

Minutes

**The University of Toledo
114th Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, December 17, 2018
Driscoll Alumni Center, Schmakel Room
1:45 p.m.**

The one-hundred fourteenth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 17, 2018, in the Driscoll Alumni Center Schmakel Room. Chair Mary Ellen Pisanelli called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. Board of Trustees Secretary Joan Stasa recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

Kyle D. Bergen, Student Trustee
Steven M. Cavanaugh
Stephen P. Ciucci
Jeffrey C. Cole
Birdel F. Jackson, III, National 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
Alfred A. Baker, Vice Chair
Christine E. Brennan, National Trustee
Hedyeh Elahinia, Student Trustee
Daniel J. Guttman

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Karen Bjorkman, Dean College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Sherri Boyle, UTMC Chief Financial Officer
Dale Brugh, ACE Fellow
Frank Calzonetti, VP Research
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

Diane Miller, AVP Government Relations/Interim Deputy Chief of Staff
Peter Papadimos, VP and General Counsel
Linda Rouillard, President Faculty Senate
Matthew Schroeder, Chief of Staff/AVP Budget and Planning
Joan Stasa, Secretary Board of Trustees
Cheryl Zwyer, AVP Development

Board Chair Pisanelli requested a motion to waive the reading of the September 17, 2018 Board meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Kenney, seconded by Trustee Speyer, and approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF
MEETING
MINUTES**

Board Chair Pisanelli requested a motion for approval of the first 12 items on the Consent Agenda for the meeting. A motion was received from Trustee Lucas, seconded by Trustee Cole, and approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA**

For the thirteenth item on the Consent Agenda, Personnel Action Report for November and December 2018, Chair Pisanelli requested a motion for approval, which was received by Trustee Cole, second by Trustees Lucas, and approved by the Board. Trustee Kenney abstained from voting for this item.

President Gaber presented her Dashboard report and mentioned the following.

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

Research numbers through the first quarter of FY19 are outpacing last year and continue to be strong. The number of research proposal submissions are up 5% year-over-year, a five-year high. The number of awards are up almost 32% year-over-year, at least an eight-year high and total amount of awards have surpassed \$20.5 million, which was also at least an eight-year high. Dr. Gaber was pleased to report that UT researchers continue to perform well at the bench and in the field.

Fundraising efforts through November are yielding positive results. New revenue increased 40% year-over-year, \$11.3 million. The number of donors is up 16% to 5,867. Contributing to fundraising success was our second annual Day of Giving: Rocket Forward, You Launch Lives. This 36-hour event raised \$717,000 surpassing a goal of \$470,000. Once again, Rocket Nation stepped up and showed support. We are truly grateful.

As many of you know, the College of Charleston recently announced that Provost Hsu has been selected as the institution's next president. I am very appreciative of his work while he has been here, specifically related to leading the Strategic Plan efforts. I wish him well.

I am very pleased with the progress that our College of Law has made with Bar Passage Rates. Toledo law graduates had an 84% first-time passage rate on the Ohio bar exam, up ten percentage points from 2017. This figure is well above the state average of 79% and ahead of most Ohio law schools.

Research on harmful algal blooms continues to garner attention. The Ohio Department of Higher Education recently recognized Dr. Tom Bridgeman with the Chancellor's Award. This award honors exemplary faculty, administration and students who go beyond the call of duty in using the power of higher education to impact the communities where they are located and for the greater good of all Ohio.

Collaboration between the College of Medicine and Life Sciences; the College of Health and Human Services; IISC, and IT has resulted in a \$1.234 million grant from the Department of Medicaid for an Equity Simulation Project – to create a virtual reality training experience for Medicaid providers, specifically addressing the Social Determinants of Health.

During the holiday season, many are in need of resources including some of our students. Working to address this need now and throughout the academic year, the University established a Student Food Pantry in Spring 2016. Its mission, to provide temporary food aid for enrolled students who are in need. Over the past five months, the Student Food Pantry had 610 student visits. Up from 387 visits during the same time last year, a 58% increase.

We continue to get the word out about the great things that are happening at our university. Since our last meeting, The University of Toledo received 1,503 media mentions, 1.3 million+ Facebook impressions, and 2.1 million+ Twitter impressions.

As we speak, our football program is beginning their journey to the Bahamas to take on Florida International University in the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl game. This is the ninth consecutive year that our football program has finished the season with a winning record – one of only nine schools in the country to achieve this feat, and the fifth year in a row for a bowl game. Congratulations to our Athletic Department, coaches, staff and students for these impressive streaks.

Dr. Gaber expressed her thanks to the faculty, staff, students and the Board for their great work in 2018 while also wishing them a great holiday season and new year.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Pisanelli thanked Provost Hsu for his great service and contributions to the University. She wished him good luck as he starts a new chapter of his professional life at the College of Charleston.

Chair Pisanelli stated that the Commencement ceremonies on December 15 were a moving experience to watch as 2,115 candidates were presented for degrees and to hear some of their stories before and after the ceremonies regarding how UT has changed their lives. These graduates join more than 157,000 women and men worldwide who are alumni of The University of Toledo. Rocket nation continues to grow because of the hard work of our students, faculty and staff.

**CHAIR'S
REPORT**

If you have not yet had a chance to attend a men's or women's basketball game this season, Chair Pisanelli strongly encouraged all to do so. Both programs, under the leadership of Coaches Cullop and Kowalczyk, are exciting to watch. We could not be prouder of our student athletes winning on the courts and excelling in the classroom.

Chair Pisanelli wished all a happy holiday season.

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 September 17, 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 Kenney, 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 3:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT