## Index: A10041-Office of Government Relations (OGR)

# **Purpose of Area**

To support the university and advance its strategic plan by forging and maintaining valuable partnerships between the university and local, state, and federal governments and public agencies. The OGR realizes this mission through representation and advocacy of the university's needs and interests with local, state and federal elected and appointed officials in the City of Toledo, around the region, at the State Capitol, and in Washington, D.C. The office also works to involve UT into major international, federal and state initiatives and programs that support the mission of The University of Toledo.

<u>FTE</u>	Employees / Brief job description for each position
1	Vice President, GR: Leads the OGR and serves as the chief government relations officer for UT with a primary focus on state and research relationships.
0.25	Associate Vice President, GR: Has primary responsibility for all health care and health science campus government relations activities and serves as the
	Director of the Ohio Statewide Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) and UT AHEC Programs, is the UT representative to several healthcare and education
	GR organizations, and supports UTMC Chancellor's work with the Ohio Council of Medical Deans.
1	Assistant Vice President, GR: Has primary responsibility for local and regional government relations activities and also supports UT's state relationships as
	UT's primary point of contact for IUC. Works on special projects for UT President and represents UT as a member of several area boards and committees.
1	Executive Director, Federal Relations: Has primary responsibility for UT's federal relations activities, including representation to Congressional offices and
	Federal Agencies and serves as UT's representative to the APLU Council on Government Affairs and point of contact for federal consultants. UT's primary
	point of contact for VIP government officials visiting campus.
0.17	Renewable Energy Curriculum Specialist/ Outreach Manager: Project Manager for the NSF/PFI Grant developing TAGs throughout the state in advanced
	renewable energy in collaboration with the OBOR. Also coordinates GR events on campus and provides organization on other GR projects.
1	Executive Secretary, GR: Assists in general day-to-day operations of the OGR. Maintains office budget, staff scheduling, compliance, webpage updates and
	communications.
0.05	Accountant 2: Provides support to Assoc. VP, GR on the AHEC program.
0	Administrative Secretary 2: Provides support to Assoc. VP, GR on the AHEC programs and back up support for HSC GR.

#### Revenue

No direct revenue is generated through this office. However, OGR protects and defends existing sources of state and federal revenue used to support the institution. OGR also works to ensure that UT leadership is aware of actions at the federal, state and local level that may affect revenue or the cost of doing business at UT. OGR is working to increase federal and state funding for research as well as working with specific federal agencies and Members of Congress to increase funding opportunities for UT. OGR brings additional funding opportunities to the attention of UT administrators and faculty and voices concern over initiatives that could negatively affect UT's revenue.

Operating Budget	Planned Usage
Office Operating Expenses	Office supplies, shipping, printing, computer and office equipment, communications, facility leases, meeting and event expenses
Consulting Services	Fees for subject matter experts
Travel	Columbus and Washington, DC as part of UT advocacy efforts, continuing professional education conference and meeting attendance,
	and to support major UT initiatives

\*Note on Expenses for FY13: OGR is anticipating a need to support multiple high-level visits to campus during the upcoming state and national election. Given Ohio's critical position in the national election, UT will likely be asked to host meetings of national candidates and high-level advocates of national candidates. In addition, there will be requests for events, such as debates, for congressional elections. Also, with Representative Kaptur's elevated position in the House Appropriations Committee, Government Relations will dedicate increased time to federal program funding through her office in support of UT's mission.

### **Helpful Statistics/Other Information**

- Working with the IUC and other universities to prevent the removal of 10% of UT's state share of instruction. Successful to date in keeping this \$10.3 million from being swept.
- Worked with other universities to petition the Ohio OMB for \$2.5 million in support of UT Spinal Endowed Professor.
- Worked with HB 198 sponsors to earmark \$50 M of Choose Ohio First Scholarship for medical and APN students; wrote criteria on behalf of medical deans
- Working with other APLU universities in advocating for the continued support of Pell Grants and other federal student support programs.
- Working with other APLU universities in increasing/maintaining the funding of R&D agencies that support academic research. This is important to maintain UT's research revenue.
- Brings revenue to UT through its own grant activities, including the \$600,000 NSF PFI grant and the \$875,000 federal AHEC grant, \$125,000 state budget regional AHEC line, \$ 22,000 state budget statewide administration AHEC line, and various other grants and contracts through AHEC totaling \$27,000 (2011-2012). It is projected that federal revenue from AHEC will be \$5.5 million over the FY12-FY17 period.
- Lead major UT initiatives including the renewable energy Abu Dhabi initiative, the Canada-Ohio aerospace initiative, the Northwest Ohio Greenhouse Cluster initiative, Veteran's Village on HSC initiative and Casino Control Commission regional addiction service network initiative.

### Tie in With Strategic Plan

To continue to strive for stature at regional, national, and global levels. (Number 1 overarching strategic goal)

We will build and develop research connections and collaborations with leading universities and centers and private corporations. (Goal 3. Number 4)

We will provide a portal for all University outreach and engagement activities. (Goal 6. Number 2).

We will achieve recognition for attention to urban education and urban communities. (Goal 6. Number 7).

We will improve the region's quality of place and increase community access to UT. (Goal 6. Number 6.)

We will be a top-tier academic health care delivery system (Goal 5).

To build financial stability and sustainability for UT, the city, and the region. (Number 5 Overarching Strategic Goal).

We will encourage global engagement. (Goal 6. Number 8).

We will build life experience into the general education curriculum and ensure a curriculum that is responsive to stakeholder feedback and relevant to student needs and regional and global relationships. (Goal 1. Number 3).

We will become a learnercentered institution with intensified focus on teaching and learning. (Goal 1. Number 1.)