



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
NORTHWEST

Board of Advisors' Meeting
16 September 2020

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

- November 11, 2020 (virtual)
- February 10, 2021 (virtual or in-person TBD)
- May 5, 2021 (virtual or in-person TBD)

Presentation: Chancellor Iwama

- Chancellor Iwama has already met with many BOA members and is planning to meet with others in the near future.
- Chancellor Iwama's previous university and community experiences closely align with the IU Northwest mission. View his full [bio](#).
- Chancellor Iwama expressed, however, his experiences may or may not always be transferable to IU Northwest and the Northwest Indiana region. It is his goal to understand the opportunities and challenges of the Northwest campus and the greater community, so that he may bring forth his expertise and talent for the improvement of all.
- Several examples of university and community partnership that Chancellor Iwama was involved in while at the College of State Island were shared, such as the [CSI Tech Incubator](#). In this instance, he shared that the key to this program was making connections back to the university, by involving students and faculty. The initial CSI Tech Incubator innovations, naturally, resulted in further innovations and partnerships, like: the [campus's first engineering MakerSpace](#), the [campus's first genomic research facility](#), and the [borough's first innovation hub](#).
- The purpose of Chancellor Iwama's presentation was to share that he believes strengths and opportunities already exist on campus, and within Northwest Indiana. It is his goal to expose these opportunities, to daylight these energies and find greater partnerships.

Chancellor's Update

- 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](#)
- Restart
 - The re-start of in-person campus courses and operations went well, thanks to the efforts of the entire campus. The goal is to continue to stay open. The campus is participating in several proactive measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, like random Mitigation Testing and asking all who come to IU Northwest on a regular basis to get their annual flu vaccine. Learn more about [IU Northwest's commitment to campus health and safety](#)

Policy and Purpose of Board of Advisors

- All BOA members are asked to review the [Regional Campus Board of Advisors Policy](#).
- Chancellor Iwama wishes to use the BOA members' expertise and connections, so that he can build greater partnerships between the campus and the community.

Chair/Executive Committee Report

- Notes approved from February 19, 2020 meeting.

Board Membership

- There are currently four vacancies on the IU Northwest BOA. Please share your BOA recommendations with [Kathy Malone](#).
- Chancellor Iwama will deliver and award IU Bicentennial Medals to any BOA member who has not yet received their medal.

Board of Advisors Committee Updates

- 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.
 - The BOA Leadership Program continues to evolve. The members have selected their first project, which is to explore beautifying the corner of 35th Avenue and Jefferson Street.
- Board Social & Cultural Engagement Committee
 - “After-Hours” gathering and Arts & Sciences Building tour was cancelled. Event to be rescheduled when permissible.

Upcoming Campus Events and Opportunities

- IU Northwest School of the Arts Pop-up Poster Exhibition featuring artworks from [The Viral Arts Project](#)
- The Mask Print Project (39 pieces) on campus in the Anderson Library display case, Arts & Sciences (2nd floor), Hawthorn Hall (1st floor)
- The Discarded Bodies exhibition by Moises Salazar, School of the Arts Gallery windows (Arts & Sciences, 2nd floor)
- Better Must Come on display through the windows of the Gallery for Contemporary Art windows, Savannah Center
- A traveling exhibition, Words of Encouragement + Better Must Come is being shown at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City through the end of October.

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