

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO ADMINISTRATION

PRESIDENTS (including Interim)

NUMBER	NAME & TERM DATES
1	Jerome H. Raymond 1909-1910
<p><u>Education</u>: No information available</p> <p><u>Previous post</u>: President of the University of West Virginia</p> <p><u>Accomplishments at UT</u>: First president of UT. Moved the university away from its manual training curriculum and toward becoming a baccalaureate institution. Established the College of Arts and Sciences in 1909. Affiliated the University with the Y.M.C.A. College of Law. Led university during a difficult time when legality of governing board under questions, funding from City Council tenuous.</p>	
2	Charles A. Cockayne 1910-1914
<p><u>Education</u>: Graduate of Yale University. Other information unknown</p> <p><u>Previous posts</u>: Appointed president and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1910 with only one year of experience</p> <p><u>Accomplishments</u>: Youngest president ever of UT. Was 28 years old when he took office. Was president during a stormy time and endured much criticism. The Toledo Medical College building, at Cherry and Page Streets, burned to the ground during his tenure, destroying the library, many classrooms, and laboratories. University almost closed, but fortunately it was able to rent a floor in a downtown office building and kept going. During his tenure, university moved again to a renovated elementary school at the corner of 11th and Illinois. Board of Directors voted to dismiss him, but he refused to give up his keys. The locks on the president's door had to be changed to keep him out of the office.</p>	
Acting	Allen R. Cullimore 1914, 5 months
<p><u>Education</u>: B.S., Civil Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology</p> <p><u>Previous posts</u>: Engineer for city of St. Louis before being appointed to UT. Joined the UT faculty in 1912 and was put in charge of organizing the new College of Industrial Sciences</p> <p><u>Accomplishments</u>: Took over as president during difficult time when Cockayne was ousted from the position. Had to change the locks on the door of the president's office to keep Cockayne out. Most of his job was housekeeping – keeping the university running while the directors searched for a new president.</p>	
3	Ancilroy Monroe Stowe 1914-1925
<p><u>Education</u>: B.A., M.A., Philosophy, Northwestern University. M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University</p>	

Previous posts: Principal of State Normal School in Hyannis, MA. For three years, was professor of philosophy at Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, KS

Accomplishments: Was only 32 years old when he was appointed president. Came to the university in a difficult time following the dismissal of previous president. Medical school closed during this tenure (1914) because it did not meet new standards of the American Medical Association. Difficulties with City Council continued over funding. Despite problems, was an excellent administrator. In 1916, established the College of Education, and in 1914 the College of Commerce. Enrollment increased from 200 to 1400, and budget from \$30,000 to \$200,000. Oversaw university during World War I. Helped establish the Students Army Training Corps and the automobile repair school as part of war effort. Resigned in 1925 because of lingering animosity between administration and faculty.

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John W. Dowd
1925-1926

Education: B.A., M.A., LL.D., Ohio University

Previous posts: Taught school in Chillicothe and Troy, Ohio

Accomplishments: Was one of the original trustees of the Toledo University of Arts and Trades in 1872. Was also a businessman and entrepreneur. Appointed superintendent of Toledo Public Schools in 1880, and held this position until 1886. Late in life, he taught mathematics and political science part-time at the University of Toledo. Was 78 years old when appointed president, and died in 1926. Tried to mend fences between administration and faculty, but did not live long enough to be successful. His son was a member of the Board of Directors (Charles F. Dowd) for 25 years.

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Ernest A. Smith
1926, two months

Education: A.B., A.M. from Ohio Wesleyan University; Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University

Previous post: President, Wisconsin State Teachers College, La Crosse

Accomplishments: Served only two months as president of UT. Official inauguration was December 21, 1926. Went home to Piqua, Ohio, for Christmas vacation, and was found dead at the age of 58.

**Chief
Academic
Officer**

Lee W. MacKinnon
1927-1928; 1932-1933, 8 months

Education: A.B., Wittenberg College; A.M., University of Chicago

Previous posts: Joined UT faculty in 1922. Following the death of John W. Dowd, he was appointed chief of administration but refused the title of president. During Doermann's tenure, became dean of administration, vice president, and director of the Junior College.

Accomplishments: Served as acting president two times and chief administrative officer once, but never wanted to be president. Served as chief administrative officer following the death of John W. Dowd in 1926, as acting president following death of Ernest A. Smith in 1927, and as acting president following the death of Henry J. Doermann in

1932. Helped Doermann to plan the Bancroft Street campus, taking care of many of the administrative details. MacKinnon Hall named for him in 1939 following his death in 1935.

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Henry John Doermann
1928-1932

Education: A.B., University of Minnesota; A.M., Harvard University; Doctor of Education, Harvard

Previous post: Dean of Administration and vice chancellor of the University of Puerto Rico, 1926-1928

Accomplishments: Oversaw the campaign for the bond levy in 1928 that provided nearly \$3 million to build a new university campus. He oversaw the purchase of the Bancroft Street site and the design, planning, and construction of University Hall and the Field House. Saw to it that the university's architecture was of a Collegiate Gothic design. After the opening of the new campus, he directed a production of Hamlet in the new theater. He died suddenly in 1932 from strep throat. After his death, the theater in University Hall was named for him.

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Philip Curtis Nash
1932-1946

Education: B.A., M.A., Harvard University; honorary doctorates from Case School of Applied Science and from Northeastern University

Previous posts: Dean of Antioch College, 1921-1929; executive director of the League of Nations Association, 1929-1933

Accomplishments: Saw the university through the worst years of the Depression, and through World War II, and brought federal assistance to build several buildings on campus during the Depression, including Scott, Tucker, and Libbey halls, the Glass Bowl stadium, and MacKinnon Hall. During World War II, brought several federal training programs to university, and following the war, brought temporary housing to campus for veterans housing. The housing complex became known as "Nashville". He was active in community affairs, especially in the area of international relations. He founded the Toledo United Nations Association in support of the U.N. He wrote several books and many articles on world peace, and was a consultant to the conference that forged the charter of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945. He died of a heart ailment in 1946.

Acting

Raymond L. Carter
1947-1948

Education: B.S., University of Toledo; M.A., UT; Ph.D., Ohio State University

Previous posts: Joined UT faculty in 1923. Named director of Junior College in 1931 and Dean of Administration in 1934.

Accomplishments: Served as acting president following the death of Philip C. Nash. Founded the Blue Key Honorary. Carter Hall, the men's dormitory, was named for him in 1964 following his death in 1950.

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Wilbur W. White
1948-1950

Education: M.A., Ph.D., University of Chicago; honorary Doctor of Laws from Bowling Green State University in 1949.

Previous post: Dean of the Graduate School at Western Reserve University

Accomplishments: Prepared a ten-year development plan for the university that included building a new home for the College of Engineering and a new building for the library and law school. Became ill in 1950, suffered a heart attack, and died.

Interim

Interim Operating Committee
1950-1951, 5 months

John B. Brandeberry, acting Dean of Engineering; Jesse R. Long, director of Public Relations and director of Summer Sessions; and John J. Turin, head of the Physics department.

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Asa Smallridge Knowles
1951-1958

Education: A.B. Bowdoin College, A.M., Boston College, LL.D., Bowdoin College

Previous post: Vice President, Cornell University

Accomplishments: Took over as president following the Interim Operating Committee. Brought stability and expertise in administration to UT following years of turnover in the presidency. Oversaw the campaign to raise funds to help underwrite the construction of the Engineering Science Building. Other buildings constructed included Gillham Hall, ROTC Armory, and Dowd-Nash-White dormitories. He expanded adult education, and created the Greater Toledo Television Foundation as a way to utilize television for educational purposes. WGTE was licensed in 1958. Left the position of president to become president of Northeastern University.

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William S. Carlson
1958-1972

Education: A.B., M.S., Ph.D., University of Michigan. While in graduate school, helped to lead several expeditions of Greenland.

Previous post: President of the State University of New York

Accomplishments: Oversaw university's transition to state status in 1967. Held the longest tenure as UT president to date. Was author of several books, including *The Municipal University*. Planned the construction of a new Community and Technical College campus. Served as president during the difficult 1960s, and is credited with keeping the university peaceful by maintaining communication with student leaders. Planned the university's celebration of its centennial in 1972. New library was named for him in 1973.

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Glen R. Driscoll
1972-1985

Education: B.A., University of Louisville; M.A., Ph.D., University of Minnesota

Previous post: Chancellor of the University of Missouri-St. Louis

Accomplishments: Oversaw huge expansion of campus (eight new buildings constructed). During his tenure, enrollment increased 47 percent. Led Centennial Fund

Drive which raised \$23 million. Centennial Mall constructed as largest campus beautification project.

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James D. McComas
1985-1988

Education: B.S., West Virginia University; M.S., Ph.D., Ohio State University

Previous post: President, Mississippi State University

Accomplishments: Continued the expansion of campus with SeaGate Centre, the Student Recreation Center, the Larimer Athletic Complex, the Greek Village, and the extensive renovation of the Glass Bowl. Began program to recruit National Merit Scholars and began a Presidential Scholars program. Resigned in 1988 to become president of Virginia Polytechnic University.

Interim

John W. Stoepler
1988, 5 months

Education: B.A., University of Notre Dame; J.D., University of Toledo; M.A., Yale University

Previous posts: Joined UT faculty in 1962; Associate Dean, UT College of Law, 1970-1983; Dean, College of Law, 1984-1988, 1989-1990; Vice President for University Relations, UT, 1989

Accomplishments: Served as interim president between the administrations of James McComas and Frank Horton.

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Frank Horton
1989-1998

Education: B.S., Business Administration, Western Illinois University; M.S., Geography, and Ph.D., Northwestern University

Previous post: President, University of Oklahoma

Accomplishments: Responsible for a robust strategic planning effort to expand UT's growth into the 1990s that included a \$40 million fundraising campaign. Several new buildings were constructed, and growth continued into the realm of technology with OhioLINK and the implementation of computer labs and hook ups in dormitories and offices for internet access. Dr. Horton retired in 1998.

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Vik J. Kapoor
1999-2000

Education: M.S., Ph.D., Physics, Lehigh University

Previous post: Joined UT faculty in 1994, served as Dean of the College of Engineering.

Accomplishments: Embarked on a restructuring program that included major resource reallocation and administrative reorganization. The Community and Technical College, established in 1968 on the University's Scott Park campus, was abolished. Dr. Kapoor resigned in 2000.

Interim

William Decatur
2000-2001

Education: J.D., M.A., Public Administration, The Ohio State University

Previous post: Executive Vice President at UT

Accomplishments: Served as interim president for eleven months after the resignation of Dr. Vik Kapoor.

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Daniel M. Johnson
2001-2006

Education: B.A., Sociology and Philosophy/Religion, M.A., Sociology, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; Ph.D., Rural Sociology, University of Missouri

Previous post: Provost, University of Alaska, Anchorage

Accomplishments: Focused on reconnecting the University to the community through outreach and engagement activities, and the University's mission was rewritten to describe UT as a metropolitan research university. Planning began on a science and technology corridor to encourage research partnerships with businesses. Construction projects on Main Campus included renovations to several older buildings, including the Memorial Field House, which was transformed from a basketball arena into a classroom building; it reopened in 2008 after several years of standing empty. Involved in the collaboration with several institutions, most significantly the full merger of UT with the former Medical University of Ohio in 2006, resulting with Dr. Lloyd Jacobs taking over as president.

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Lloyd Jacobs, M.D.
2006-2014

Education: Bachelors, Miami University in Ohio; Medical degree, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Previous posts: Professor of Surgery, Section of Vascular Surgery, University of Michigan; President of the Medical College of Ohio

Accomplishments: UT became one of few universities nationwide to offer degrees in medicine, law, engineering, business, nursing, pharmacy and education. Dr. Jacobs left in 2014 to accept a fellowship at the Institute of University Transformation.

Interim

Nagi G. Naganathan
2014-2015

Education: Bachelor's degree, Mechanical Engineering, Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli (now known as National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli); Master degree from Clarkson University; doctorate of philosophy degree from Oklahoma State University

Previous post: Dean of UT's College of Engineering

Accomplishments: Served as interim president for twelve months after Dr. Jacobs resignation in 2014.

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Sharon Gaber
2015-2020

Education: Bachelor's degree, Occidental College; Master's degree, University of Southern California; Doctoral degree, City and Regional Planning, Cornell University

Previous post: Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Arkansas

Accomplishments: First female president of the University of Toledo. Increased student enrollment; strengthened the University's focus on research; added programs and training to improve diversity, inclusion and sexual assault awareness; implemented myriad strategies to promote student success, including requiring second-year students to live on campus, launching the Tuition Guarantee and digital course content programs to help keep a UToledo degree affordable, and created an agreement with the local transit provider; elevated faculty and staff recognition; increased philanthropy; and enacted numerous cost-saving measures while seeking new ways to generate revenue. Served the university during the 2019/2020 COVID-19 pandemic that created a public health and economic crisis across the world. Announced her resignation in April 2020 to accept a position as chancellor at UNC Charlotte.