



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
NORTHWEST
Board of Advisors' Meeting
November 9, 2016

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

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

Campus Presentation: The discovery of dune decomposition chimneys at the Indiana Dunes: What are they and what does this mean?

Dr. Erin Argyilan, Associate Professor, Geosciences

- Mt. Baldy is a historic feature, not a geologic feature, that has been formed from erosion of sand being pushed onto the shore.
- Trees that are buried by the marching sand dune, when exposed, fall apart in your hands. Dr. Argyilan's research showed that the buried trees were covered in fungi, which were aiding in their decomposition.
- The decaying trees, beneath the sand, is the primary cause of these holes. Dr. Argyilan pioneered a new model of a previously unknown geological hazard called a "dune decomposition chimney or tunnel."
- Her discovery is a result of research into why six-year old Nathan Woessner fell into a hole on Mt. Baldy in 2013. Researchers dismissed her idea that buried trees could sustain cavities in dunes following decay.
- Her ground-breaking study was published by [Aeolian Research](#), the field's pre-eminent journal, and by [Smithsonian Magazine](#).
- Since 2013, Dr. Argyilan's team has found 14 holes at Mt. Baldy.

Chair/Executive Committee Report

- Notes approved from 14 September 2016 meeting.
- The IU BOT recently [revised the IU Regional Campus Board of Advisors policy](#). The changes are, largely, practices that already exist within the construct of the IU Northwest BOA. The role of the BOA will continue to serve as counsel to the Chancellor and leadership team; provide input into activities that advance regional economic development; advocate for the campus and university; assist with fundraising, including making a financial contribution; and provide feedback on strategic and long-range planning.
- The Executive Committee gave recommendations on three new BOA members. Chancellor Lowe has received confirmation from two: Tom Keilman (IU alumnus and Director, Government Affairs at BP) and Dr. Deborah McCullough (IUSM alumna and OB-GYN).
- Since the meeting, the third nominee, Ben Bochnowski, People's Bank, has confirmed his availability to serve and all three have been approved by Indiana University.
- The new members' three-year appointments are effective on 1 January 2017.

Board of Advisors Committee Updates

- Experiential Learning & Internship Committee
 - Since a partnership was established between the [Office of Career Services](#) and the committee, there has been an increase in outreach efforts and placement of interns, as well as the distribution of the Lowe Internship and Experiential Learning Scholarship. Approximately 122 interns have been placed, of which nearly 40% were School of Business and Economics students.
- Board Social & Cultural Engagement Committee
 - BOA members are encouraged to attend Theatre Northwest's production, [Vanya by Sam Holcroft](#), on 6 April 2017. There will be a pre-viewing reception at 6 p.m., followed by the show at 7:30 p.m.

- Philanthropy Committee: Presentation by [Jenni Dill-McGill](#), Assistant Director, Gift Planning Services, IU Foundation
 - Planned gifts are eligible for the [IU Bicentennial Campaign Matching Program](#), if the donor will be age 60 or older by December 31, 2019. Gift must establish a new, single donor endowed account supporting a scholarship, fellowship, or faculty position.
 - The minimum for an endowed scholarship is \$50,000, or \$25,000 for full-time faculty/staff or retirees.
 - The most popular options in gift planning are bequests, beneficiary designations, charitable gift annuities, and IRA charitable rollovers. For more information about gift options, please contact [Jeri Pat Gabbert](#).

Chancellor's Update

- The Arts & Sciences Building is completely enclosed and landscaping has begun. The building is on budget and schedule, with an anticipated opening in 2017.
- Melissa Jo Rust, a social work student, received the Lowe Internship and Experiential Learning Scholarship. She will work at Gabriel's Horn Corporation, as a Social Services and Elder Care intern.
- Suggestions for future Chancellor's Commission for Community Engagement meetings (Spring 2017 – follow-up session to Autumn 2016 program, "Policing: Revisiting Serve & Protect") are always welcomed.
- Campus Planning Exercise – Discussion Draft
 - IU Northwest has revised the current strategic plan ([Strategic Priorities & Objectives, 2015-20](#)), as a result of feedback provided from preparations for the HLC visit, the Chancellor's Fifth Year Review and other sources.
 - The BOA had an opportunity to review and provide feedback, which is an important part of the original purpose of campus Boards of Advisors at Indiana University. Discussions focused on:
 - Action steps for each objective being defined in WEAVE, an institutional tracking system to help develop and document continuous quality improvement projects.
 - Providing local high school students opportunities to visit IU Northwest during athletic events, or by displaying their artwork in our galleries.
 - Board members appreciated student success being listed as the first strategic priority.
 - Additional feedback should be shared directly with [Kathy Malone](#) by 6 December 2016.

Upcoming Campus Events and Opportunities:

- Theatre Northwest presents *Vanya* by Sam Holcroft (an interpretation of Anton Checkov's classic): April 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 at 7:30 p.m. / Matinee Performance April 9 at 2:30 p.m.
- Exhibits scheduled in Gallery for Contemporary Art, 2016-17:
 - November 7 – December 2: Tyanna Buie – Large Paper Installations
 - January 9 – February 3: Liz Ensz – Mixed Media
 - February 13 – March 10: Jeff Wolens – Photography
 - March 20 – May 5: Senior Thesis Exhibition

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