

Minutes
The University of Toledo
145th Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
WebEx
10:00a.m.

The one-hundred forty fifth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, via WebEx. Chair Alfred A. Baker called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and read the mission of The University of Toledo. Secretary to the Board, Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

Roy V. Armes, National Trustee
Eleanore Awadalla
Alfred A. Baker, Chair
Stephen P. Ciucci, Vice Chair
Rebekah K. Dangler, Student Trustee
Anthony Gennings, Student Trustee
Daniel Guttman
Birdel F. Jackson, III, National Trustee
Patrick J. Kenney
Will Lucas
Mary Ellen Pisanelli

ATTENDANCE

The following Board of Trustees members were absent:

Christine E. Brennan, National Trustee
Richard Walinski

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Jason Anthony, Senior Network Engineer
Anne Balazs, College of Business Dean
Terry Bigioni, Faculty Senate President Elect
Karen Bjorkman, Provost/EVP Academic Affairs
Time Brakel, Faculty Senate President
Frank Calzonetti, Vice President for Research
Christopher Cooper, EVP Clinical Affairs/Dean COM&LS
Meghan Cunningham, Director University Communications
David Cutri, Director of Internal Audit
Katie DeBenedictis, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Adam Downing, Healthcare Administration Specialist

Dom D’Emilio, Director of College Technology
Troy Holmes, Chief Financial Officer of UTMC
Mary Humphrys, Chair an Associate Professor of Business Technology
Charles Jake, Deputy General Counsel
Adrienne King, Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communications
Patrick Lawrence, Chair – Dept. of Geography and Planning
Brenda Lee, UT Foundation President
Linda Lewandowski, Dean, College of Nursing
Sandra MacNevin, Communications Manager
Bill McCreary, VP and CIO
John McSweeney, Professor
David Meredith, Interim VP for Enrollment
Diane Miller, AVP Government Relations/ Chief of Staff
Greg Postel, President
Matthew Schroeder, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO
Rachel Stanford, Executive Assistant to the CFO
Rick Swaine, CFO of UTMC
Sabrina Taylor, AVP Financial Planning, Analysis and Budget
Rod Theis, University of Toledo Deputy Police Chief
Amy Thompson, Vice Provost Faculty Affairs
Don Wedding, Faculty/Faculty Relations

Board Chair Baker requested a motion to waive the reading of the February 2021 and March 2021 Board and Committee meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Ciucci, seconded by Trustee Kenney, and approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board Chair Baker requested a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda for this meeting. A motion was received for approval of all consent agenda items from Trustee Awadalla, seconded by Trustee Guttman, and approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Postel gave a president’s report to the board. His report included positive updates related to COVID prevention work on campus and vaccine distribution. He also updated the board on the work of each key initiatives team as it pertains to UTMC, Enterprise Risk Management, Budget Modernization, HR, Strategic Enrollment Management and Racism on campus. Dr. Postel updated the board on current searches and upcoming searches for open positions on campus and on upcoming accreditations. He closed his report by expressing his excitement for the in-person commencement ceremonies that will be taking place throughout the month of May.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Trustee Baker read his chair’s report:

- Good afternoon, thank you all for being here today.

CHAIR’S REPORT

- I know that I have mentioned this before, but since we are coming up on this academic year's commencement, I want to say again, how much the Board appreciates the hard work and flexibility of our faculty, staff and students to make this past year a success.
 - There were a lot of moving parts, but I think UToledo did a tremendous job in evolving in response to the current pandemic.

Commencement

- Speaking of the upcoming commencement, we are all looking forward to celebrating with the success of our graduates on Saturday, May 8, in the Glass Bowl.
- UToledo alumna Irma Olguin, Jr. will remotely deliver the keynote address at the ceremonies.
- Irma is co-founder and chief executive officer of Bitwise Industries in Fresno, Calif.
- She graduated in 2004 from the UToledo College of Engineering with a bachelor's degree in computer science and engineering and went on to blaze a trail of inclusivity for women and minorities in the tech industry.

Faculty

- Congratulations to this year's Edith Rathbun Outreach and Excellence Engagement Award winners: Sujata Shetty from the Department of Geography and Planning, Joseph Hara from the Department of World Languages and Cultures and Joan Duggan from the Department of Medicine.
- Congratulations also goes to Dr. Camilla Ferreira Wenceslau, assistant professor in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, who was recently awarded \$1.9 million in funding for five years to study cardiovascular disease by the National Institutes of Health.
- And Professor Randy Ellingson, from Physics and Astronomy led a team that was awarded \$12.5 million by the Air Force to develop flexible solar sheets for

space-based applications. This is a continuing grant for Ellingson's solar team. Congratulations!

Academic Affairs

- The John B. and Lillian E. Neff College of Business and Innovation ranked #23 on Study.com's list of 2021 Best Bachelor's Degrees in Supply Chain Management.
- They also ranked our Marketing program as the #1 Best Bachelor's Degree in Marketing for 2021.
- Toledo Law moved up seven spots to No. 129 on U.S. News & World Report's national rankings of the 2022 Best Law Schools.

Student Success

- Junior Jacob Connolly, from the College of Engineering was named a recipient of a Goldwater Scholarship, one of the country's oldest and most competitive honors in the fields of science and mathematics, from the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence Foundation.
 - Selected from a field of more than 5,000 applicants, Connolly joins an exclusive cohort of high-achieving students.
 - We are all incredibly proud of Jacob.
- The UToledo student-produced news program, *UT:10 News*, received an Award of Excellence from the Broadcast Educators Association's Festival of Media Arts for its "2020 News Election Day" newscast.
 - *UT:10 News* was among the winners in the national competition in the TV News Magazine category, which featured 1,300 entries from more than 250 colleges and universities in the country, including top national journalism schools.
- Our medical students learned residency placements via a virtual Match Day event this year.
 - Of those 166 students who matched, 20 matched with UToledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences residency programs.

- A total of 30 fourth-year students matched in residency programs in northwest Ohio and 76 within the state of Ohio.

Closing

- In closing, I want to recognize the passing of a very good friend to The University of Toledo, Norman Nitschke, on Feb. 14.
 - Norm was an engineer and inventor who has very generously supported UToledo.
 - He will be missed by all of us.
 - A service celebrating his many contributions to UToledo will be held on campus when pandemic conditions allow.

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Pisanelli did not have a report.

**CLINICAL
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Chair Guttman did not have a report.

**ACADEMIC &
STUDENT
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Kenney did not have a report.

**FINANCE
AND AUDIT
COMMITTEE**

Trusteeship and Governance Committee Chair Lucas did not have a report.

**TRUSTEESHIP
AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE**

Chair Baker indicated that there was a need for an executive session to discuss the compensation and employment of a public employee. He asked for a motion to enter executive session. Trustee Ciucci made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Pisanelli. Ms. DeBenedictis took a roll call vote of the board members: Baker, yes; Ciucci, yes; Guttman, yes; Awadalla, yes; Lucas, yes; Kenney, yes; Pisanelli, yes; and Walinski, absent.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Following the discussion, the board exited executive session with no action taken.

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Baker adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT