

Minutes

**The University of Toledo
115th Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, February 18, 2019
Libbey Hall
1:45 p.m.**

The one-hundred fifteenth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 18, 2019, in Libbey Hall's Main Dining room. Chair Mary Ellen Pisanelli called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. Board of Trustees Secretary Joan Stasa recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

ATTENDANCE

Alfred A. Baker, Vice Chair
Kyle D. Bergen, Student Trustee
Steven M. Cavanaugh
Stephen P. Ciucci
Jeffrey C. Cole
Daniel J. Guttman
Birdel F. Jackson, III, National Trustee
Will Lucas
Mary Ellen Pisanelli, Chair
Sharon Speyer

The following Board of Trustees members were absent:

Roy V. Armes, National Trustee
Christine E. Brennan, National Trustee
Hedyeh Elahinia, Student Trustee
Patrick J. Kenney

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

James Anderson, VP Enrollment Management
Anne Balazs, Dean College of Business and Innovation
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
Charles Jake, Deputy General Counsel
Adrienne King, AVP Marketing and Communications
Diane Miller, AVP Government Relations/Interim Chief of Staff

Peter Papadimos, VP and General Counsel
Matthew Schroeder, Interim EVP Finance and Administration/CFO
Joan Stasa, Secretary Board of Trustees
Justin Wagner, Client Services Associate
Cheryl Zwyer, AVP Development

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

**APPROVAL OF
MEETING
MINUTES**

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

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA**

President Gaber presented her Dashboard Report and mentioned the following.

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

Research submissions and awards through the second quarter of FY2019 are up yet again. Our faculty members continue to be aggressive in applying for and winning research funding. Submissions are at the highest level in 5 years. We appreciate the commitment of our faculty and the support that the Office of Research provides in helping to develop promising research proposals. Just a note that the government shutdown did effect the number of new awards we had expected to see this quarter.

Fundraising efforts through January were very positive with the number of donors up 16.67 % (to 7,226).

Community Engagement

In your materials, you will also find a copy of our first annual community engagement report. This report underscores the impact UT has on the community by highlighting a few key efforts of our students, faculty, staff and alumni.

- The CommunityCare Clinic run by our medical students served nearly 5,000 patients last year.
- During the last academic year, our students performed more than 40,000 community service hours and the Big Event, the largest one day student-organized service project, saw our students volunteering at more than 40 sites around our city.
- Since 2014, UT's LaunchPad Incubation Program has served more than 250 entrepreneurs, seen nearly 250 jobs created, and nearly \$30 million in sales revenue and professional investment in the region.
- The report is also available on UT's Community Engagement website.

Enrollment

Earlier this month, we saw a 31.5% increase in the number of students attending Rocket Scholars Day compared to last year (342 attendees this year compared to 260 attendees last year). This event is an exclusive opportunity for high-achieving students to engage with their academic program, current students and organizations while visiting our campus.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Gaber congratulated Dr. Pamela Stover, Associate Professor Music, who won a Fulbright Research Fellowship to conduct archival research in Hungary. Dr. Stover will investigate the development of music curriculum, developed by the composer Zoltan Kodaly, now used worldwide.

Research

Dr. Ana Alba-Rubio, Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering, received the highly competitive and prestigious National Science Foundation CAREER Award for her research and education on capturing and converting carbon dioxide into methanol and higher alcohols. This is a five-year project for \$558,795. This is a career milestone for Dr. Alba-Rubio and we are proud that the NSF has recognized her for her research!

A collaboration between College of Medicine and Life Sciences and College of Natural Science and Mathematics researchers has led to a \$2.1 million grant.

- Dr. Randall Worth, from the Department of Medical Microbiology & Immunology, and Dr. Heather Conti, from the Department of Biological Sciences, received the National Institutes of Health Award to further their research into how platelets affect immune responses to oral pathogens.
- The collaboration began two years ago and is a great example of both campuses working together to generate exciting research opportunities.

Reputation

We continue to get the word out about the great things that are happening at this university. Since our last meeting, UT received 1,360 media mentions, 665,000+ Facebook impressions, and 1.15M+ Twitter impressions. We have also expanded our use of LinkedIn over the past several months. Our posts had over 580,000 impressions and nearly 16,000 engagements since our last meeting.

Alumni Relations

Our Alumni Association's January membership total was the largest monthly number in its nearly 100-year history; 626 memberships were processed, including 474 new members.

Athletics

UT student-athletes earned a combined grade point average of 3.247 in the 2018 fall semester, the second-highest fall term GPA in school history and the eighth consecutive semester in which UT student-athletes have earned a semester GPA of 3.2 or higher. I am so proud of our talented student athletes!

New Team Members

Since our last meeting, we have welcomed Matt Schroeder as our Interim Executive Vice President Finance and Administration/CFO; Diane Miller as our Interim Chief of Staff; a new Vice President for Enrollment, Jim Anderson; and, a new AVP Marketing and Communications, Adrienne King.

Chair Pisanelli welcomed the newest member of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees, Daniel Guttman. Dan is a partner in the national law firm BakerHostetler, with a focus on employment litigation and labor relations. We look forward to the diverse perspective his expertise will add to the Board. Welcome Dan!

Auxiliaries

As a Board, we are always interested in finding ways to assist our students. Over the last couple of years, we have focused on textbook affordability as one way to help. Last February, we approved an initiative, called the Inclusive Access Program. In this model, a course materials fee is included with their tuition when a student registers for the course. The cost savings to our students can be as much as \$300 for a single textbook! I am happy to report that this semester the University added nine more inclusive access digital courses for this semester, bringing the total number of courses for this academic year to 20. The saving to our students for the spring courses was \$124,247 and the total savings for the year was \$369,167.

Academic Affairs

Chair Pisanelli welcomed Dr. Karen Bjorkman to her new role as Interim Provost and thanked her for stepping up to serve UT in this capacity. She has served as Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics since 2010, is also a Distinguished University Professor of Astronomy and the Helen Luedtke Brooks Endowed Professor of Astronomy. Thank you, Karen.

Dr. Gaber highlighted some of the other Deans making headlines:

- Chris Ingersoll, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services and Vice Provost for Health Science Affairs, was recently informed that he would be inducted into the National Athletic Training Association's 2019 Hall of Fame in June. Congratulations to Chris!

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Ben Barros, Dean of the College of Law, was elected to serve on the Association of American Law Schools Executive Committee. The Committee is comprised of only nine members from across the country, who are all respected leaders in legal education. Congratulations to Ben!
- Mike Toole, Dean of the College of Engineering, was recently named to the seven-member DriveOhio Government Advisory Board by outgoing Governor Kasich. DriveOhio is the state’s new center for smart mobility. This Board advises the organization on industry and local government matters. Congratulations to Mike!

We are so proud of our talented deans and how they reflect on the reputation of our University!

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 December 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 Cole, 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 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT