

Minutes
The University of Toledo
132nd Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, April 13, 202
WebEx
12:30 p.m.

The one-hundred thirty-second meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 13, 2020, via WebEx. Chair Mary Ellen Pisanelli called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Secretary to the Board, Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

ATTENDANCE

Roy V. Armes, National Trustee
Eleanore Awadalla
Alfred A. Baker, Vice Chair
Kyle D. Bergen, Student Trustee
Stephen P. Ciucci
Jeffrey C. Cole
Rebekah K. Dangler, Student Trustee
Daniel J. Guttman
Birdel F. Jackson, III, National Trustee
Patrick J. Kenney
Will Lucas
Mary Ellen Pisanelli, Chair
Richard Walinski

The following Board of Trustees members were absent:

Christine E. Brennan, National Trustee

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Jim Anderson, VP Enrollment Management
Dan Barbee, CEO of UTMC
Chrissy Billau, Media Relations Specialist
Justin Billau
Karen Bjorkman, Interim Provost/EVP Academic Affairs
Tim Brakel, Professor and President of Faculty Senate
Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Frank Calzonetti, Vice President for Research
John Cavins
Wendy Cochrane
Phillip Cockrell, Vice President for Student Affairs
Christopher Cooper, EVP Clinical Affairs/Dean COM&LS
Jeff Coyne, Manager of College Technical Support

Meghan Cunningham, Director University Communications
Katie DeBenedictis, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Lori DeShetler, Assistant Professor
Dominic D'Emilio
Lance Dworkin, Professor
Michael Ellis, Professor
Sharon Gaber, President
Shaun Hegarty, WTVG Channel 13
Tom Henry
Dirk Holsapple, CISCO
Margaret Hopkins, Professor
Mary Humphrys, Associate Professor of Business Technology
Patricia Jezak
Charles Jake, Deputy General Counsel
Kristen Keith, Finance and Administration
Samer Khouri, Professor
Adrienne King, Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communications
Linda Lewandowski, Dean, College of Nursing
Tyrel Linkhorn, Media Relations Specialist
Frank Lordeman, CEO Advisory Group
Sandra MacNevin, Provost Communications
Bill McCreary, VP and CIO
Cheryl McCullumsmith, Professor
Diane Miller, AVP Government Relations/ Chief of Staff
Munier Nazzal, Professor
Jeff Newton, Chief of UToledo Police
Michael O'Brien, Vice President and Director of Athletics
Peter Papadimos, VP and General Counsel
Nikki Russell, Administrative Operations for the COMLS
Jen Schaefer, Development Officer
Barbara Schneider, Associate Vice Provost
Matthew Schroeder, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO
Rachel Stanford, Executive Assistant
Rick Swaine, CFO of UTMC
Rod Theis, Deputy Chief of UT Police
Amy Thompson, Vice Provost Faculty Affairs
Nick Thompson
Kevin Woodhouse, ICEMiller

Board Chair Pisanelli requested a motion to waive the reading of the February 2020, March 2020 and April 2020 Board and Committee meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Walinski, seconded by Trustee Lucas, and approved by the Board.

Board Chair Pisanelli requested a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda for

**APPROVAL OF
MEETING
MINUTES**

APPROVAL OF

this meeting. A motion was received from Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Lucas, and approved by the Board.

President Gaber's Report:

Dashboard Report

- In your packet you will find April's dashboard report.
- You'll note we continue to improve our six-year graduation rate. Following fall 2019 commencement, it hit a record high of 51.7%.
- The information under Advancement is an update since our last meeting:
 - New revenue has risen for the fiscal year to date – to more than \$15.8 million.
 - Cash gifts have also improved over this time last year.
 - We appreciate the continued generosity of all our supporters.

COVID-19 Response

- I am proud of how the University community has responded to this COVID-19 pandemic. We are all focused on ensuring the health and safety of everyone in our community while also continuing our academic mission.
- I'd like to give just a few examples:
 - Communication is key. We created a central, comprehensive website for all COVID-19 information in addition to regular updates via email.
 - In the last month, the site has accounted for roughly 8% of our total website traffic and has been viewed more than 94,000 times.
 - Our faculty and students stepped up — on a rapid turnaround — to facilitate remote delivery of courses that began on March 18, and will continue for summer sessions.
 - Our staff found creative ways to make essential student services available remotely ... from the Counseling Center to academic tutoring to the Student Food Pantry.
 - Recruiting and enrollment efforts are continuing full-steam ahead for fall 2020 in digital formats.
 - And we'll be celebrating spring commencement ceremonies virtually.
 - We also have provided real-time solutions during this crisis.
 - UTMC was the first laboratory in northwest Ohio to facilitate testing for COVID-19.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

- Our medical students started a local chapter of Masks for Docs to collect personal protective equipment and our engineering students are using 3D printers to make their own gear for those on the front lines.
- Faculty experts in infectious disease, supply chain management, mental health and other disciplines have been featured in the media, helping us to better understand this crisis.

Trustee Pisanelli Report:

State of the University address

- As many of you likely saw, President Gaber released her annual State of the University address last week via video.
- Especially during this challenging time, she made sure to continue the tradition of delivering this annual address to recognize what we accomplished this year and to also recognize the University’s response to this pandemic.

COVID-19 response

- The Board of Trustees also wants to commend the UToledo community for their response to this pandemic.
- Together with other teams, the Division of Technology has worked around the clock to help with the transition to remote learning and working to keep our operations going, including helping to hold this virtual meeting of the Board.

Athletics

- We’re all disappointed not to have spring sports this year to cheer for our talented student-athletes, but I do want to congratulate UToledo senior Petronela Simiuc (Sim-YOOK) for being named Most Outstanding Female Track Performer by the Mid-American Conference in February.
 - Petronela also earned the MAC title in the 800 meters, mile, and distance medley relay.
- And the MAC recently announced that former UToledo track and cross country runner Briana Shook will be inducted into the 2020 class of the MAC Hall of Fame.

**CHAIR’S
REPORT**

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 4:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT