

Minutes
The University of Toledo Board of Trustees
Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting
June 15, 2026

The meeting was conducted virtually via WebEx. Committee members Dr. Eleanore Awadalla, Mr. Steve Ciucci, Ms. Lidia Ebersole, Mr. Zac Issac, Mr. Matt Kripke, Mr. Patrick Kenney, Mr. Adam Levine, and Mr. Joe Napoli and were present. Student Trustee Mr. Nate Boley was present. National Trustee Mr. Thomas Wakefield was present. Trustee Mike Miller, Student Trustee Ashton Widenhoefer, and National Trustee Ed Kinsey were absent.

ATTENDANCE

Others in attendance were Dr. Imran Ali, Dr. Terry Bigioni, Mr. Jaden Bollinger, Dr. Ayende Bonifacio, Dr. Tony Bourne, Dr. Chuck Callahan, Dr. Heather Conti, Ms. Sheri Copanic, Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, Dr. Mohammed Elahinia, Dr. Gammoh Bashar, Dr. Melissa Gregory, Dr. Renee Heberle, Dr. James Holloway, Dr. Joey Kim, Dr. John Laux, Dr. Mitchell McKinney, Dr. Mark Merrick, Dr. Scott Molitor, General Counsel Jack Newsome, Dr. Angela Paprocki, Ms. Dorcaslove Naa Oyo Quartey, Dr. Barb Ritter, Mr. Terence Romer, Dr. Rebecca Schneider, Mr. Matthew Schroeder, Ms. Ira Snahoshchenko, Ms. Jen Sorgenfrei, Ms. Sharon Speyer, Ms. Sabrina Taylor, Mr. Rodney Theis, UTAAUP, Ms. Lindsey Vandagriff, Dr. Steve Wallace, Dr. Kainan Wang, Dr. Mike Weintraub, and Ms. Bethany Ziviski.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Committee Chair Ebersole. Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, Secretary to the Board, recorded the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ebersole mentioned that all stakeholder reports were shared in the board packet and reviewed by trustees prior to this committee meeting. She invited representatives from each group who submitted a report to present highlights. The full reports are included with the minutes.

**STAKEHOLDER
REPORTS**

Jaden Bollinger, Student Government Report – Attachment 1.

Dorcaslove Quartey, Graduate Student Association Report – Attachment 2.

Mike Weintraub, Graduate Council Report - Attachment 3.

Renee Heberle, Faculty Senate report - Attachment 4.

Chair Ebersole requested a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the March 16, 2026, committee meeting and approve them as written. A motion for approval was

ACTION ITEMS

provided by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Awadalla and approved by the committee.

Dr. McKinney presented **Resolution 26-06-16: Approval of 2026-2027 Tenure and Promotion Applicants**. Chair Ebersole requested a motion to approve the resolution as presented in the committee materials and forward to the consent agenda of the next Board of Trustees meeting. A motion for approval was provided by Trustee Kripke, seconded by Trustee Ciucci and approved by the committee 8-0.

**RESOLUTION
26-06-16**

Dr. McKinney presented **Resolution 26-06-17: Approval of June 2026 Emeritus Faculty Applicants**. Chair Ebersole requested a motion to approve the resolution as presented in the committee materials and forward to the consent agenda of the next Board of Trustees meeting. A motion for approval was provided by Trustee Kripke, seconded by Trustee Awadalla and approved by the committee 8-0.

**RESOLUTION
26-06-17**

Dr. McKinney presented **Resolution 26-06-18: Updated University Completion Plan**. Chair Ebersole requested a motion to approve the resolution as presented in the committee materials and forward to the consent agenda of the next Board of Trustees meeting. A motion for approval was provided by Trustee Ciucci, seconded by Trustee Levine and approved by the committee 8-0.

**RESOLUTION
26-06-18**

Dr. McKinney presented **Resolution 26-06-19: Approval of Curricular Modifications for Spring 2027**. Chair Ebersole requested a motion to approve the resolution as presented in the committee materials and forward to the consent agenda of the next Board of Trustees meeting. A motion for approval was provided by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Awadalla and approved by the committee 8-0.

**RESOLUTION
26-06-19**

Dean Barbara Ritter presented **Resolution 26-06-20: Approval of New Degree Program: Bachelor of Business Administration in Financial Technology**. Chair Ebersole requested a motion to approve the resolution as presented in the committee materials and forward to the consent agenda of the next Board of Trustees meeting. A motion for approval was provided by Trustee Kripke, seconded by Trustee Napoli and approved by the committee 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.
26-06-20**

Dean Barbara Ritter presented **Resolution 26-06-21: Approval of New Degree Program: Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence**. Chair Ebersole requested a motion to approve the resolution as presented in the committee materials and forward to the consent agenda of the next Board of Trustees meeting. A motion for approval was provided by Trustee Napoli, seconded by Trustee Awadalla and approved by the committee 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.
26-06-21**

Dean Terry Bigioni presented **Resolution 26-06-22: Approval of New Degree Program: Associate of Science in General Science**. Chair Ebersole requested a motion to approve the resolution as presented in the committee materials and forward to the consent agenda of the

**RESOLUTION NO.
26-06-22**

next Board of Trustees meeting. A motion for approval was provided by Trustee Napoli, seconded by Trustee Awadalla and approved by the committee 8-0.

Chair Ebersole requested a motion to enter executive session to discuss trade secrets under the Ohio Uniform Trade Secrets Act. Trustee Kripke made the motion, and it was seconded by Trustee Kenney. A roll call vote was performed: Awadalla, yes; Ciucci, yes; Ebersole, yes; Isaac, yes; Levine, yes; Kenney, yes; Kripke, yes; Napoli, yes. The Committee exited executive session with no action taken.

Chair Ebersole asked Provost McKinney to provide an overview of informational items for the committee, including a new student experience quarterly update and an annual Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership annual report. Chair Ebersole encouraged the trustees to read the reports if they had not done so already.

With no further topics to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Jaden Bollinger

President of the Student Body

15 June 2026

Stakeholder Report

Introduction

Good morning, members of the Board. Firstly, thank you all for the invitation and for welcoming me to come and speak on behalf of our student body and Student Government. Your continued support truly means a lot to us and we appreciate the work you all do behind the scenes to push for a better University. For those of you who may not know me, my name is Jaden Bollinger and I am the newly elected Student Body President. This previous year I served as Vice President with Ira Snahoshchencko who was truly an excellent advocate for change in our term together last year. I look forward to carrying on with our momentum from this past year with our new Vice President Sanjna Singhal, our newly elected senators, and members of the steering board.

Special Remarks

Student life at the University this year has stayed strong despite the declining enrollment and smaller budgets, and student groups have been fighting to maintain hallowed campus traditions and events like Songfest, International Dinner, Black Student Union Fashion Show, Homecoming, Freshman Camp, Rocket-fest, and many others to great success. This year Songfest, hosted in Savage Arena, raised \$31 thousand for Ovarian Cancer support, the highest amount since 2019. International Dinner won the prestigious University Outstanding Overall Program Award from the Office of Student Engagement and Connections. Our student elections were the most engaged we have seen since at least 2019 with about 11% of the undergraduate student body turning out to vote. Under the leadership of Dr. Holloway, many students feel more connected to campus administration, especially with his many appearances at University events and on social media. Other administrators have also been incredibly receptive to working closely with students this past year, fostering a more student centered campus. Overall, optimism on campus seems to be on the rise and we are very excited to come into this next year carrying the momentum from the spring, hopefully with a large cohort of new rockets.

Student Government Updates and Initiatives

The Team

I look forward to starting the next semester with Sanjna Singhal by my side, and I am proud to announce the nine members of our 2025-2026 Steering Committee who will be with us this year:

- Chief Justice – Lily Chaney
- Speaker – Armahd White
- Treasurer – Alice Lenz
- Internal Affairs Chair – Autumn Collins
- External Affairs Chair – Luke Barnette
- Campus Culture Chair – Annabelle Welch
- Legislative Secretary – Emily Wells
- Recording Secretary – Eri Gogel
- Public Relations Secretary – Duncan McLean

All these individuals are incredibly inspiring and dedicated to serving students, and I have no doubts they will come up in my future reports. We are also in the process of choosing cabinet members, for positions like Directors of Parking, Dining, Government Relations, etc. We are looking to appoint them and other directors soon after the beginning of the fall semester.

Auxiliary Services Advocacy

Through the end of last year and into this next semester Student Government has been working very closely with new AVP for Aux-Services Josh Krupinski, he has been a very accessible figure for meetings and brainstorming and we look forward to furthering student initiatives which fall under his purview.

- **Dining:** Working with representatives from Chartwells as well as Josh we have pushed for a few hopeful changes coming to Dining in the future. The primary student concern with dining on campus has largely been on issues of available hours in the dining halls. This is due to the fact that the Eatery in the union is only open until 2:00 pm, well before most students get out of classes, leaving most commuters and students living on north campus with less options in where they choose to eat. This has resulted in student initiatives pushing for a shift in some hours to keep open the dining location “Delicious

Without”, an allergen sensitive dining hall-esq operation which is only open during lunch hours but serves dining hall like food options without requiring an entire dining hall to stay open. This would serve as a compromise to those many students who want to see an extension of hours without running the cost of a full all you care to eat dining hall. While we are currently running into issues with chartwells on staffing, it could hopefully be implemented in the near future.

- **Parking:** We have also been closely working with Park UToledo in addressing some student concerns. Recently we had success with a student initiative that added “D” parking to a lot on the Engineering campus. Previously, all on campus students, including those in HAV on the far corner of the campus’ north, had no way of parking on Engineering campus without paying a daily metered parking fee or getting a ticket.
- **Residence Life:** This past spring we also pushed for updates in the Greek Village and worked with our Res Life Committee and Auxiliary services to communicate what kinds of refurbishing the units needed like new carpeting and paint which had previously been very worn and dated. We look forward to seeing many of these updates in the units coming soon.
- **Room Reservations:** While the previous staff member in charge of room reservations has since left the university, there is now a new staff member in charge of ensuring students get their room reservations approved in a timely and efficient manner, we are excited to be working with them along with other relevant staff members in making sure students aren't kept on a waiting list as it was last year. We are currently discussing with Josh ways of improving room turnaround and overall utilization of the Union so that student life can feel even more active in the space and so that student groups can plan their events with one less barrier.

Common Hour Initiative

Student Government is working with the Provost's office to assess the feasibility of a campus common hour meant to actively engage the off campus student by allotting one hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in between traditional class times where no classes are scheduled. This policy comes in response to the common complaint from commuters that they don’t have a time where they feel the University is like a “college campus” outside of athletics events, usually

going to classes and immediately leaving for the day. This common hour would allow for increased attendance at student and university programming, increased dining hall usage, and student-faculty interactions in a way which would engage the campus and ensure every rocket feels like campus is a home rather than a place of work. We will be hosting a student referendum on the issue by student elections in the Spring semester while also working with administration to assess the logistical issues with implementing such a policy.

General Fee Committee

Student Government is also excited to continue serving on the General Fee Committee where we aim to vocalize the student perspective on where funding may be allocated. At a time when student organization budgets for events and traditions are running ever thinner, this is an issue increasingly important to involve students who have expressed concerns over their organizational longevity. We are excited to see what that involvement might bring in the future and feel honored to represent students on such an important matter.

Extending Reach

This summer, Student Government is involved in welcoming home hundreds of new students during student orientation. I am thankful to the Student Affairs team, especially Aleiah Jones and the Orientation Director Emily Skibski, for giving us the opportunity to encourage students to start their journey at the University of Toledo with confidence and enthusiasm. With the help of the Office of Student Engagement and faculty, Student Government will extend its welcome to all students in the form of orientation class visits and email communication.

Summer Involvement

The steering committee wasted no time this summer, as they have been working diligently to ensure they can hit the ground running with their bright ideas in the fall. The members have been working on plans to make student outreach more engaging and helpful to students, improve our new member development program, and brainstorm better ways to collect student feedback.

Appreciation to The Board

Thank you for your time and continued recognition. Especially during this strained moment in our great University's history, we appreciate your willingness to listen and understand the student perspective. I appreciate you welcoming me here today, and I am more than excited to start the new semester with many ambitious but tangible goals. With your support and a full team of motivated student leaders, I am convinced that the Student Government will be able to make a lasting impact this academic year. Thank you.

Graduate Student Association Stakeholder Report
Dorcaslove Quartey, Graduate Student Association President
Monday, June 15, 2026/8:00 am

1. 2025-2026 Highlights

A. Professional Development

- i. Research Travel and Conference Registration Reimbursement Program: The GSA awarded over \$18,000 in funding to over 70 students presenting at and/or attending academic conferences.
- ii. Graduate Research Awards: The GSA distributed \$11,000 in funding across six student projects to support graduate research at The University of Toledo.
- iii. Midwest Graduate Research Symposium: The GSA hosted its 17th annual Midwest Graduate Research Symposium at UToledo on Saturday, April 11, 2026, bringing together students from multiple institutions to present their research and fieldwork via seminars, lightning talks, and poster presentations. This event was an academic competition challenging graduate and professional students to present their work to judges outside of their academic fields, enhancing their research communication skills.

B. Social Programming

- i. Homecoming Parade: The GSA had a walking section in the Edward C. and Helen G. Schmakel Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 27, 2025 to represent graduate and professional students.
- ii. Social events: The GSA hosted multiple socials for graduate and professional students including trivia nights, a sports tournament, and Game-Show Night, a collaboration between GSA and the Jesup Scott Honors College providing undergraduate honors students the opportunity to connect with graduate and professional students and learn about graduate education at UToledo.

2. 2026-2027 Executive Board

A. The GSA is pleased to introduce its 2026-2027 Executive Board:

- i. President: Dorcaslove Quartey, Ph.D. in Spatially Integrated Social Science student
- ii. Vice President: Eshwari Ghavare, M.S. in Cybersecurity student
- iii. Treasurer: Sadia Busra Rahman, Ph.D. in Foundations of Education student
- iv. Secretary: Jessica Bienue, Master of Science in Nursing (Graduate-Entry) student

**Graduate Council Report to
Board of Trustees Academic and Student Affairs Committee
June 15, 2026
prepared by Dr. Michael Weintraub
University of Toledo Graduate Council Chair 2026-2027**

No comprehensive report is needed for this meeting.

Listed below are the AY 2026 - 2027 members of the Graduate Council Executive Committee, elected along with the ex-officio members at our first meeting on April 28th.

The GCEC will meet later in the summer to prepare for the upcoming year.

- Chair: Dr. Michael Weintraub, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Vice Chair: Dr. Srinivas Saladi, College of Medicine and Life Sciences
- At-Large Representatives:
 - Dr. Dawn Goldstein, College of Health and Human Services
 - Dr. William Scott Crawley, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
 - Dr. Brian Fink, College of Health and Human Services
- Dorcaslove Quartey, PhD student in Spatially Integrated Social Sciences, President, Graduate Student Association (ex-officio)
- Scott Molitor, Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs (ex-officio)
- Grace Bochenek, Vice President for Research (ex-officio)

Faculty Senate Presentation

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
UToledo Board of Trustees

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2026/2027 Faculty Senate Executive Committee



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**Main Campus
Representatives**

The Faculty Senate

- Faculty Senate meets every two weeks
- We discuss university issues and review the work of our eleven standing Committees and one ad-hoc committee
 - Academic Programs
 - Committees
 - Elections
 - Student Affairs
 - Undergraduate Curriculum
 - Constitution and Rules
 - Faculty Affairs
 - Academic Regulations
 - Budget
 - Core Curriculum
 - Recruitment and Retention
 - Creativity and innovation designation

Initiatives and planning for AY 2026-2027

Enrollment initiatives and continued planning as we integrate faculty into student recruitment efforts

[Recruitment and Retention Committee working with Office of Enrollment Management]

Enhanced communication with Office of Finance
re: transparency as to budget process
and financial profile of UToledo

[Senate Budget Committee]

Parking Advisory Task Force

[Participation in resolving parking issues]*

Advisory Committee to Provost on SB1 compliance

[Meets as needed to consult about policies and communications toward compliance]

'26-'27 initiatives continued

Curricular changes

[Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and Program Committee.]

Continually improve process and educate at all levels as to best practices. Work with Center for Teaching and Learning

The curriculum committees of Faculty Senate reviewed 898 undergraduate and graduate proposals for new and modified courses and programs.

This compares to 709 in '24-'25.

The increase is in part an effect of changes mandated by SB1.

Faculty and staff have worked hard to update and continually improve our curricular offerings for students, promoting academic integrity and independence of thought.

Update about Parking*

- Section 3.22 of the Contract with Concessionaire, ParkUToledo states the University may create a Parking Advisory Committee that includes two representatives each from staff, faculty, and students.
- This committee is to meet quarterly with an annual meeting in March, and any member may call a meeting about issues attendant upon parking.
- It is advisory but designed to facilitate communication "between the concessionaire and its largest consumer base."

Faculty Senate has recently been asked to and has appointed two faculty members from the Health Science campus and the Bancroft campus to work with this committee. We look forward to the first meeting, though it remains unclear who will convene.

We have been told that there will be a committee assigned to review proposals for event parking subsidies.

The university faculty service needs are not met by the declining number of faculty

Faculty Senate is working to understand the service responsibilities faculty support across our colleges. *We will propose a survey instrument to assess faculty service contributions across the University.*

Service responsibilities include:

- To the public;

- To disciplinary professional associations and journals;

- To the University at the department, college, and university level.

With a smaller number of faculty and increasing demands for new programs, courses, and initiatives, the service component is becoming difficult to sustain.

We will work with the Provost's Office to ensure that service at all levels is valued and evaluated fairly across the university.

Thank you for your attention!

We invite interested BOT members to attend classes, visit labs, and engage with faculty as we engage in teaching and research. Please let us know when you can make it and what you would like to see or do and we will set something up! We promise not to make you take the exams...