Minutes
The University of Toledo
185th Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, December 11, 2024
WebEx/CADE
8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The one-hundred eighty-fifth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, in the Center for Alumni and Donor Engagement Fredrick Wolfe Board Room and virtually, via WebEx. Chair Patrick Kenney called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m. and read the mission statement of The University of Toledo. Secretary to the Board, Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, recorded the minutes.

ATTENDANCE

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:
Eleanore Awadalla, Vice Chair (in-person)
Alfred A. Baker (virtual)
Stephen P. Ciucci (in-person)
Lidia Ebersole, (in-person)
Zac Isaac (in-person)
Adam Levine (in-person)
Michael Miller (virtual)
Patrick Kenney, Chair (in-person)
Nate Boley, Student Trustee (in-person)
Kevin Bishop, Student Trustee (in-person)
Thomas Wakefield, National Trustee (in-person)

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:
Anne Balazs, Dean, Neff College of Business
Bryan Blair, VP and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics
Tony Bourne, VP for Strategic Enrollment Management
Frank Calzonetti, VP for Innovation
Lena Carroll, Associate VP of Financial Planning and Budget
Jeff Cole, Strategic Communications
Meghan Cunningham, Director University Communications
Dave Cutri, Exe. Dir. of Internal Audit
Katie DeBenedictis, Chief of Staff and AVP for University Board Affairs
Mohammad Elahinia, Interim Dean, College of Engineering
Anne Fulkerson, AVP Institutional Research
John Huber, Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, UTP
Charles Jake, VP for Legal Affairs and General Counsel
Lee Johnson, EVP for Finance and Administration and CFO

Brenda Lee, President UToledo Foundation
Tyrel Linkhorn, Media Relations Specialist
Sherri Kaspar, Park UToledo
Scott Molitor, Interim EVP for Academic Affairs and Provost
Traci McDaniel, Executive Assistant, Sr. Administrative Operations
Mark Merrick, Dean, College of Health and Human Services
Megan Newcomer, Executive Assistant
Angela Paprocki, COA/AVP of Institutional Effectiveness
Terence Romer, AVP of Business Insights
Randy Rothenbuhler, VP of Finance and Administration, UTF
Connie Schall, Interim VP for Research
Rebecca Schneider, Acting Dean, Judith Herb College of Education
Matthew Schroeder, Interim President
Marc Seigar, Dean, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Sharon Speyer, Special Advisor to the President
Sabrina Taylor, Assoc. VP of Budget and Planning
Alex Zernechel, Assoc. Director of Student Engagement

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board Chair Kenney requested a motion to waive the reading of the September, October and December Board and Committee meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Ebersole and seconded by Trustee Awadalla. Ms. DeBenedictis took a roll call vote: Kenney, yes; Awadalla, yes; Baker, yes; Ciucci, yes; Ebersole, yes; Isaac, yes; Levine, yes; and Miller, yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Kenney requested a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda for this meeting. A motion was received from Trustee Isaac and seconded by Trustee Ebersole. Ms. DeBenedictis took a roll call vote: Kenney, yes; Awadalla, yes; Baker, yes; Ciucci, yes; Ebersole, yes; Isaac, yes; Levine, yes; and Miller, yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Chair Kenney asked each committee chair to share their committee report.

Trustee Ciucci shared the UToledo Health report. As chair of the UToledo Health board he reported on the last meeting which was held on November 13, 2024. In addition to the UToledo Health board meeting, the physician compensation committee, privileging/credentialing and safety/quality committee, finance/audit and compliance committee, and the executive and nominating committee also met. The meeting topics included contract modernization for physicians, approval of the chief of staff report, financial update through Q1, and a special EPIC overview from the CMIO, Dr. Ryan Sadeghian. Trustee Ciucci said it was an informative meeting and appreciates the commitment from everyone in UToledo Health to improve the enterprise.

Trustee Ebersole did not have a report for the academic and student affairs committee.

Trustee Isaac did not have a report for the finance and audit committee.

Trustee Kenney did not have a report for the trusteeship and governance committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Schroeder opened his president's report by stating he is looking forward to commencement on Saturday, December 14. There are two ceremonies and 1,486 students will be graduating this semester. Additionally, he shared highlights from the semester including: a new VP for strategic enrollment management, roll out of the Mobile Health Clinic, UTMC earning a "B" hospital safety grade from Leapfrog, faculty researchers, engagement on campus including 245 student events and a MAC championship in both men's and women's cross country. He also mentioned points of pride from today's meeting including the new school of interdisciplinary data science and the ratification of the collective bargaining agreement between UToledo and UTPPA. Finally, he mentioned the Rockets Bowl Game against Pitt on December 26th at Ford Field.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Kenney also congratulated all students who will be graduating at commencement. He also acknowledged the faculty who were approved for emeritus status and thanked them for their continued service and contributions to UToledo. He thanked Interim President Schroeder and all faculty and staff for a great, productive semester and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Kenney stated that there was a need to enter executive session. He requested a motion to enter executive session to discuss trade secrets under Ohio Uniform Trade Secret Act and the employment and compensation of a public employee. A motion was provided by Trustee Ebersole and seconded by Trustee Awadalla. Ms. DeBenedictis took a roll call vote: Kenney, yes; Awadalla, yes; Baker, yes; Ciucci, yes; Ebersole, yes; Isaac, yes; Levine, yes; and Miller, yes.

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Kenney adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.