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*M*erger on Track for UT and MUO



MUO President Dr. Lloyd Jacobs and UT President Dr. Dan Johnson sign a memo of understanding regarding the proposed merger of the two institutions.

A proposed merger of The University of Toledo and the Medical University of Ohio is moving forward, following approval from the Ohio Board of Regents (OBOR) and governing boards at both institutions.

The OBOR approved the merger with a unanimous vote in December, describing the mission of the two universities as “compatible and complementary.”

OBOR Chancellor Roderick Chu said the proposal is a “wonderful example of the continuing collaboration that has been the hallmark of higher education in this state.”

In early December, the UT and MUO boards of trustees unanimously approved resolutions in support of the merger. UT’s Faculty Senate, Graduate Council and the UT Foundation Executive Committee passed similar resolutions.

If the Ohio Legislature approves the merger in January, the target date for implementation would be July 1, 2006, noted UT President Dr. Dan Johnson.

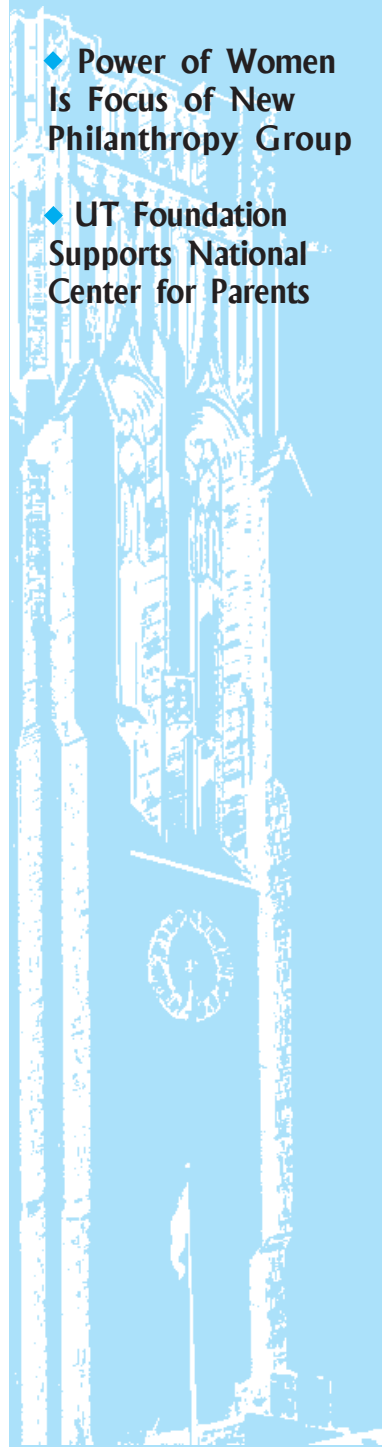
A business combination study, performed by Ryan Beck & Co., cites numerous potential benefits of such a merger, including improved school ranking and prestige, improved faculty and student recruitment, improved political positioning and better public perception.

According to a memo of understanding signed by the presidents, MUO president Dr. Lloyd Jacobs will become president of the combined institutions, which would be called The University of Toledo. Dr. Johnson said he plans to continue working at UT in some capacity, and will likely advise Dr. Jacobs informally when the new president takes office.

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“As I give, I get,” said African-American educator Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955).

Though volunteerism among women is no new phenomenon, the role of women in charitable giving is receiving increased attention nationally.

“Women and Philanthropy” is a collaborative effort of UT’s Office of Institutional Advancement and several area women, including Toledo businesswoman Marianne Ballas.

“Many major universities have similar programs that are very successful; however, there is no University-based women’s philanthropy program in our region, and we really are excited about the possibility of being the first,” said Mrs. Ballas. “We feel Toledo and The University of Toledo can create a model program that will bring esteem and recognition as a leader for women and women’s career opportunities.”

The group’s mission is to assist the University community through “forging new relationships and building a community of thoughtful, effective philanthropists among women, diverse in age, interests and backgrounds.”

Mrs. Ballas, who is serving as co-chair of the organization along with Elaine Johnson, said the group is not yet focusing on specific programs or projects. However, some projects will likely center on women’s educational opportunities. “We hope to raise the awareness of women in our community and mentor young women in the art of giving back,” she said. “In addition, women may become more thoughtful and artful givers.”

She noted that men traditionally have used giving as a way to cultivate relationships and business opportunities and at the same time, made great things happen. “It is proven that women give for more emotional reasons. Women need to start talking about giving and about money. Combining resources makes the pie larger and more powerful, and possibilities are endless,” she explained. “We need to educate women by providing them with information and plans that may be helpful in estate planning as well.”

Those involved are excited about the group’s potential, noted Marilyn Sheperd, UT’s associate vice president for Institutional Advancement. “UT is fortunate to have, in its base of support, women who are smart, professionally successful in their own right, extraordinarily generous and devoted to this University,” she said.

“When these women come together in a room, the energy is phenomenal.”



Marianne Ballas (center) discusses plans for Women and Philanthropy with Marilyn Sheperd (left), associate vice president for Institutional Advancement and Dr. Janet Krzyminski, director of development.

UT Foundation Board Approves Support for National Center for Parents

The

University of Toledo Foundation Board of Trustees approved a total of \$375,000 in funding for the National Center for Parents at

the board's Dec. 16 meeting. Provided through a \$125,000 annual grant for the next three years, the funds will support operational costs, including the salary of a permanent director for the Center, which is headquartered in UT's College of Health and Human Services (CHHS).

Established in October 2004,



Lucas County Juvenile Court Judge James Ray, president of the National Center for Parents governing board, speaks with students attending the Ohio Parents' Week event sponsored in September by the NCP.

the Center is the result of collaborative efforts of several community leaders, including retired Lucas County Juvenile Court Judge Andy Devine, UT President Dan Johnson and former Toledo Mayor Jack Ford. The Center has already been embraced locally and across the state, and supporters include Gov. Bob Taft and his wife, Hope, who spoke at the Center's kick-off event.

"Our mission is to provide information, collaborate with the community and make a cultural change that will benefit all of society," said the Center's interim director Dr. Barbaranne Benjamin, CHHS associate dean for research and graduate education. "The Center provides a mechanism to investigate issues related to the role of parents in our society, the factors that support or hinder parental responsibility of their children, and the impact of policies on strengthening families and the parent-child bond," she said.

The Center is also seeking private financial support from individuals, corporations and organizations, Dr. Benjamin noted. Last year, the NCP received a \$500,000 grant from the Edward Byrne Discretionary Grant Program to study the needs of incarcerated mothers and their children.

In other board action, the Foundation approved \$25,000 in unrestricted funds for the Office of the President, to support external relations efforts.

The next UT Foundation board of trustees meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 10 at 8 a.m. in the Driscoll Center Boardroom.

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“We are laying the foundation that will benefit our state in the future,” said Dr. Jacobs. “The whole ultimately will be more than the sum of its parts.”

Most exciting, he added, is the “prospect of intellectual synergies.”

Vern Snyder, UT’s vice president for Institutional Advancement, said the merger would be advantageous from a multitude of standpoints.

“The merger presents an incredible number of opportunities academically. The same may be said for the acquisition of private support,” he said. “The combined entity will attract current donors, reinvigorate lapsed donors and open up many possibilities to engage new donors whom neither institution attracted separately.”

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