



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
NORTHWEST

Board of Advisors' Meeting
February 22, 2017

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

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

Chair/Executive Committee Report

- Notes approved from 9 November 2016 meeting.
- New Members, 2016-19: Ben Bochnowski; Deborah McCullough; and Tom Keilman
- Gavin Mariano has resigned from the Executive Committee, but will continue to serve on the board. Dave Ryan has agreed to serve on the Executive Committee.

Board of Advisors Committee Updates

- Experiential Learning & Internship Committee
 - No report, however, Chancellor Lowe referenced [Ready NWI](#), which is a Center of Workforce Innovations' program that connects students with paid internship opportunities. IU Northwest has recently made a commitment to work with the program.
- Board Social & Cultural Engagement Committee
 - BOA members and a guest are encouraged to attend Theatre Northwest's production, [Vanya by Sam Holcroft](#), on 6 April 2017. There will be a reception at 6 p.m., followed by the show at 7:30 p.m. (Arts on Grant: 37th Avenue and Grant Street, Gary). R.S.V.P. by 23 March to [Kathy Malone](#).
- Philanthropy Committee
 - IU Northwest has met 66% of its \$8 million goal for the university-wide [For All](#) campaign.
 - IU Northwest recently announced the [Arts on Broadway](#) initiative. Donations will go toward advancing the new Arts & Sciences' theatre, art gallery and photography lab, as well as academic opportunities for fine and performing art students. Thanks to a generous contribution from the NiSource Charitable Foundation, presented by NIPSCO, all gifts will be matched at 100 percent, doubling the donors' impact.
 - [IU Day](#) is 19 April 2017. IU Northwest will be celebrating the day on and off-campus. Members of the IU Northwest Alumni Association and Lakeshore Region Chapter of the IU Alumni Association will be hosting tables at local hospitals to celebrate IU Day. Learn more in the coming weeks at iun.edu/giving.
 - 14 of 25 BOA members have given to IU Northwest during Fiscal Year 17.
 - The [Office of Career Services](#) continues to accept new or used professional clothing to fill their Professional Clothing Closet, providing students with free clothing for job interviews.

Chancellor's Update

- Arts & Sciences Building
 - Progress continues on the Arts & Sciences Building, which will be open for the Fall 2017 semester.
 - The building will be dedicated on 25 August 2017. All BOA members are encouraged to attend the dedication, which will include a complimentary concert by the [Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra](#) in the new 500-seat theatre. Philanthropy will be incorporated into the event's festivities (e.g., the [Arts on Broadway initiative](#)).
- Spring 2017 Enrollment and FY 17 & 18 Financial Picture
 - The FY 18 budgeting process will begin soon. The current financial status is sound and the campus works hard to insure that status continues in the future.
 - Enrollment has been a challenge, but IU Northwest has recently tracked positive indicators that suggest stabilization and some growth. Those include 6 – 7% more new students enrolled during the spring semester than in previous years and enrollment increases by graduate and out-of-state students.

- Initiatives like the [Midwest Student Exchange Program](#) and a targeted admissions/marketing campaign focused on adult learners will also assist enrollment initiatives.
- 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.
 - A discussion on philanthropy was suggested as a future Commission meeting topic.
- Campus Planning Exercise – Revised Strategic Priorities & Objectives, 2017-20 and Board of Advisors Role
 - IU Northwest recently revised the campus’s [Strategic Priorities & Objectives](#), including concise campus-level objectives, for implementation at the unit/operational level.
 - Specific action projects to implement the objectives will be tracked in a software program called WEAVE, which will assist the campus in its annual reviews and accreditation application/process.

Campus Presentation: Professor Mark Baer, [Performing Arts](#), Theatre at IU Northwest

- The IU Northwest Department of Performing Arts has experienced a 600% increase in students during the last five years. Students can major in Theatre, with coursework in acting, design, and theatre history.
- Faculty transform and prepare students through training and development of self-awareness, identity, empathy and collaboration, skills necessary for *any* successful professional.
- Students’ academic experience is strengthened through [Theatre Northwest](#) (hosts two full-scale productions each academic year), professional and alumni guest artists from Chicago and Northwest Indiana, local theatre partnerships, trips to view Chicago theatre, and internship opportunities.
- The new Arts & Sciences Building will be a central place where the campus and community meet.
- The signature space of the new building will be the 500-seat theatre, featuring stadium seating and a flexible thrust stage. Additionally, there will be a smaller 100-seat studio theatre; a scene and costume shop; lighting lab; scenery, furniture and props storage; a pre-function; box office; and gallery.
- The new building will have many positive impacts, particularly in the Fine and Performing Arts Departments, where the campus anticipates seeing an increase in enrollment in these disciplines.
- The new theatre space provides opportunities for the campus to host guest performances, regional festivals and community rentals.

Upcoming Campus Events and Opportunities:

- Farewell/retirement exhibit for Neil Goodman, February 13 to March 8, 2017
- “The Immortal Life” Presentation by the family of Henrietta Lacks, One Book, One Campus, One Community Event – Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm in the Bergland Auditorium
- Chancellor’s Commission for Community Engagement – “Revisiting Policing: Improving Opportunity and Addressing Challenges,” Tuesday, March 28, 2017
- IU Northwest Fine Arts Senior Thesis, March 20 – March 31, 2017
- Theatre Northwest production, Vanya, Thursday, April 6, 2017
- IU Northwest Graphic Design Senior Thesis, April 10 – 21, 2017
- IU Northwest All Campus Student Exhibit, May 15 – June 9, 2017
- High School Art Teachers’ Exhibit, June 19 – August 4, 2017
- Commencement, Thursday, May 11, 2017
- Arts & Sciences Building Dedication and Symphony Performance, Friday, August 25, 2017

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