Board of Advisors’ Meeting  
November 11, 2020

Future Meeting Dates *(all meetings are 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)*  
- February 10, 2021 (virtual or in-person TBD)  
- May 5, 2021 (virtual or in-person TBD)

Chair/Executive Committee Report  
- Notes approved from September 16, 2020 meeting.

Veteran’s Day  
- Student presentation by Dan Riordan and Christopher Abram, Jr.  
  Dan is a senior School of Business and Economics student from Griffith, Ind. He began at IU Northwest in 2018. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 2001 through 2009. Dan’s story was featured in the *Times of Northwest Indiana*.  
  Christopher is a senior School of Public and Environmental Affairs student from Valparaiso, Ind. He began at IU Northwest in 2018. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 2007 through 2010.  
  Both Dan and Christopher have experienced challenges transitioning to civilian life, but have found purpose and direction within veteran communities, both inside and outside of campus.  
  At IU Northwest, veterans can receive support from the *Office of Military and Veteran Services*. Dan founded the student-led Military Service Association and established the Veterans Resource Center on campus.  
  There are an estimated 70 veteran students currently attending IU Northwest.

Chancellor’s Update  
- **Winter Session**  
  - Beginning November 23, all IU Northwest classes transitioned to remote learning. Remote learning will continue until February 8, 2021. However, to continue to provide students with a high-quality academic experience and support, the Northwest campus will remain open during this period.  
  - Staffing and hours for campus departments will be determined by the office’s supervisor. Please consult departmental web pages for hours.  
- **COVID-19 Safety and Health Protocols**  
  - The strict and enforced IU health and wellness guidelines have resulted in our campus’s positivity rate remaining low. If you’re interested in more detailed data, please view the [IU COVID-19 Testing Dashboard](#), which is updated every Wednesday.  
  - All IU campuses are conducting Mitigation Testing. At IU Northwest, the testing is led by IU Northwest School of Nursing students. [Read the story here](#).  
- **Enrollment**  
  - IU Northwest’s Fall 2020 enrollment closely matched the Fall 2019 enrollment. In September, the campus reported that it had met its enrollment goals for the semester, opening campus with increased health and safety measures, and multiple learning modes providing students with a mix of in-person and online classes. [Read the IU Northwest Enrollment news release](#)  
  - The campus now looks toward enrollment for the spring and fall 2021 semesters. All higher education institutions are facing great challenges in recruiting and retaining students. IU Northwest is engaging students in new, innovative ways to encourage enrollment and persistence to degree attainment.  
- **Recommendations for Community Engagement**  
  - Chancellor Iwama continues to be interested in networking with community and regional leaders. If you have a connection in mind, please contact [Kathy Malone](#).
Board Membership

- There are currently four vacancies on the IU Northwest BOA. Please share your BOA recommendations with Kathy Malone.

Board of Advisors Committee Updates

- Revisit of Advisor Committees mission/purposes
  - Evaluate each committee and decide as a group how and if each committee should be refocused, or redeveloped.

- Experiential Learning & Internships Committee
  - The Office of Career Services (OCS) has been able to virtually assist alumni and students during the last six months.
  - OCS recently launched Handshake, a new software tool, for students, alumni and community. It provides users an opportunity to post and search for full-time, part-time and internship opportunities.
  - OCS continues to be alerted to many local and national internship opportunities for our students.

- Philanthropy Committee & Campaign Update
  - For All: The IU Bicentennial Campaign ended on September 30. IU Northwest surpassed their fundraising goal raising a total of $10.3 million.
  - IU entered into a new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. All BOA members are encouraged to make their annual donation to the IU Northwest campus.
  - Scott Fulk, Director of Student Life, is working to re-imagine The Board of Advisors Leadership Program.
  - The Chancellor’s Medallion celebration took place virtually on November 19, 2020. Please click here to view the celebration.

- Board Social & Cultural Engagement Committee
  - No report.

Future meeting/presentation topics of interest

- Please provide suggestions for future meetings and/or topics of interest to Kathy Malone.

Upcoming campus events and opportunities

- 77th Annual Salon Show
  November 21, 2020 through January 24, 2021 (winners announced on Sunday December 11 at 4:00 online – see website below); South Shore Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana – featuring as juror, Lauren Pacheco, Director of Arts Programming and Engagement at IU Northwest, School of the Arts. Visit the gallery, or link to the show at the South Shore Arts web site.

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