

Minutes
The University of Toledo
126th Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, December 16, 2019
Libbey Hall
1:45 p.m.

The one-hundred twenty-sixth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 16, 2019, in Libbey Hall's Main Dining room. Chair Mary Ellen Pisanelli called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. Secretary to the Board, Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

Eleanore Awadalla
Alfred A. Baker, Vice Chair
Stephen P. Ciucci
Jeffrey C. Cole
Rebekah K. Dangler, Student Trustee
Daniel J. Guttman
Will Lucas
Patrick J. Kenney
Mary Ellen Pisanelli, Chair
Richard Walinski

ATTENDANCE

The following Board of Trustees members were absent:

Roy V. Armes, National Trustee
Kyle D. Bergen, Student Trustee
Christine E. Brennan, National Trustee
Birdel F. Jackson, III, National Trustee

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Jim Anderson, VP Enrollment Management
Karen Bjorkman, Interim Provost/EVP Academic Affairs
Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Frank Calzonetti, Vice President for Research
Christopher Cooper, EVP Clinical Affairs/Dean COM&LS
Meghan Cunningham, Director University Communications
Katie DeBenedictis, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Sharon Gaber, President
Rick Gerasimiak, Manager Desktop Support
Mary Humphrys, Associate Professor of Business Technology
Charles Jake, Deputy General Counsel
Linda Lewandowski, Dean, College of Nursing
Diane Miller, AVP Government Relations/Interim Chief of Staff

Michael O'Brien, VP Intercollegiate Athletics
Peter Papadimos, VP and General Counsel
Matthew Schroeder, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO
Jay Skebba, Reporter for *The Blade*
Amy Thompson, Vice Provost Faculty Affairs

Board Chair Pisanelli requested a motion to waive the reading of the September 2019, October 2019 and November 2019 Board and Committee meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Cole, seconded by Trustee Kenney, and approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF
MEETING
MINUTES**

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

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA**

President Gaber report:

Dashboard Report

- In your packet, you will find December's dashboard report.
- You will see that we have included first quarter information for Research and through November for Development.
 - I especially want to draw your attention to 3 specific areas we track under Research:
 - Total Dollar Amount of Awards
 - Total Dollar Amount of New Competitive Awards
 - Number of New Research Proposal Submissions
 - All three are at 5-year highs!

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

Student Success

- Congratulations to the College of Law for the highest first-time bar passage rate in a decade!
 - In July 89% of UToledo law graduates passed the bar, up from 84% in 2018.
 - It also surpassed this year's state average of 82%.
- UToledo has been selected to participate in Degrees When Due, a national initiative that provides us additional resources to re-engage those who have some college credit, to help them complete their degrees.

Enrollment, Retention and Graduation

- And this is our third year of Winter Intersession that helps students stay on track to graduation.
 - Enrollment is up 25%.

Research

- The University of Toledo was chosen by the U.S. Department of Energy to host a 2019 National Lab Day in October.

- The event connected our students and faculty researchers with world-class scientists and resources...
- And was a tremendous opportunity for UToledo to form new research collaborations.
- We received the third largest award in the U.S. Department of Energy's recent round of grants.
 - UToledo received a total of \$5.7 million in funding to advance the next generation of solar technologies.
- And earlier this month our Opioid Taskforce released an economic impact study detailing how the opioid crisis is impacting our region.
 - Led by Dr. Oleg Smirnov, associate professor of economics, the report shows the epidemic cost metropolitan Toledo's economy \$1.6 billion, and more than 2,000 jobs, in 2017.
 - And each overdose death costs metro Toledo \$8.6 million.
 - Our research will be used by public health officials to advocate for better prevention and treatment efforts.

Academic Affairs

- We celebrated our annual tenure and promotion reception in October,
 - we recognized 12 faculty members for promotion and tenure,
 - and another 31 for promotion.

Campus and Community

- We recently opened a second student food pantry on the Health Science Campus;
 - and earlier this month, UTMC employees raised nearly \$1,000 to help stock and support the pantry!
- A unique addition as we continue to upgrade Carlson Library—we have added new FitDesks!
 - Study desks with an exercise bike.
 - They are on the fourth floor with views overlooking campus, and have been a hit so far with students and on social media.
- I'd like to thank our faculty and staff for their nearly 150 submissions to the Good Idea Initiative, launched last month.
- The two winning suggestions:
 - Bring STEM teachers from area high schools to visit campus during High School Professional Days;
 - and intensive “boot camp” trainings for managers and professionals who handle budgets, financing and human resources.

Closing

- I want to thank everyone for all their efforts this fall.
- I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to

seeing you all back here in the new year!

Trustee Pisanelli report:

Welcome

- On behalf of the Board, I'm pleased to celebrate some of the University's achievements during fall semester.

Student success

- I was proud to represent the Board during Fall Commencement ceremonies this past Saturday, when we congratulated more than 2,000 candidates for degrees!
 - Our newest graduates join our growing alumni network of more than 157,000 around the world.
- The University of Toledo was recognized recently by:
 - The Military Times in its "Best for Vets" rankings, where the University jumped 43 places. The annual ranking measures our support for veteran and military students, and their rates of academic achievement.
 - Princeton Review listed the UToledo College of Law #1 in Ohio and Michigan for most accessible professors in its "Best Law Schools 2020" rankings.

Community partnerships

- On Dec. 6, student teams from the College of Engineering presented projects and ideas to the public during the Senior Design Expo.
 - One great example is the team that worked with the Toledo Symphony on a 3D-printed violin to improve access to instruments for children in low-income and remote areas.
- Our Center for the Visual Arts recently completed an exhibition of more than a dozen panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt in recognition of World AIDS Day.
- In November, the University and the Ohio State Highway Patrol broke ground on a shared Public Safety facility at the corner of Dorr Street and Secor Road.
 - This unique partnership offers the university an opportunity to increase collaboration, public safety and serve the community.

Day of Giving

- In October, our third annual Day of Giving, titled "Rocket Forward," raised \$859,990 from our alumni, faculty, staff, students and supporters everywhere.
 - This amount surpassed our goal by more than \$100,000
 - and was a nearly 20% improvement over 2018.

**CHAIR'S
REPORT**

Honors

- I'd like to congratulate President Gaber, as well as College of Graduate Studies Dean Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, on being recognized by the YWCA of Northwest Ohio for their leadership and empowerment of women.
 - President Gaber has been named the recipient of the 2020 Milestone Award for education; and Dr. Bryant-Friedrich is the recipient for science.
 - They will be honored during the Milestone Award ceremony on March 12, so we look forward sharing in that celebration of their leadership!
- Additionally, on behalf of the entire board, I want to recognize Dr. Amanda Bryant-Friedrich's election as a 2019 Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, the world's largest general scientific society.
 - This lifetime appointment was awarded to only 443 scientists worldwide this year, and is a high honor.
 - UToledo now has 5 AAAS fellows.
 - Dr. Bryant-Friedrich, congratulations on this wonderful recognition!

Closing

- I also want to wish everyone happy holidays, and thank all of you for your contributions this year.

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

**ACADEMIC
AND STUDENT
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Stephen Ciucci did not have a report

**CLINICAL
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Will Lucas did not have a report.

**FINANCE
AND AUDIT
COMMITTEE**

Trusteeship and Governance Committee Chair Patrick Kenney did not have a report.

**TRUSTEESHIP
AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE**

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Pisanelli adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m. | **ADJOURNMENT**