



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
NORTHWEST

Board of Advisors' Meeting
February 21, 2018

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

- 9 May 2018; 12 September 2018; 14 November 2018

Chair/Executive Committee Report

- IU Northwest Board of Advisors Purpose:

Our purpose as the Indiana University Northwest Board of Advisors is to be an active conduit for the sharing of IU Northwest information to the Northwest Indiana community and from the community back to IU Northwest, to help the campus to provide programs and services that support academic success for the region's diverse student population. As representatives of the Northwest Indiana community, we will accomplish this by actively participating and collaborating with the leadership at Indiana University Northwest, to develop strategies that mutually benefit the community and the campus.

Board of Advisors Committee Updates

- Experiential Learning & Internship Committee
 - The committee is working with the Office of Career Services to ensure IU Northwest students achieve and maintain internships. Students have secured internships with the Town of Munster, City of Gary, Urban League of Northwest Indiana, as well as on the IU Northwest campus.
- Board Social & Cultural Engagement Committee
 - Upcoming event: BOA members and a guest are invited to a reception and theater performance of "Peter Pan and Wendy" on 12 April 2018 (Arts & Sciences Theater). Those on the Chancellor's Commission for Community Engagement list will also receive invitations.
- Philanthropy Committee
 - IU Northwest continues to progress toward its \$8 million goal (nearly 85%) for the university-wide [For All](#) campaign. The historic campaign's deadline has been extended to June 2020, coinciding with the IU Bicentennial celebration. There is every confidence that the campus goal will be achieved.
 - In 2017, 504 clothing items were donated to 80 recipients who visited The Office of Career Services' Professional Clothing Closet. The Office is currently seeking hangers, garment bags, women's sizes 10 - 14, and plus size women's sizes 16 - 20 (professional suits, slacks, jackets).
 - The Philanthropy Committee shared an overview of a student leadership enrichment initiative called the "RedHawk Leadership Program." The concept is still in its infancy but overall, the BOA members felt it was a positive idea and welcomed additional exploration.

Chancellor's Update

- Enrollment, Retention and FY 17 & 18 Financial Picture
 - Despite a competitive environment, IU Northwest met its enrollment projections, and exceeded its revenue projections.
 - The campus continues to focus on student retention in an effort to keep current students enrolled through to graduation. There remains a great deal of work to be done, but IU Northwest's retention rate continues to increase, as does the 4-, 6- and 8-year graduation rates.
 - Community-based engagement and experiential learning continues to be central to curriculum. During the last academic year, nearly half of all IU Northwest students contributed more than 214,000 service hours, demonstrated through course work and other projects. By partnering with local businesses, not-for-profits, school systems and healthcare facilities, students' academic experiences are amplified by practical, hands-on opportunities that enhance their resumes, portfolios and competitiveness.

- Spring 2018 Chancellor's Commission for Community Engagement will take place on 3 April 2018. The focus will be on the key issues and challenges experienced in Northwest Indiana, in which communities and IU Northwest can partner.
 - Suggestions for 2018-19 Chancellor's Commission for Community Engagement meetings are always welcomed.
- IU Board of Trustees meeting at IU Northwest will take place on 14 - 15 June 2018 (Evening reception on 14 June 2018.)

Campus Presentation: Study Abroad at IU Northwest

Dr. Eva Mendieta, Professor of Spanish & Dr. Scooter Pegram, Associate Professor of French

- IU Northwest students are encouraged to participate in study abroad opportunities that are offered directly from IU or IU Northwest. Students who study abroad continue to receive IU credit for their courses.
- The location and length of stay varies depending on the program. There are offerings in 52 countries, with 40 programs having internship components. Some program visits are only three weeks, while others are for an entire academic year.
- International experiences can be pricey, but, with federal/state financial aid, university/study abroad grants, and university/study abroad scholarships, the experiences become more affordable.
- Several IU Northwest students who studied in France and Spain were present and shared their experiences with the BOA.

Upcoming campus events and opportunities

- Tuesday, 6 March 2018: Empowering and Inspiring the Region: A Female Executive's Journey (Discussion with Violet Sistovaris)
- Tuesday, 3 April 2018: Chancellor's Commission for Community Engagement Meeting
- Thursday, 12 April 2018: IU Northwest Board of Advisors Reception and Theater performance of "Peter Pan and Wendy"
- Thursday, 10 May 2018: Commencement
- Thursday & Friday, 14 - 15 June 2018: IU Board of Trustees at IU Northwest (Evening reception on 14 June 2018.)
- Art exhibit schedule:
 - Feb 19 to May 4 2018
 - 2018 Senior Thesis
 - Both Galleries

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