



INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
NORTHWEST

**Board of Advisors' Meeting** \* November 11, 2015

**Future Meeting Dates** (*all meetings are 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.*)

- February 24, 2016; May 4, 2016; September 14, 2016

**Chair/Executive Committee Report** (Nancy Hamblin)

- Acknowledgement of Phil Eskew, IU Trustee and Colonel in the Indiana National Guard Reserve, who attended the Veterans Day meeting in full uniform.
- Members were asked to consider volunteering for committees and asked to rank their interests.

**Board of Advisors Committee Updates**

- **Experiential Learning & Internship Committee** (Vanessa Allen)
  - The next committee meeting is 3 p.m., Nov. 30 in Library Conference Center.
  - The Office of Career Services has recommended 6-10 employers/recruiters to participate in a focus group, in order to find out what employers are looking for in candidates and gauge whether they are interested in creating internships for our students who are already working there.
  - At the upcoming meeting, the Office of Career Services will provide an update about its strategy to highlight an “Intern of the Month”, to spread awareness of internships, as well as provide statistics, including the number of internships completed for 2014 and an update for 2015.
  - Chancellor Lowe announced that the newly created Lowe Experiential Learning Scholarship to support a student internship was recently awarded to the first student, who is currently working at Sojourner Truth House in Gary.
- **Philanthropy & Fundraising Committee** (Jeri Pat Gabbert)
  - The Professional Clothing Drive was a success, with at least 314 clothing items collected during Philanthropy Week in October. A special thanks to Cynthia Powers and Powers & Sons Construction who donated “truckloads” of clothing, and to Sylvia Collins as she brought in 19 hangers of clothes prior to the meeting.
  - Sharese Dudley from the Office of Career Services will manage the ongoing distribution and collections for the clothing closet. In January, the office will commence more formal outreach to students. It was noted that there is a great need for donations of women’s clothing in sizes 12-20.
  - IU’s Bicentennial Campaign, “For All,” an ambitious \$2.5 billion campaign, has been launched. All campuses will participate in the comprehensive campaign and IU Northwest will kick-off our efforts at the Chancellor’s Medallion Celebration. The BoA will have an ongoing role in supporting the campaign.
- **Social & Cultural Engagement Committee** (John MacLennan)
  - The committee is anticipating an upcoming event on March 25, 2016 and urged attendance by the BoA.

**Chancellor’s Update: Recognition**

- Chancellor Lowe expressed appreciation for the Professional Clothing Closet initiative which began modestly, but now has upwards of 574 items.
- Despina (Amanatidis) Liaskos, President of Alumni Association, joined Chancellor Lowe in presenting a Distinguished Alumni Award to Garry Aloia. Garry received the award the previous Saturday at Homecoming, but could not attend the reception. Aloia is credited, among other contributions, with establishing a business alliance which connects the School of Business to leaders of local businesses.

**Campus Presentation: Philanthropy Week 2015**

**Jeri Pat Gabbert**, *Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and External Affairs*

- **Background:** In 2014, the campus kicked off Philanthropy Week, to educate the campus community about giving back to IU Northwest and the impact philanthropy has on our students. To rally awareness

in a fun and engaging manner, the UAEA team, along with Instructional Media Services, debuted a series of videos. The team repeated the success with the 2015 campaign.

- This year's goals were to raise \$10,000 from at least 330 donors. That goal was exceeded. In addition, the Athletics Department's KanJam, tournament collected more than 800 pounds of food.

### **Chancellor's Update:**

- President Michael McRobbie visited Northwest Indiana and the campus on Nov. 12. BoA members were invited to listen in on a call-in between McRobbie and the Northwest Indiana Chambers of Commerce.
- Regarding the interest expressed about teacher preparation and shortages at the September meeting, this discussion will be taken up again in the future, after the release of expected reports, including one by the Blue Ribbon Committee, appointed by IU, on reimagining education.
- The Arts & Sciences building is progressing swiftly, with the foundation in place and steel beams going up.
- The BoA is asked to submit ideas for topics to cover at upcoming meetings of the Chancellor's Commission on Community Engagement. Potential ideas being considered so far: The Gary Chamber and *Northwest Indiana Times* partnership on the Civility Counts initiative; and the importance of the arts in economic and community development.

### **Campus Presentation: One Book ... One Campus ... One Community**

**Crystal Shannon**, Assistant Professor of Nursing and Committee Chairperson

- The common read for the 2015-16 One Book ... One Campus ... One Community ... Reading Initiative is *Operation Homecoming: Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Home Front, in the Words of U.S. Troops and Their Families*, Edited by Andrew Carroll.
- The program, originally launched in 2006, is intended to build intellectual and social rapport among the campus community through the collective experience of reading, thinking about and discussing challenging ideas and themes that raise important social issues, especially those surrounding issues of diversity.
- Each year, ideas are solicited for the "One Book" selection, voted on by the campus and announced at a spring event. Ideas for next year's book will be solicited beginning in mid-December or early January, voted on by the campus community and announced March 25, 2016.
- Organizations and schools in the greater community are invited to participate in the initiative, thus expanding the conversation. For example, this year, representatives from the Veterans Life Changing Services and other community groups are part of the committee.
- This year's events calendar includes discussions of topics related to military service. Discussions are typically held once a month. A number of activities took place on Veterans Day.
- This year, the committee is encouraging individuals in Northwest Indiana to share their own stories, for a local compilation much like *Operation Homecoming*, which is an anthology of writings and stories by those serving in the military, veterans and their families. The NWI stories will be published with the authors' permission and shared at the March 2016 author event.

### **Upcoming Campus Events and Opportunities**

- One Book ... One Campus ... One Community ... Events:
  - Book Discussions: 12 p.m., January 28 and February 18, 2016, Gallery for Contemporary Art
  - Writing Workshops: February 11 and 18, 2016, Hawthorn Hall, Room 418
  - "The Invisible War: Women in the Workplace," March 10, 2016, Time and Place TBD
  - Visit by Author Andrew Carroll, and accompanying events: March 25, 2016
    - Book Discussion on the Future of America's Military, 11 a.m., Gallery for Contemporary Art
    - Presentation/ Publication of collected stories/ narratives, 12 to 1 p.m., Bergland Auditorium
    - Dramatic Readings from text, 3 to 4 p.m., Bergland Auditorium
    - 'Operation Homecoming' Author speaks to campus, 4 to 5 p.m., Bergland Auditorium
- IU Northwest Commencement: Thursday, May 12, 2016 at the Genesis Center in Gary.