

## Minutes

**The University of Toledo  
118<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, April 15, 2019  
Libbey Hall  
1:45 p.m.**

The one-hundred eighteenth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 15, 2019, in Libbey Hall's Main Dining room. Chair Mary Ellen Pisanelli called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. Board of Trustees Secretary Joan Stasa recorded the minutes.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

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

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Karen Bjorkman, Interim Provost/EVP Academic Affairs  
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, AVP Human Resources and Talent Development  
Sharon Gaber, President  
Rick Gerasimiak, Manager Desktop Support  
Mary Humphrys, Associate Professor Business Technology  
Charles Jake, Deputy General Counsel  
Adrienne King, AVP Marketing and Communications  
Ken McFeggan, Instructional Media Specialist

Diane Miller, AVP Government Relations/Interim Chief of Staff  
Michael O'Brien, VP Intercollegiate Athletics  
Peter Papadimos, VP and General Counsel  
Matthew Schroeder, Interim EVP Finance and Administration/CFO  
Joan Stasa, Secretary Board of Trustees  
Amy Thompson, Vice Provost Faculty Affairs

Board Chair Pisanelli requested a motion to waive the reading of the February 18, 2019 Board meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Ciucci, seconded by Trustee Baker, and approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF  
MEETING  
MINUTES**

Board Chair Pisanelli requested a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda for the meeting with the exception of Resolution No. 19-04-06: "Approval of Modification to Multi-Media Rights Agreement with Rocket Sports Properties." A motion was received from Trustee Cavanaugh, seconded by Trustee Baker, and approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Trustee Pisanelli then requested a motion for approval of Resolution No. 19-04-06: "Approval of Modification to Multi-Media Rights Agreement with Rocket Sports Properties." A motion for approval was received from Trustee Lucas, seconded by Trustee Baker, and approved by the Board with the exception of Trustees Cavanaugh and Speyer who abstained.

President Gaber presented her Dashboard Report to the Trustees. She reported that the information under Advancement is an update since our last meeting. Fundraising efforts through the end of March were very positive, with improvements in all key areas.

**PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT**

- New revenue has risen
- Cash gifts have improved – a 14% increase year over year.
- The number of donors has increased and is at a five-year high!

We are so appreciative of all our generous supporters.

Our national reputation continues to grow, including a dramatic rise in the recent graduate school rankings from US News & World Report.

- Master's in nursing soared 48 spots to 135
- Doctorate in nursing jumped 17 spots to 135
- The full-time law program is up 11 spots to 126

Last week, the University hosted 50 rising academic leaders from peer institutions throughout the Mid-American Conference for a Higher Education Leadership and Advocacy Summit. Our inaugural MAC fellows, Amy Thompson and Holly Monsos, organized this conference in collaboration with Central Michigan. The fellows representing us this year are Dr. Cyndee Gruden, Dr. Jason Huntley and Dr. Kristen Keith.

Congratulations to women's basketball Head Coach Tricia Cullop! With our first-round win in the National Invitation Tournament, she became the University's all-time women's basketball head coach with the most career wins of 241.

The U.S. Department of Energy recently awarded Dr. Yanfa Yan a \$1.1 million grant to advance solar energy. Dr. Yan will collaborate with the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory to develop ultra-high efficiency solar cells.

UToledo will host a National Lab Day this October, which will connect our researchers and students with scientists, facilities and opportunities unique to some of the nation's most preeminent labs. This is truly a unique opportunity for our campus community.

After our Spring Commencement ceremonies in a few weeks, we are projecting that our six-year graduation rate will top 50%. This means we are on track to reach our Strategic Plan target graduation rate three years ahead of schedule!

Good news coming out of Enrollment tells us 267 students attended the Spring Preview Day last month, which was a standing room only event. We have already had an increase of nearly 60% in admitted undergraduate international students for fall 2019 versus the same time last year.

Since late February, more than 700 pounds of catered meals have been provided to students instead of going to waste, thanks to the Rocket Fuel Food Recovery program supported by a grant from the Association of Public & Land-grant Universities and administered by the Division of Student Affairs.

Two weeks ago, the UToledo Opioid Task Force led a day of community impact, hosting an educational resource expo and community-wide teach-in to address the epidemic. Approximately 300 people attended the event, 60 service agencies from the community participated, and 100 people were trained to administer Narcan in an opioid overdose emergency.

Our students' Big Event annual day of service took place on March 23.

- More than 1,100 students participated
- 55 locations and organizations around Toledo benefited
- 7,000 total hours of volunteer work for the day

Dr. Gaber recognized the continued, outstanding work students are doing as active contributors to the Toledo community. This event is only the latest example.

Board Chair Pisanelli commented that Spring Commencement will be held in a few weeks. She encouraged all to attend as our growing global community of 157,000 Rocket alumni increases. Katie Holmes, renowned actress, producer and director, will deliver the commencement address at the undergraduate ceremony. Dr. Gaber delivered an excellent, third State of the University address a couple of

**CHAIR'S  
REPORT**

weeks ago, energizing us all about the University and its trajectory. More than 525 students, faculty, staff and community members attended and more than 1,000 have viewed the address online. President Gaber highlighted the people who make The University of Toledo what it is - sharing current student and recent alumni success stories and remarkable faculty research breakthroughs. We are all excited and proud of the successes of the past year and the great progress made toward the goals of the strategic plan.

Members of the Board's Nominating Committee have been appointed - Trustee Speyer will serve as Chair of the Committee with Trustees Cavanaugh and Guttman. Recommendations for FY20 Board officers will be presented and voted on at the June Board meeting. Thank you to these trustees for agreeing to serve on this committee.

Trustee Pisanelli mentioned the construction and improvements happening on campus, which included several of the projects funded through the State Biennium Capital budget already underway.

The relocation of women's soccer to main campus has begun. Facilities and Construction has already completed the locker room and office renovations in Savage Arena and have awarded contracts for the next stage of the project, which will be installing the turf and field lights.

Congratulations to Deputy Police Chief Rod Theis, who graduated from the Certified Law Enforcement Executive program this spring. The Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation hosts this formal leadership training for police officers who wish to progress to executive levels and requires a year of course work.

Our College of Medicine and Life Sciences had the best Match Day in two decades, with a final match rate of 98.8 percent -- significantly better than the national average. The majority of our students matched into their preferred specialty and program. In addition, The University of Toledo's Physician Assistant Studies Program has been granted full accreditation in recognition of the high-quality education provided to students in a program that meets or exceeds national standards. The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) notified the University last week that its accreditation has been restored. The program is now on accreditation-continued status, which is in effect until its next review in September 2027.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Vice Chair Will Lucas did not have a report.

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Sharon Speyer presented the February 18, 2019

**ACADEMIC  
AND STUDENT  
AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE**

**CLINICAL**

meeting minutes for the Board’s approval. Board Chair Pisanelli requested a motion for approval, which was received by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Kenney, and approved by the Board with the exception of Trustee Cavanaugh who abstained.

**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 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**