

## Minutes

**The University of Toledo  
113<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, September 17, 2018  
Driscoll Alumni Center, Schmakel Room  
1:45 p.m.**

The one-hundred thirteenth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 17, 2018, in the Driscoll Alumni Center Schmakel Room. Chair Mary Ellen Pisanelli called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. Board of Trustees Secretary Joan Stasa recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

Alfred A. Baker, Vice Chair  
Kyle D. Bergen, Student Trustee  
Steven M. Cavanaugh  
Jeffrey C. Cole  
Hedyeh Elahinia, Student Trustee  
Patrick J. Kenney  
Will Lucas  
Mary Ellen Pisanelli, Chair  
Sharon Speyer

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Board of Trustees members were absent:

Roy V. Armes, National Trustee  
Christine E. Brennan, National Trustee  
Stephen P. Ciucci  
Birdel F. Jackson, III, National Trustee

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Javonte Anderson, Reporter for *The Blade*  
Karen Bjorkman, Dean College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics  
Sherri Boyle, UTMC Chief Financial Officer  
Timothy Brackel, Professor Department of Music  
Dale Brugh, ACE Fellow  
Frank Calzonetti, VP Research  
Flapp Cockrell, Vice President Student Affairs  
Christopher Cooper, EVP Clinical Affairs/Dean COM&LS  
Meghan Cunningham, Director University Communications  
David Cutri, Executive Director Internal Audit/Chief Compliance Officer  
Wendy Fraley Davis, Associate VP Human Resources and Talent Development  
Sharon Gaber, President  
Rick Gerasimiak, Manager Desktop Support  
Andrew Hsu, Provost and EVP Academic Affairs

Charles Jake, Deputy General Counsel  
Lawrence Kelley, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO  
Linda Lewandowski, Dean College of Nursing  
Diane Miller, AVP Government Relations / Interim Deputy Chief of Staff  
Michael O'Brien, VP and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics  
Peter Papadimos, VP and General Counsel  
Linda Rouillard, President Faculty Senate  
Matthew Schroeder, Chief of Staff  
Joan Stasa, Secretary Board of Trustees  
Cheryl Zwyer, AVP Development

Board Chair Pisanelli requested a motion to waive the reading of the June 18, 2018 Board meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Lucas, and approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF  
MEETING  
MINUTES**

Board Chair Pisanelli requested a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda for the meeting. A motion was received from Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Cole, and approved by the Board. Trustee Cavanaugh abstained from voting for the Consent Agenda at this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Dr. Gaber presented her Dashboard Report and mentioned the following items.

**PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT**

As announced last week, we welcomed our best academically prepared class of first-year students in history this fall.

- Average ACT Composite – 23.02 record high
- Average H.S. GPA – 3.45 record high
- The size of this cohort also increased by 1.7% year-over-year

For the sixth consecutive year, we have seen an increase in the number of students who returned to campus for their second year, 75.9%, an all-time high in terms of retention rate.

In addition to attracting and retaining students, the number of degrees conferred/awarded in FY18 increased over same time last year, thus contributing to our increased graduation rate (a 5.5% increase).

Our researchers continue to perform well at the bench and in the field. Total awards in FY18 exceeded \$46.6M, a five year high (21% increase year-over-year).

In addition, the fundraising side of the house also experienced a record-breaking year as a result of the Welltower gift and many generous supporters. New revenue exceeded \$50.9M; number of donors increased by 10.3%; and alumni participation set a new high.

## Research

Earlier this month, the Ohio Department of Higher Education reported UT generated the most licensing income of any university in Ohio for fiscal year 2017 (lag time with the report). Congratulations to our Technology Transfer Team!

- University of Toledo - \$5,572,000
- Ohio State - \$3,237,000
- Ohio University - \$2,360,000
- Case Western Reserve University - \$1,126,000

Recent multi-million dollar grants awarded to UT researchers include:

- Dr. Bina Joe - \$2.64M, to study gut microbiota in hypertension. The Board was introduced to Dr. Joe in March 2017 when she was recognized as a Distinguished University Professor.
- Drs. Donald Ronning and Steve Sucheck - \$2.1M, to create a new more effective drug to treat tuberculosis.

## Academic Affairs

We welcomed our fourth cohort of Multicultural Emerging Scholars. The cohort performed well this summer, 3.5 average GPA, and is positioned for success this Fall.

On September 6, the University of Toledo College of Nursing and ProMedica announced an expanded partnership to bolster nursing education and address current and future health care industry challenges. The planned partnership between UT College of Nursing and ProMedica will focus on enhancing undergraduate and graduate nursing education and high quality care while developing a clinical nursing workforce to help meet current and future health care needs in ProMedica's local, regional and national service areas. We are very pleased to have ProMedica as our partner.

## Student Affairs

For the third year in a row, the Ohio Department of Higher Education has recognized UT's Title IX program as a 5-Star Program. This is the third year that ODHE has recognized such programs.

## Reputation

Congratulation to Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Interim Dean - College of Pharmacy, for being named in the 2018 Class of Fellows of the American Chemical Society. Amanda is our third ACS fellow. She joins Andy Jorgenson and Nina McClelland.

For the second time in two years, UT ranked 14 out of 331 Division 1 schools for social media engagement.

Athletics

The University of Toledo has been awarded the 2017-18 Mid-American Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award. UT student-athletes posted a school-record grade point average of 3.266. It is the fifth time in the last seven years that the Rockets have won this award.

Board of Trustee Chair Pisanelli announced that Governor Kasich has appointed Stephen P. Ciucci to the UT Board. Mr. Ciucci is the President and CEO of Toledo Molding and Die. His community involvement includes the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce and Junior Achievement of NW Ohio. He will serve a term beginning September 10, 2018 and ending July 1, 2027. He was not able to attend today’s meeting, but is very much looking forward to being a member of the Board.

New Student Trustee Kyle D. Bergen is a third-year Doctor of Pharmacy student at UT. He is currently a Drug Information Teaching Assistant in the Doctor of Pharmacy Curriculum and a member of the Student College of Clinical Pharmacists. He will serve a term beginning July 2, 2018 and ending July 1, 2020.

We are pleased to welcome Steve and Kyle to the Board and look forward to working with them.

Chair Pisanelli also welcomed new National Trustees Mr. Roy V. Armes, and Mr. Birdel F. Jackson, III, who were participating in their first meeting via conference call today.

Reputation

Many of us were pleased to read in the Wall Street Journal a few weeks ago that The University of Toledo ranked 132 out of 423 public universities in their annual ranking of U.S. Colleges and Universities. In fact, we are the only public university in the northern half of Ohio to be ranked in the Top 500 overall (nearly 1,000 U.S. Colleges and Universities were measured).

Athletics

Ms. Pisanelli also recognized the efforts of so many over the weekend. Not only did Coach Candle and his team come prepared, but so too did our Athletics Department, Campus Police, Facilities, Student Affairs, Auxiliaries, and many others. While the outcome was not ideal, The University of Toledo showed well on a national stage and we extend our thanks and appreciation to all those involved. We look forward to seeing all of you at the game this Saturday.

**CHAIRMAN’S  
REPORT**

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Chair Jeffrey Cole did not have a report.

**ACADEMIC  
AND STUDENT  
AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE**

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Sharon Speyer presented the June 18, 2018 meeting minutes for the Board's approval. Board Chair Pisanelli requested a motion for approval, which was received by Trustee Lucas, seconded by Trustee Baker, and approved by the Board.

**CLINICAL  
AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE**

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Sharon Speyer did not have a report.

**FINANCE  
AND AUDIT  
COMMITTEE**

Trusteeship and Governance Committee Chair Steven Cavanaugh did not have a report.

**TRUSTEESHIP  
AND  
GOVERNANCE  
COMMITTEE**

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Pisanelli adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**