

Minutes

**The University of Toledo
106th Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, June 19, 2017
Driscoll Alumni Center, Schmakel Room
1:15 p.m.**

The one-hundred sixth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, June 19, 2017, at the Driscoll Alumni Center in the Schmakel Room. Chair Sharon Speyer called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Ms. Joan Stasa recorded the minutes.

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

Alfred A. Baker
Steven M. Cavanaugh
Jeffrey C. Cole
Anna L. Crisp, Student Trustee
Will Lucas
Sharon Speyer
Gary P. Thieman
Lucas D. Zastrow, Student Trustee
Joseph H. Zerbey, IV

The following Board of Trustees member was absent:

Mary Ellen Pisanelli

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Heidi Appel, Dean Honors College
Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Dean Graduate Studies
Frank Calzonetti, VP Research
Phillip Cockrell, Interim VP Student Affairs
Christopher Cooper, EVP Clinical Affairs/Dean College of Medicine and Life Sciences
Meghan Cunningham, Director University Communications
David Cutri, Executive Director Internal Audit/Chief Compliance Officer
Wendy Davis, Associate VP for Human Resources and Talent Development
Sarah Elms, Reporter for *The Blade*
Sharon Gaber, UT President
Rick Gerasimiak, Manager Desktop Support
Andrew Hsu, Provost and EVP Academic Affairs
Lawrence Kelley, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO
Patrick Lawrence, Professor/Associate Dean College of Arts and Letters
Michael O'Brien, VP and Director of Athletics
Barbara Owens, Interim AVP Marketing and Communications

**CALL TO
ORDER**

ATTENDANCE

Peter Papadimos, VP and General Counsel
Matthew Schroeder, President's Chief of Staff
Joan Stasa, Secretary Board of Trustees
Amy Thompson, Faculty Senate President

Board Chair Speyer requested a motion to waive the reading of the May 15, 2017 Board meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Thieman, seconded by Trustee Lucas, and approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board Chair Speyer requested a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda for this meeting. A motion was received from Trustee Lucas, seconded by Trustee Zerbey, and approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

President Gaber presented the UT 2016-2017 Annual Report in a video, which was shown to the Trustees and attendees at the meeting. After the video, Dr. Gaber stated that UT is waiting on the State's actions to determine what will happen with the University's FY18 budget. She extended her appreciation to all those involved with the budget process and to Marketing and Communications for putting the video together for the Annual Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Trustee Speyer commented that this is her last meeting as Board Chair and the Annual Report said it all. She stated that although her term on the Board will continue for another two years, seeing Dr. Gaber build her leadership team and make all on the Annual Report video happen, she could not be any more proud. Trustee Speyer encouraged everyone to realize that there are many incredible things happening at UT. She also extended thanks to her fellow Board members for their support over the last two years.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Speyer presented Proclamation No. 17-06-09: "Anna L. Crisp" to outgoing Student Trustee Ms. Crisp and read it in its entirety. She personally thanked Ms. Crisp for her service and participation as a Student Trustee. Ms. Crisp thanked everyone for the wonderful experience.

Chair Speyer then presented Proclamation No. 17-06-10: "Gary P. Thieman" to Mr. Thieman and read it in its entirety. Ms. Speyer thanked Mr. Thieman for his service and stated it has not only been an incredible learning experience but an honor to serve with him. Ms. Speyer also thanked Mr. Thieman for his help with guiding the Board through some difficult times. Mr. Thieman stated he grew up in a Rocket Family, both his children attended UT and he plans to attend many events at UT for years to come. He discussed his time on the Board as a tremendous honor and privilege. Mr. Thieman stated he is very proud of the accomplishments that have occurred since he joined the Board. He mentioned he could not be more proud of the work done on the Clinical Affairs Committee including progress made on the HSC and at UTMC. He thanked his fellow Board members, mentioned that it has been a pleasure to work with them and said he plans to stay in touch.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Chair Jeff Cole invited Provost Hsu to present Resolution No. 17-06-15: “Updated Remediation-Free Status.” Dr. Hsu reminded the Board that last year they approved Resolution No. 16-06-09 to adopt remediation-free standards. In May 2017, Ohio’s public college and university presidents revised the uniform “remediation-free” standards for students entering postsecondary education and Resolution 17-06-15 addresses these updates. Dr. Hsu displayed and explained a chart showing the changes. Chair Speyer requested a motion for approval of the Resolution, which was provided by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Zerbey, and approved by the Board.

**ACADEMIC
AND STUDENT
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Gary Thieman presented the May meeting minutes for the Board’s approval. Trustee Speyer requested a motion for approval, which was received by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Zerbey, and approved by the Board.

**CLINICAL
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Joe Zerbey did not have a report.

**FINANCE
AND AUDIT
COMMITTEE**

Committee Vice Chair Steve Cavanaugh inquired with the Board members whether they had any questions regarding the Personnel Action Report for today’s meeting. Hearing none, Chair Speyer requested a motion for approval of the report, which was received from Trustee Cole, seconded by Trustee Thieman, and approved by the Board.

**TRUSTEESHIP
AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE**

Dr. Hsu was invited to provide the Board with information about The University of Toledo’s Path to Excellence: Strategic Plan 2017-2022. Dr. Hsu discussed that this was a grass roots, bottom-up process with over 1,000 participants, which included three rounds of reviews at various levels – town hall meetings with faculty, staff, students, community members and Board members. Dr. Hsu outlined the timeline from beginning the process, in September 2016, through the implementation stages. The new Mission, Vision and Value Statements were also reviewed with the Board. The following five focus areas were identified:

- I. Student Success and Academic Excellence
- II. Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities
- III. Faculty, Staff and Alumni
- IV. Fiscal Positioning and Infrastructure
- V. Reputation and Engagement

Dr. Hsu highlighted the following three goals:

- Increase UT’s position in U.S. News & World Report’s top 100 public, national, research university ranking (currently 133)
- Increase UT’s ranking from 6th to 3rd in research among Ohio public universities
- Increase overall undergraduate first-year retention rate from 74% to 80%

Trustee Cavanaugh shared that this Strategic Plan is a bit different than what he sees in the private sector, but he was happy how it worked out. He stated that the Plan emphasizes the full potential of UT and lays out the roadmap to quantify progress over time. The Board wants to be focused going forward and this plan will provide direction. Mr. Cavanaugh also stated that this Strategic Plan was very well done with ambitious goals, but goals that are achievable. He thanked all those who worked so hard to complete the Plan and encouraged all moving forward with implementation.

Mr. Thieman remarked that one of the highlights of his Board participation was to serve on the Planning Committee for the Strategic Plan. He was concerned about how the process was going to work, but the amount of input that was received both on and off campus was tremendous. He was amazed with the commitment of all those involved, despite their busy schedules, to attend these meetings and produce a good healthy debate. Mr. Thieman commented that the Board should embrace this Plan and approve it enthusiastically.

Board of Trustees Chair Speyer reminded everyone that we are measuring things based upon decisions that were made many years ago and it is easy to forget this. It is important to note that this administration team decided to shoot for something that is truly aspirational. Ms. Speyer then requested a motion for approval of the Strategic Plan, which was received by Trustee Thieman, second by Trustee Cole, and unanimously approved by the Board.

At the April 17, 2017 Board meeting, Board Chair Speyer requested and received the appropriate motions and approvals by the Board to appoint a Nominating Committee with Trustees Cole and Lucas as members and Trustee Zerbey as Chair of the Committee. Trustee Zerbey reported that a Nominating Committee meeting was held on April 27 to discuss options for Board officers for FY18. After discussions, the Committee agreed to recommend the current Vice Chair, Steve Cavanaugh, as Board Chair, and Trustee Mary Ellen Pisanelli as Vice Chair. The Committee also recommended that Joan Stasa, Secretary to the Board, continue in that role. Board Chair Speyer inquired if there were any further nominations, and hearing none, closed nominations. Board Chair Speyer then requested a motion for approval of the recommended slate of officers for FY18, which was received by Trustee Thieman, seconded by Trustee Zerbey, and approved by the Board.

There was no need for an Executive Session.

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Speyer adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE**

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT