

Minutes
The University of Toledo
149th Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, September 22, 2021
WebEx
10:00a.m.

The one-hundred forty ninth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, in the Center for Alumni and Donor Engagement Fredrick Wolfe Board Room and virtually, via WebEx. Chair Alfred A. Baker called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and read the mission statement of The University of Toledo. Secretary to the Board, Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

Eleanore Awadalla
Alfred A. Baker, Chair
Stephen P. Ciucci, Vice Chair
Patrick J. Kenney
Will Lucas
Mary Ellen Pisanelli
Richard Walinski
Anjali Phadke, Student Trustee

ATTENDANCE

The following Board of Trustees members were absent:

Michael Miller
Rupesh Boddapati, Student Trustee
Roy V. Armes, National Trustee
Birdel F. Jackson, III, National Trustee

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Karen Bjorkman, Provost/EVP Academic Affairs
Frank Calzonetti, Vice President for Research
Meghan Cunningham, Director University Communications
Katie DeBenedictis, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Margaret Hopkins, Professor
Troy Holmes, Chief Financial Officer of UTMC
Doug Huffner, AVP of Risk Management
Mary Humphrys, Chair an Associate Professor of Business Technology
Charles Jake, Deputy General Counsel
Brenda Lee, President of UToledo Foundation
Linda Lewandowski, Dean, College of Nursing
Bill McCreary, VP and CIO

Traci McDaniel, Executive Assistant - UTMC
Mark Merrick, Dean College of Health and Human Services
Diane Miller, AVP Government Relations/ Chief of Staff
Danelle Mooi, Executive Assistant - UTMC
Angela Paprocki, Chief of Staff for Academic Operations
Greg Postel, President
Jeff Schmucker, Toledo Blade Reporter
Matthew Schroeder, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO
Rachel Stanford, Executive Assistant to the CFO
Sabrina Taylor, Associate VP for Budget and Planning
Valerie Walston, Interim VP for Student Affairs
UTAAUP Faculty

Board Chair Baker requested a motion to waive the reading of the June 2021, July 2021 and August 2021 Board and Committee meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Lucas, seconded by Trustee Awadalla, and approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board Chair Baker requested a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda for this meeting. A motion was received for approval of all consent agenda items from Trustee Lucas, seconded by Trustee Pisanelli, and approved by the Board. Trustee Walinski abstained.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Postel gave a president’s report to the board. His report highlighted updates on the return to campus plan, COVID issues, TEAMS projects, strategic plan, new strategic plan, HLC preparation, executive searches and interim placements, campus renovations, Investiture and homecoming festivities.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Opening

CHAIR’S REPORT

- Good afternoon, thank you all for being here today.
 - We are back into a new school year with students back and enjoying campus.
- I want to especially welcome our newest board members:
 - Michael Miller, who is joining us virtually today.
 - Anjali Phadke, a student trustee who is a senior bioengineering student.
 - And Rupesh Boddapati, a 1st year medical student.
- Welcome! We are so glad to have the three of you join us.

Research

- I want to congratulate the hard-working researchers at UToledo.

- At the end of the Fiscal Year 2021, Research awards totaled more than \$65 million, an increase of \$10 million or 18% over last year.
- That is shows great growth!

Student Success

- This past year has been difficult for our students to navigate, I want to say thank you to those in the Financial Aid office who worked diligently over the past several months to make sure our students had the support they needed.
 - they initiated the distribution of a \$19.3 million in grant funding to provide emergency aid to students through the federal American Rescue Plan passed in March.
- UToledo kicked off fall semester with New Student Convocation, the official welcome for over 2,000 new students, and over 500 sophomores.
 - Students were officially welcomed by President Postel and senior administration, along with Student Government and fellow student leaders.

Faculty

- Congratulations to Dr. Imran Ali, professor and Clair Martig Endowed Chair of the Department of Neurology in the College of Medicine and the director of the Neuroscience Center, who was selected for a AAMC Council of Deans (COD) Fellowship.
 - He is one of six fellows chosen nationally who will take part in the yearlong COD Fellowship Program designed to enhance the development of future leaders in academic medicine.
- Congratulations also goes to Dr. Ellen Pullins on being selected to join the Fulbright Association Specialist Roster for a tenure of four years.

Closing

- In closing, thank you for your time today; this has been a very productive meeting.

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Pisanelli did not have a report.

**CLINICAL
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

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

**ACADEMIC &
STUDENT
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Kenney did not have a report.

**FINANCE
AND AUDIT
COMMITTEE**

Trusteeship and Governance Committee Chair Lucas did not have a report.

**TRUSTEESHIP
AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE**

With no further business before the Board and no need for an executive session, Trustee Baker adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT