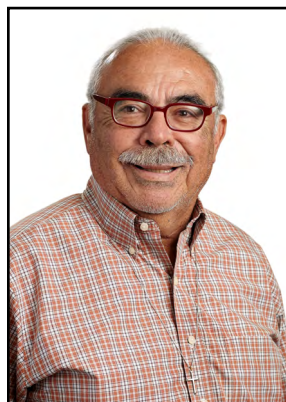


# Our Antioch University

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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### ENRIQUE FIGUEROA, PH.D.



Dr. Figueroa has been a member of the Antioch University Board of Governors since 2011.

#### **1 What drew you to serve on the Antioch University Board of Governors? What makes you most proud?**

I was initially nominated to serve on the Board by a former University Board member, Jeffrey C. Kasch, who was my best friend here in Milwaukee and who was an Antioch College alum. Sadly, he is now deceased. After joining the Board, I have continued to be drawn to serve because of the mission of the University and by the interest, character, and dedication of my fellow Board members towards the success of our institution.

I always look forward to going to our Board meetings because I know that we will have honest and respectful discussions on a variety of issues. I have been the dissenting vote on some issues, though I think/feel I've never lost the respect of my fellow Board members. I am most proud of how we as a Board have met difficult challenges and aptly addressed them with serious deliberation and integrity of thought.

#### **2 What contributions do you feel you bring as a Board member to lead Antioch University? As the Board Chair?**

I think that my analytical approach to interpreting our academic and financial developments has proved useful. I am not shy about asking difficult questions and I am particularly adept at identifying gaps in data. I take my fiduciary responsibilities quite seriously and I am a strong believer that our faculty is what makes our institution, thereby we need to have a good understanding of the capacity and capabilities of our faculty, particularly as this applies to new program initiatives. As Chair of our Academic Affairs Committee, I strive to get a deeper understanding of what is proposed and how such proposals will impact the long-term viability of our institution.

#### **3 What has your experience been on the Board to date? Have there been any surprises you'd like to share?**

My experience on the Board now encompasses six-plus years and currently, the majority of our Board members have served less than I have. I am most appreciative to all of our current and past Board members with whom I have served, for they have all supported our mission with integrity and dedication.

Yes, there have been various surprises since I have been on the Board. Some of the surprises relate to our fiscal situation, both positive and negative, and some relates to the turnover of Chancellors and senior leadership

**4 If I were to interview you five years from now, what would you like to be able to say about...**

**a. Antioch University?**

I would like to say that Antioch University is a thriving institution of higher education, with alumni that continue to live and carry-out the mission of our institution. I would like to be able to say that we have significant interest in both our programs from potential students and that many potential faculty members seek to obtain positions in our University. I would like to be able to say that we are known for innovation in how we 'extend' our University in the various communities in our country and beyond. And, that we are fiscally sound. That we have a racially and ethnically diverse student body and faculty, and that my fellow Board members continue to select individuals with the insights, character, and wherewithal for leading our institution to academic and community prominence.

**b. Your role as a board member?**

I hope my fellow Board members will reflect on my contribution(s) in a positive and constructive light and that there will be aspects of what Antioch does that can somehow be traced to my particular input/contribution. I hope that my kids continue to be proud of my service, and that my good friend, Jeff Kasch, would approve of my tenure on the Board.

**5 What would you like our readers to know that they might not learn from your brief biography?**

I would like readers to know that I yearn to learn how to play the accordion. I have had a historical accordion for over 15 years and have yet to take lessons. I write bilingual poetry. And, my father joined the US Army in WWII without knowing English. After serving in the Pacific and obtaining an honorable discharge, he was charged with being in our country under fraudulent circumstances. By blood, I am Terrazas, not Figueroa.

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