



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
NORTHWEST
Board of Advisors' Meeting
May 4, 2016

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

- September 14, 2016; November 9, 2016; February 22, 2017; May 3, 2017; September 13, 2017; November 8, 2017

Chair/Executive Committee Report

- Notes approved from 11 November 2015 meeting.
- 24 February 2106 meeting cancelled: A summary was developed, no follow-up questions asked by BOA.
- Committee Membership
 - BOA committee assignments for 2016-17 were distributed at meeting.
- Executive Committee Chair Terms & Chair-Elect
 - Unanimous board approval of a two-year term, with a chair-elect chosen at the beginning of the second year.
- Member Reappointments, 2016
 - All but three BOA members will be returning for another three-year term.

Board of Advisors Committee Updates

- Experiential Learning & Internship Committee
 - The IU Northwest Office of Career Services recently presented new and innovative resources and tools that are available to students and alumni to assist in their career search.
 - The committee has asked for the School of Business and Economics to research how many IU Northwest students are already working in their field of study. This data will better inform the committee on how to direct their efforts in cultivating student internship opportunities.
- Advancement Committee
 - 60% of the IU Northwest's Bicentennial fundraising goal has been met.
 - 15 BOA members have donated to IU Northwest during FY 2015-16. The committee is hopeful additional members will contribute before the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2016).
 - IU Day was successful with several alumni members sharing their IU and IU Northwest pride at local hospitals by distributing IU Day stickers and campus promotional materials.
- Board Social & Cultural Engagement Committee
 - BOA attended 'Failure,' a theatrical production by Theatre Northwest in April. Plans to attend another theater event in the fall and/or spring are being considered.

Chancellor's Update

- The Professional Clothing Closet opened a few months ago and is doing very well. Thank you to all BOA members who donated clothing items.
- The Executive Committee is exploring with the Admissions Office ways the BOA can be more involved in student recruitment.
- FY 2015-16 & 2016-17 Enrollment & Budget Picture
 - Current FY 2015-16 has performed very close to plan. The campus worked hard to beat projections and managed to do so by a few percentage points in the black during the fall and spring semesters.
 - The campus has budgeted conservatively for FY 2016-17 and has kept a close watch on recruitment and retention efforts to ensure their effectiveness and support a positive revenue outlook.
 - The Office of Admissions has seen a strong interest from prospective students and is working hard to enroll students. Current enrollment figures have IU Northwest positioned well among other IU campuses, when comparing applications and admitted students.

- [Higher Learning Commission](#) Accreditation Visit, 11-12 April 2016
 - The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association visited as part of the reaffirmation of the campus's accreditation. IU Northwest is in an academic quality improvement pathway program, which requires the campus to report more regularly on continuous campus improvement.
 - Several BOA members, including BOT member Phil Eskew, met with the accreditation team.
 - The campus expects to receive a report soon stating if IU Northwest's accreditation has been reaffirmed, as well as recommendations on how to continually improve the campus.
- **Planning Review**
 - IU Northwest will begin soon its annual strategic planning exercise. The HLC report, as well as information from the campus's Service Initiative and Chancellor's performance review, will be taken under consideration when updating the strategic plan.
- **Arts & Sciences Building Progress Report**
 - The building is on schedule, and is anticipated to open in 2017. The entire building will soon be enclosed with interior work, like the installation of laboratories, the theater and fine art facilities, to begin.
- **Campus Safety Update**
 - IU Northwest takes safety on-campus and in the immediate neighborhood extremely seriously. The IUPD-NW collaborates with several law enforcement agencies, including the City of Gary Police Department, Lake County Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police.
 - IU Northwest was rated within the top 50 safest campuses in the United States, by backgroundchecks.org.
 - Chief Patricia Nowak resigned from IU Northwest for a position at Purdue Northwest. [Lt. Wayne James](#) recently accepted the position as Chief. He will be sworn in on 23 May 2016.
 - Police officers' salaries at all IU campuses will be increased at a higher rate than other campus employees, as part of a system-wide effort to recruit and retain officers.
 - The School of Public and Environmental Affairs has partnered with local police agencies to analyze and track crime data. The incident mapping is published daily by the [Northwest Indiana Times](#).
- Suggestions for future Chancellor's Commission for Community Engagement meetings (Fall 2016 & Spring 2017) are always welcome.

Campus Presentation: Online Learning at IU Northwest

Dr. Christopher Young and Dr. Angela Solic, [Center for Innovation & Scholarship in Teaching & Learning](#); Dr. Crystal Shannon, School of Nursing

- The Teaching & Learning Center is meant to serve faculty through faculty development. In recent years, there has been an increased focus on innovation and creativity, and a strong push for online learning.
 - Since 2012, there has been a 149% increase in the number of online course offerings.
 - Faculty are given a \$3,000 grant to develop an online course within CISTL's stringent guidelines. Since 2012, 100 grants have been offered to faculty.
 - 206 IU Northwest employees have taken CISTL's four week, fully-online training course.
- Heavily enrolled classes, like Psychology 101, are often offered in-person and online to allow for greater student enrollment. In some instances, those online courses have a master template, so that if a course is full, another online course can easily be opened and taught by a trained instructor.
- There are some challenges when a course is moved from in-person to an online environment, like time-management, design and technical aptitude.
- Quality of online courses is dependent upon faculty taking ownership of courses and learning how to make students feel as if they are still a part of the classroom environment.
- CISTL has provided Dr. Crystal Shannon with many resources and tools to help her develop strong online courses, like the Quality Matters instructional design rubric. This rubric has led to greater class discussion, and encourages students to support their arguments with outside research and videos.
- Dr. Shannon provides her students with a self-assessment to gauge how prepared they are for taking a course online. This feedback provides her with the background she needs to best understand her students and their learning needs.