Marketing and Communications, Special Events, and Development.
- Over the last year and a half, significant campus resources have been invested into UAEEA, including operating support, staff and employee benefits.
- The team has developed strategic priorities, which closely align with the campus's strategic priorities, and is working hard to create a culture of philanthropy on the campus.
- The team has made significant progress in all areas, with strategic decisions and processes driving all work.
- Significant fundraising gains have been made in the last 18 months. The team looks forward to keeping up the momentum.

**Upcoming Campus Events and Opportunities**

- [48<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement](#): May 15 at Genesis Center
- [Gallery for Contemporary Art](#) Spring & Summer exhibits
  - May 12 - 30: All Campus Student Exhibit
  - June 9 – July 3: Valerie Taglieri, Cloud Paintings
  - July 14 – August 8: Corey Hagelberg, Woodcut Prints

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