



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
NORTHWEST

Board of Advisors
Briefing Based on the Agenda for
Wednesday, 24 February 2016
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
IU Northwest Anderson Library Conference Center, Room 105 AB

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.

- **Welcome & Introductions**

- **2016 – 2017 meeting dates:**
All meetings 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
 - Wednesday, February 24, 2016
 - Wednesday, May 4, 2016
 - Wednesday, September 14, 2016
 - Wednesday, November 9, 2016
 - Wednesday, February 22, 2017
 - Wednesday, May 3, 2017
 - Wednesday, September 13, 2017
 - Wednesday, November 8, 2017

- **Chair/Executive Committee Report:**
 - ↳ Notes for 11 November 2015 meeting
The Executive Committee recommends acceptance of the meeting notes for the 11 November 2015 meeting as written.

 - ↳ **Committee memberships:**
The preferences among Board of Advisors members for committee service were reviewed. Using your preferences, the updated committee lists have been finalized and are attached to this briefing. Committee chairs should note the changes to their groups. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hamblin (hamblinn@comcast.net).
Thank you for your active participation.

↳ **Executive Committee Chair term & Chair-Elect:**

It is planned to ask the Board to discuss whether, in future, the chair of the Board of Advisors Executive Committee should serve for one year or two years, a question for the 4 May 2016 meeting agenda. The Executive Committee recommends that the Chair's term be set at two years with a Chair-Elect to be chosen at the beginning of the second year.

↳ **Member Reappointments, 2016:**

The following members are due for reappointment to three-year terms on the Board of Advisors in June 2016 and are asked to confirm that they wish to continue as members. Please respond to the email message to which this briefing is attached or send a message to either Kathy Malone (kalmalon@iun.edu) or Bill Lowe (wjlowe@iun.edu).

- Vanessa Allen
- Cal Bellamy
- Sylvia Collins
- E. Ric Frataccia
- Sharon Johnson Shirley
- Mark Lucas
- Tony Lux
- John MacLennan
- Cynthia Powers
- Dave Ryan
- Steve Simpson
- David Wilkinson

• **Board of Advisors Committee Updates:**

↳ **Experiential Learning & Internships Committee**

- From Vanessa Allen –

The committee continues to meet, with the next meeting planned for the end of March 2016. The agenda includes the following topics:

- Invitations to local businesses, to discuss traditional and nontraditional ways to create internship opportunities.
- Discuss a recommendation to host focus groups with students who participated in the internship survey.
- Updates on Office of Career Services outreach activities

↳ **Advancement Committee:**

- From Jeri Pat Gabbert –

The IU Bicentennial Campaign goal for IU Northwest is \$8 Million. The goal includes financial commitments for IU Northwest and the IU School of Medicine-Northwest-Gary. Currently, we have raised 60 percent of our goal. To encourage giving, President McRobbie has initiated a matching gift opportunity for newly

established endowments. We look forward to sharing more information about this exciting opportunity at the next meeting.

For FY16, 15 members of the Board of Advisors have made a financial commitment to IU Northwest. We encourage all members to make a contribution by June 30, 2016.

The Student Professional Wear Clothing Drive has collected over 586 items and the Professional Clothing Closet was launched in February 2016. Many thanks to the members that provided clothing donations to the closet. The Office of Career Services has a distribution process established for the Spring semester.

Please mark your calendars for IU Day – April 12. Please wear your IU gear and consider making a gift to IU Northwest. For every \$25+ gift made to IU Northwest on April 12, the donor will receive a pair of IU Northwest socks and the Crisis Center will receive a pair of socks too!

↳ **Board Social & Cultural Engagement Committee**

- From John MacLennan –

The Committee plans to sponsor, in conjunction with the Chancellor's Office, one event each in the Fall and Spring Semesters.

Invitations have been sent out to members of the Board of Advisors, as well as other members of the campus leadership, for a reception and theatre performance of Philip Dawkins's *Failure: A Love Story*, on Sunday afternoon, 10 April 2016.

• **Chancellor's Update:**

- ↳ President McRobbie's visit in Northwest Indiana, Thursday, 12 November 2015
 Many members of the Board of Advisors participated in different parts of the President's visit to the Region, which was very successful, including the Medallion dinner event that evening. President McRobbie visited the port and one of the steel mills there and had the opportunity to interact with Chambers of Commerce members and the local media. He also enjoyed his lunch with IU Northwest students.
- ↳ FY 2015-16 Enrollment & Budget picture
 Coming into the current fiscal year, the campus budgeted very conservatively, reduced the operating budget by \$1.4M and successfully worked to exceed enrollment projections. Enrollment has run approximately 2% ahead of projections in both the Fall and Spring Semesters and we are headed for a fiscal year surplus on 30 June 2016. We will, once again, budget very conservatively for FY17 (2016-17) and continue to work hard to exceed projections and expectations.

- ↳ Arts & Sciences Building progress report

Anyone passing along Broadway can see that our new building is rapidly taking shape. A favorable winter season has certainly helped and all of the steel construction will be completed shortly. The building is on schedule for completion a little more than a year from now.
 - ↳ Campus safety update

This is a topic that should be held over till the 4 May 2016 Board of Advisors meeting, so that there can be time for questions and discussion. But, in the meantime, I can report that our IU Police Department does an excellent job of community policing, on campus, in the immediate neighborhood and in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies (e.g., Gary Police Department, Lake County Sheriff, Indiana State Police). IU Northwest is, perennially, one of the safest campuses in Indiana and, during Autumn 2015, was listed by Homeinsurance.com as one the 50 safest campuses in the United States.
 - ↳ Suggestions for future Chancellor's Commission for Community Engagement meetings are always welcome. The topic for Tuesday, 22 March 2016 is: "The Role of the Arts in Economic & Community Development in Northwest Indiana".
- **Campus Presentation for 4 May 2016 meeting:**

Online Learning at IU Northwest, Dr. Christopher Young and Dr. Angela Solic, Center for Innovation & Scholarship in Teaching & Learning, and Dr. Crystal Shannon, Nursing
 - **Upcoming campus events and opportunities:**
 - Spring 2016 Chancellor's Commission meeting – "The Role of the Arts in Economic & Community Development in Northwest Indiana" – 22 March 2016
 - One Book events, Friday, 25 March 2016, in the afternoon
 - ↳ Soup and Substance, 1:00 noon, Bergland Auditorium
 - ↳ Presentation of collected narratives, etc., 2:00pm, Bergland Auditorium
 - ↳ Dramatic readings of *Operation Homecoming* directed by Mark Spencer, 3:00pm, Bergland Auditorium
 - ↳ Presentation by author, Andrew Carroll, 4:00pm, Bergland Auditorium
 - Art Exhibits
 - ↳ High School Biennial Art Show, 15 February to 11 March (schools from Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties)
 - ↳ Senior Thesis, 28 March – 29 April
 - Reception and theatre performance of Philip Dawkins's *Failure: A Love Story*, on Sunday afternoon, 10 April 2016, reception at 12:30, performance at 2:30, hosted by Chancellor and Mrs. Lowe, and the Board Social and Cultural Engagement Committee. Other performances: 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 April at 7:30pm
 - Commencement, 12 May 2016 at 3:00pm