UT Medical Center finalizes leadership structure

By Jon Strunk

University of Toledo Medical Center CEO Dave Morlock announced several personnel changes, including the retirement of a leader with nearly a decade of outstanding service to the hospital.

Norma Tomlinson, who joined the organization in 2005 and currently serves as associate vice president of UTMC, will retire Sept. 12.

"Norma's professionalism, experience and institutional knowledge were very helpful to me as I assumed my new role, and I'm incredibly grateful to her," Morlock said. "Given all she has done to create a high-quality, safe clinical environment for patients and health-care learners, this community is lucky to have her."

"I am so proud of all that we've accomplished together in the last 10 years," Tomlinson said. "We've come such a long..."
Trustees approve 2015 budget

By Meghan Cunningham

The UT Board of Trustees approved last week the fiscal year 2015 budget that includes a modest tuition increase for students and investments in University employees.

The $790.8 million budget includes tuition increases of 2.39 percent for undergraduate students and 1 percent for graduate students; however, there is no increase in the general fee. Tuition is unchanged for students in the College of Law. Undergraduate scholarships were increased for tuition assistance.

The budget also includes a 2 percent salary increase for non-bargaining unit employees of the University.

“This was an inclusive, transparent process working with both the Main Campus and Health Science Campus and I appreciate the participation,” said Dave Morlock, executive vice president for finance and administration and CEO of UT Medical Center. “This budget focuses on putting student and patient needs first, above our capital maintenance needs, while securing a strong financial position for UT.”

The combined $790.8 million budget consists of a $503.5 million budget with a 1.3 percent operating margin for the academic enterprise and a $287.3 million budget for the clinical enterprise that incudes an 8.9 percent operating margin.

The budget assumes enrollment will be flat and state share of instruction dollars will increase 1.8 percent. There is a 2.39 percent increase in residence hall fees and 2 percent increase in meal plan fees.

Also at the June 16 meeting, two board members were honored as their terms will expire June 30. Susan Palmer, who was appointed to the UT Board of Trustees in 2005, and Linda Mansour, who was appointed to the board in 2009, were thanked for their service to the University.

The board also elected officers for the 2014-15 year. Joseph H. Zerbey IV will continue to serve as chair, and Sharon Sprey will remain vice chair.

Farewell reception for provost June 27

By Meghan Cunningham

Dr. Scott Scarborough’s contributions to The University of Toledo will be celebrated during a farewell reception Friday, June 27.

Scarborough, who has served the University since 2008, has been named president of the University of Akron.

The reception recognizing his time leading the University’s academic affairs, clinical operations and finances will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. in Libbey Hall.

“Scott has been an important leader at UT with a proven ability to create strong teams that work to benefit our students and patients,” President Lloyd Jacobs said.

“It gives me pride when our leaders are sought after at other prestigious institutions. While we will miss Scott’s leadership and friendship, I hope you join me in wishing him well at Akron.”

Scarborough has served as UT’s chief academic and operating officer since 2012. During his tenure, he created and implemented the Imagine 2017 strategic plan, led the rebranding of the Jesup Scott Honors College, and organized a system of portal colleges to meet the needs of students entering the University.

He joined UT in 2008 as senior vice president for finance and administration and in 2011 was appointed to serve as vice president and executive director of UT Medical Center.

Scarborough came to Toledo from DePaul University, the nation’s largest Catholic university, where he was executive vice president. He also previously served as chief executive officer at the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Co. and spent more than a decade in the University of Texas System, serving for five years as vice president for business affairs at the University of Texas at Tyler.

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• Scott Myers, director of corporate sales and marketing for Broadway in Detroit, talks about upcoming shows with strong brands, including “Wicked” and “The Book of Mormon.”
• And Toledo Region Brand Manager Jeff Schaaf talks about the new “It Matters Where You Make It” campaign.

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Board members are elected by physicians and medical students from more than 180 state and specialty medical societies who gather in Chicago for the annual House of Delegates meeting, the AMA’s primary policymaking body, according the association’s website.

Before being elected to the board, Sirio chaired the Initiative to Transform Medical Education on the AMA Council on Medical Education and represented the association for the Liaison Committee on Medical Education — during which time he helped create new standards for building greater diversity in medicine. In addition, he served on the internal medicine residency review committee and helped develop pilot programs on more clearly linking educational and clinical care outcomes.

Sirio has been nationally recognized for co-founding the Pittsburgh Regional Healthcare Initiative, one of the first regional collaborations in the country for medical, business and civic leaders to address health-care safety and quality improvements.

Additionally, he has received $6.5 million in grants from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for work designed to improve patient care.

Currently, Sirio is a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Joint Commission and Measure Applications Partnership sponsored by the National Quality Forum as part of his work in quality of care and performance improvement.
Now in 3-D

Connor Kress, a graduate student in mechanical engineering, showed how to use a 3-D printer, above, and created a plastic c-clamp, shown on the table by his hand, that is used to hold a wood or metal work piece during design and construction. The June 18 demonstration at the University was in honor of the National Day of Making, a celebration of students, researchers, entrepreneurs and amateurs who work to innovate through physical creation. “The University of Toledo has joined more than 150 colleges and universities across the nation and made a commitment to President Obama that we will work to democratize access to many of the advanced tools needed to create some of tomorrow’s most exciting inventions,” said Dr. Nagi Naganathan, dean of the UT College of Engineering.

On the road

Jim Garrett, CEO for Vadxx Energy, a Cleveland-based recycling company, delivered the keynote address when the NASA Roadshow recently stopped on campus. The event granted regional businesses access to the brainpower, research capabilities and resources of NASA to solve technical challenges, with hopes that the assisted companies achieve expanded growth and eventual job creation. The roadshow is part of a three-year experimental program to comply with a White House directive that NASA and other agencies accelerate their technology transfer activities and make available to all the benefits of federally funded research and development investments.

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way from where we were in 2005, and it has been my privilege to work with so many people so dedicated to the health and well-being of others.”

Prior to joining UTMC, Tomlinson was the vice president of clinical services and chief nursing officer with three other health systems, most recently at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tenn., as the vice president of clinical services and operations, and chief nursing officer.

Morlock also announced title changes and some modifications in responsibility, in some instances formalizing a structure he laid out earlier this year.

Dr. Carl Sirio will serve as chief operating officer for UTMC, as well as chief clinical and chief medical officer.

Simultaneously, Dr. Ron McGinnis, interim dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, announced that Sirio has been named senior associate dean for clinical affairs.

“Carl has shown himself to be an outstanding leader with a comprehensive knowledge of UT’s health-care delivery model, as well as a thought leader nationally when it comes to recognizing and anticipating changes in the health-care industry and their effects locally,” Morlock said.

Dr. Bryan Hinch will assume the role of chief medical information officer, having served as the associate chief for the last several years dealing with complex information technology issues.

Dan Barbee will move from his role as chief nursing officer to become vice president for clinical services, overseeing nursing, pharmaceutical care, laboratory services, radiology, and respiratory, physical, occupational and speech therapies.

In other changes, Monceca (Mo) Smith has been selected to serve as chief nursing officer. Barbee said that Smith’s breadth of experience in inpatient services, emergency medicine, ambulatory care and nursing administration, coupled with her deep institutional knowledge, makes her an ideal candidate to lead nursing services to the next level.

Angie Ackerman is being named outcome management director, expanding her role and taking over the staffing clerks and the house supervisors in addition to her current responsibilities, which include case management, social work and bed placement coordinators.

“These are not easy times for any health-care organization,” said Sirio, specifically referencing the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, as well as the expected visit later this year by the Joint Commission, UTMC’s accrediting agency. “But our advantage is our people. The most complex and dire medical cases in the community come to us and as the only academic medical center in the region, we welcome these challenges.”
Eleven students traveled to Belize in May on a medical mission trip that helped change the lives of countless members in one large community of that country.

International Service Learning, a nationwide organization that was introduced to UT’s campus last fall, organized the 12-day venture that departed May 5.

“This is a great new organization,” said Hannah Kissel, a senior pre-med biology and German major, who participated in the mission. “We’re really excited to spread the word about it and get more people involved.”

The students, along with several local doctors, set up four health clinics during their time in Belize. Each clinic admitted patients for a day and gave free medical exams, as well as any medications the patients needed. Additionally, each patient was referred to local doctors for continued treatment if needed.

Kissel, who will take over as president of the organization this fall, explained that the day before each of the clinics opened, the group traveled to rural villages. They would meet and invite the villagers to visit the clinic for free treatments.

While the mission trip had many medical factors, you don’t have to be a medical student to participate, Kissel said. The experience is open to many different areas of learning, and everyone can help, she said.

Reaching out to the villagers was rewarding, Kissel said, recalling helping a woman.

“She wasn’t sick or anything, she just wanted to have a blood glucose test because she was diabetic,” Kissel said. “She came up and she was so excited to have that done that she just hugged me afterward. I really hadn’t done anything, but seeing that was so rewarding. You don’t feel like you’re doing a ton because it’s more of a learning experience for us. She was so happy that someone was there to do that for free, and she didn’t have to worry about anything.”

Brandon Stewart, a senior health-care administration major, recalled the hospitality of the people he worked with in Belize. The first clinical site the group set up was at a church; Stewart said the pastor and his family were so grateful for the aid received that they made the International Service Learning group a baked chicken lunch.

“That experience alone was truly humbling to me,” he said. “General access to health care is an aspect of our culture here in the States that we take for granted daily. I really enjoyed getting to meet the different villages of the Cayo District, [immersing] myself into their culture.”

Jessica Schulte, who will be a first-year graduate student majoring in epidemiology this fall, agreed that the Belizean people were kind and appreciative of her work, which she found very gratifying.

“Seeing the smiles and appreciation on the patients’ faces was the most rewarding part of this trip,” Schulte said. “No matter the living conditions or health status, the Belizean people lead happy lives and do not feel like they need more.”

The organization also collected suitcases full of donations, including ibuprofen, Tylenol, allergy medication and syringes. Kissel said she learned a lot about herself and how to communicate with others on this trip, which she believes she’ll use in the future, particularly in preparing for medical school.

“I’ve kind of affirmed this passion for medicine,” she said. “I feel more driven to finish up my last [undergraduate] year, and I’m super-excited to start medical school, especially with going into patient interaction, those hard situations where you don’t know how to communicate with them; I’m definitely going to take that away as well as the thought process you develop working with a diagnosis.”

Some of Kissel’s plans for the upcoming year as president include offering more mission trips, including one that focuses on pharmacy students. However, she said she also would like to reach out to the Toledo community.

“One of things I realized while I was there was that I don’t even know how to take a blood pressure,” she said. “That’s not something that’s hard to do, but I think it’d be really easy to teach people in schools and get them interested, not only in the medical field, but also in service learning.”

Kissel said she would like to start an after-school program where she could share her service-learning experiences with others and promote it throughout the community.

For more information about International Service Learning, visit islonline.org.
Students take a shine to restoring sculpture in summer class

By Lindsay Mahaney

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Dining and parking the focus of Auxiliary Services reorganization

By Jon Strunk

A recent review of the Office of Auxiliary Services has resulted in a reorganization that UT officials believe will be more efficient and maintain the University’s commitment to strong student and employee services.

All food service will be centralized under the oversight of Mario Toussaint, senior director of operations — dining, retail and clinical nutrition. Toussaint’s primary focus had been on Health Science Campus. He also will assume oversight for the Satellites Auxiliary’s gift shop at UT Medical Center.

In addition, parking services now will report to Sherri Kaspar, who manages parking enforcement for the University.

The remaining auxiliary services will continue to be coordinated by Joy Seifert, director of auxiliary services, and the entire office now will report to Jen Pastorek, director of supply chain management.

“In the past few months, Joy and I came together to find the best model to provide great service to the UT community, and we think these changes will provide the opportunity for increased focus and expertise on two particular areas — food and dining services and parking,” Pastorek said.

“Both fall into their own unique category on a college campus and with people at UT with specific expertise in those areas, it just made sense to consolidate.”

With the change, Auxiliary Services will comprise:
• Rocket Wireless;
• Rocky’s Technology Center in the Student Union;
• The Copy Center;
• The fleet copy machine program;
• Rocket ID Card services; and
• Off-campus merchant program.

Seifert said she thought the new model for the various business services would benefit consumers.

“I think we have had strong dining service on Main Campus, and I have no doubt Mario will be able to enhance that even further,” Seifert said, also noting that consolidating all parking components under one service will reduce the potential for confusion among campus constituents.

“Auxiliary Services has a lot of benefits to offer UT employees and students, and I’m excited for what lies ahead,” Seifert said.

Law alumnus to take office as Ohio State Bar Association president

By Rachel Phipps

Martin E. Mohler, a 1973 graduate of the UT College of Law, will begin his term as president of the Ohio State Bar Association (OSBA) July 1.

He was elected to become the president-elect at the OSBA’s annual convention last spring.

Mohler is a partner in the Toledo firm of Shindler, Neff, Holmes, Worline & Mohler LLP. His general practice covers both criminal and civil law.

“Marty Mohler is the third UT law grad to head the OSBA,” said Daniel J. Steinbock, dean of the College of Law. “We are very proud of him and our other graduates who serve at all levels of bar association and judicial leadership.”

Mohler is a former president of the Toledo Bar Association, and a life member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference. He is also a fellow of the Ohio State Bar Foundation. He has been an active member of the OSBA, most recently having chaired the Government Affairs Committee of the association’s board of governors.

He has a history of service to the Toledo community. He volunteers at a local soup kitchen and serves on the Toledo Bar Association Pro Bono Board. He also chairs the Facility Governing Board for the Correctional Treatment Facility for Lucas County. In addition, he is a former member of the board of trustees of the Toledo Legal Aid Society and Advocates for Basic Legal Equality/Legal Aid of Western Ohio.

Mohler earned his bachelor’s degree from John Carroll University.

Big sale

Matt Maxwell of Books Are Fun bagged up merchandise purchased by Marci Miller, painter, right, as Dawn Cook, building maintenance repair journeyman, center, and Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites Auxiliary, watched. Approximately $1,000 was raised at the sale earlier this month, according to Brand. A portion of the proceeds will benefit graduate scholarships for the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

In memoriam

Leona E. Bacon, Roswell, N.M., who had taught at the University, died June 6 at age 74.

Dr. William M. “Bill” Leons, Brattleboro, Vt., who taught anthropology for 35 years, died June 2 at age 78. He joined UT as an assistant professor in 1975 and was named professor emeritus when he retired in 2010. Leons served as adviser to the Vietnamese Student Association for several years and was adviser to the Latin American Studies Program from 1979 to 1985. While attending college in the early 1960s, the civil rights activist joined the Freedom Riders in Jackson, Miss.
Lung cancer screening now standard of care at UTMC

By Samantha Watson

In 2010, 160,000 people in the United States died from a cancer more common than breast, prostate and colon cancers combined.

“Lung cancer is the primary cancer killer in the United States and is especially prevalent in Ohio,” said Dr. James Willey, the George Isaac Endowed Chair in Cancer Research at The University of Toledo. “Eighty-five percent of the patients I see are too advanced for a surgical cure and are going to die within a year or two.”

That’s why the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center at The University of Toledo Medical Center has been working for years to improve its lung cancer screening methods. Just this year, the U.S. Preventative Health Services Task Force announced lung cancer screening as standard of care, and UTMC was already prepared to begin offering lung cancer screening to select individuals.

On Tuesday, July 8, the Dana Cancer Center will offer these screenings to employees between the ages of 55 and 80 who smoke more than 30 packs of cigarettes a year or have quit within the last 15 years. Screening is most effective in high-risk patients, as opposed to those with low risk of lung cancer who may not benefit from the screening.

Because lung cancer screening was made standard of care this year, only a few private insurance companies reimburse the cost. Fortunately, because of the Affordable Care Act, all private insurance companies will be required to cover this cost starting January 2015.

“In the meantime, UT is offering the screening at a cost of $99, which covers all costs for the patient — the CAT scan, the interpretation by the radiologist, and a brief consultation with a pulmonologist to interpret the results and give them some initial recommendations,” Willey said. “Beyond the $99, there is no other cost to them.”

In 2010, 220,000 people were diagnosed with lung cancer in the United States, and only 60,000 of those individuals survived. When it comes to lung cancer, early stage diagnosis is key to survival. The problem is that due to lack of symptoms, most lung cancer is found too late.

“I believe that the best way to advance the Division for Early Childhood’s mission is by reaching out to the range of discipline-specific professionals who work on behalf of young children with special needs and their families,” Dinnebeil said. “Professionals receive support from the division in a variety of ways: one of the most important ways the Division for Early Childhood can support professionals is by increasing their access to high-quality translational, peer-reviewed research.”

On Tuesday, July 1, Dinnebeil will begin her five-year tenure as editor of the Journal of Early Intervention. She was chosen for the position not only for her work experience at UT, but her involvement in a number of early childhood special education initiatives.

She is a former president of the Division for Early Childhood and serves on a number of editorial boards for peer-reviewed journals. In addition, Dinnebeil works with early childhood special education professionals across the country, providing technical assistance and support to education agencies and school districts interested in implementing a consultative approach to early childhood special education.
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