

Minutes

**The University of Toledo
124th Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, September 16, 2019
Libbey Hall
1:45 p.m.**

The one-hundred twenty-fourth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 16, 2019, in Libbey Hall's Main Dining room. Chair Mary Ellen Pisanelli called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. Secretary to the Board, Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, recorded the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

Alfred A. Baker, Vice Chair
Kyle D. Bergen, Student Trustee
Stephen P. Ciucci
Jeffrey C. Cole
Rebekah K. Dangler, Student Trustee
Daniel J. Guttman
Patrick J. Kenney
Mary Ellen Pisanelli, Chair

ATTENDANCE

The following Board of Trustees members were absent:

Roy V. Armes, National Trustee
Christine E. Brennan, National Trustee
Birdel F. Jackson, III, National Trustee
Will Lucas

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Jim Anderson, VP Enrollment Management
Karen Bjorkman, Interim Provost/EVP Academic Affairs
Timothy Brakel, President Faculty Senate
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, Associate Vice President and CHRO
Katie DeBenedictis, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Dominic D'Emilio, Sr. Director of Network Service and Tech Support
Sharon Gaber, President
Rick Gerasimiak, Manager Desktop Support
Mary Humphrys, Associate Professor Business Technology
Charles Jake, Deputy General Counsel
Adrienne King, AVP Marketing and Communications

Diane Miller, AVP Government Relations/Interim Chief of Staff
Willie McKether, VP Diversity and Inclusion
Michael O'Brien, VP Intercollegiate Athletics
Peter Papadimos, VP and General Counsel
Matthew Schroeder, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO
Amy Thompson, Vice Provost Faculty Affairs
Bri'on Whiteside, Reporter for *The Blade*

Board Chair Pisanelli requested a motion to waive the reading of the June 2019, July 2019 and August 2019 Board and Committee meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Ciucci, seconded by Trustee Baker, and approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF
MEETING
MINUTES**

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

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA**

President Gaber reported on several areas of campus:

Dashboard Report

- In your packet you will find September's dashboard report. You will see that the final fiscal year information is listed for both Development and Research.
 - Development saw a year over year increase in the number of donors and our alumni participation rate.
 - Research is up in both number of proposals submitted by our researchers and the number of awards we have received.

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

Enrollment, Retention and Graduation

- As we announced last week, our six-year graduation rate has now reached an all-time high of **51.2%**.
 - We've experienced a nearly 10% increase since 2015, and hit our Strategic Plan target three years ahead of schedule.
- We're also enjoying our **seventh consecutive year** of increased first-to-second year retention rates.
 - Currently at 76.5%, a 14% increase since 2011.
- This year's entering class has a record high academic profile, with an average ACT score of 23.03 and average GPA of 3.48.

Research

- Our great faculty and research teams continue to make strong contributions in our recognized areas of excellence.
 - We recently announced that Dr. Randy Ellingson and his team have awarded \$7.4 million by the U.S. Air Force to develop solar power technology for space vehicles.

- Dr. Yanfa Yan (Yonfa Yon) and Dr. Zhaoning Song (Zay-oh-ning Song), were awarded \$750,000 by the U.S. Department of Energy to improve production of hydrogen as a clean fuel.
- And professor William Gunning of the College of Medicine received a highly competitive National Science Foundation award of \$546,000 to acquire an advanced microscope that will allow faculty and students to evaluate three-dimensional images.
- Next month, UToledo is excited to host the U.S. Department of Energy for National Lab Day.
 - This is a great opportunity to connect our researchers and students with leading scientists and the resources of the national laboratories.

Academic Affairs

- The College of Business and Innovation saw a 20% increase in the number of students participating in summer internships. More than 150 students interned at companies like Dell, NASA, Owens Corning, 3M and the Cleveland Browns.
 - Many of these internships have resulted in full-time job offers for our students graduating this coming year.
- The College of Nursing launched a first-of-its-kind program among Ohio public four year institutions, offering a Competency Based Education RN to BSN program.
 - This new online program provides the flexibility for working nurses to advance their careers through self-paced learning that's personalized, accessible and convenient.

Athletics

- Student-athletes are boosting our reputation for student success by performing on the field and in the classroom.
 - UToledo received the Mid-American Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award for the second straight year, and six of the last eight years.
 - It's a great recognition for our student-athletes, who earned a school-record overall GPA of 3.277 last year.

Student Affairs

- Last month, we welcomed nearly 3,000 students living on campus.
 - I appreciate the 160 Rocket Welcome Crew volunteers who helped carry boxes, greet parents and other activities to be sure students and their families felt welcomed.
- Supporting students both inside and outside the classroom are critical to our retention efforts.

- We are in the process of hiring additional counselors for the UToledo Counseling Center, on both the Health Science Campus and on Main Campus.
- This summer, our Student Recreation Center received fitness equipment upgrades and a new layout of the facility to better serve our students' needs.

Community Engagement

- This past week, we celebrated our second annual Rocket Week with the city of Toledo!
 - We kicked off with a flag-raising ceremony at One Government Center with Mayor Kapszukiewicz.
 - Celebrations also included the annual Backyard Barbecue, a picnic on the Health Science Campus, pep rallies on campus and downtown, and special events in honor of Patriot Day to benefit local charities.
- The Office of Multicultural Student Success and the Latino Student Union are coordinating events now through October 15 in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.
 - Including an exhibit by Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist José Galvez on the first floor of Carlson Library.

Reputation

- You are starting to see more of the energy of UToledo's new Fueling Tomorrows brand on campus and across the country, highlighting our students, researchers and alumni to elevate our reputation on a national scale.
 - Since our last meeting, the redesigned mobile-first website has gone live, making it easier for prospective students to navigate our webpage from their phones
 - We have also released new student recruitment materials including:
 - an updated viewbook television commercial,
 - digital billboards,
 - new digital and social media ads and
 - the *Your Tomorrow* web experience.
 - I encourage you all to check it out on our updated website.

Board Chair Pisanelli echoed President Gaber's comments in celebrating the many great accomplishments in the last several months:

Welcome

- Good afternoon, I am pleased to welcome you all back for a new academic year.

**CHAIR'S
REPORT**

- I am sure you were all as pleased as I was to see that our reputation continue its upward trajectory in the Wall Street Journal /Times Higher Education Rankings released earlier this month.
 - They recognized UToledo’s positive momentum as we jumped 169 spots...and are ranked among the top 100 public universities and the third-highest ranked public university in the state – after Ohio State and Miami University.
 - Their rankings specifically focus on student outcomes, resources, engagement and environment.

Finance and Administration:

- There have been several recent improvements and additions to campus over the summer:
 - Paul Hotmer Field, the new home of our women’s soccer team, was dedicated on Aug. 29. The Rockets hosted the first night game in the history of the program, and the first game on Main Campus since 1996!
 - Three new active learning centers in Snyder Memorial have added high-tech classrooms that allow for better collaboration among our students.
 - Nearly 40 employees moved into the new Center for Administrative Support in August...
 - This brought the Human Resources team to renovated space on Main Campus from Scott Park.
 - This summer we also added kayaks to the Ottawa River, which are available through our Rec Center, and—in addition to Lime scooters and the bike share program—they offer one more option for enjoying our beautiful campus.

Athletics:

* Rocket football was picked to win their division by media and coaches in Mid-American Conference preseason polls.

- On behalf of the Board, I’d like to recognize the efforts of so many groups that helped in hosting Saturday’s football home opener.
 - Coach Candle and the team, Athletics, Campus Police, Facilities, Student Affairs, Auxiliaries and others.
 - We extend our thanks and appreciation to everyone involved.
 - We also hope to lead the Mid-American Conference in attendance for the **third straight year** – so we look forward to seeing everyone at the Glass Bowl for BYU on Sept. 28!

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Chair Daniel Guttman did not have a report.

**ACADEMIC
AND STUDENT
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Stephen Ciucci presented the June 17, 2019 meeting minutes for the Board's approval. Board Chair Pisanelli requested a motion for approval, which was received by Trustee Cole, seconded by Trustee Baker, and approved by the Board.

**CLINICAL
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Finance and Audit Committee Vice Chair Stephen Ciucci 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 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT