

## Minutes

**The University of Toledo  
109<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, December 18, 2017  
Driscoll Alumni Center, Schmakel Room  
1:45 p.m.**

The one-hundred ninth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 18, 2017, at the Driscoll Alumni Center in the Schmakel Room. Chair Steven Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Board secretary Joan Stasa recorded the minutes.

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

Alfred A. Baker  
Steven M. Cavanaugh, Chair  
Jeffrey C. Cole  
F. Patrick D'Eramo  
Hedyeh Elahinia, Student Trustee  
Patrick J. Kenney  
Will Lucas  
Mary Ellen Pisanelli, Vice Chair  
Sharon Speyer  
Lucas D. Zastrow, Student Trustee  
Joseph H. Zerbey, IV

The following Board of Trustees member was absent:

Christine E. Brennan, National Trustee

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Frank Calzonetti, VP Research  
Meghan Cunningham, Director University Communications  
David Cutri, Executive Director Internal Audit/Chief Compliance Officer  
Sarah Elms, Reporter for *The Blade*  
Rick Gerasimiak, Manager Desktop Support  
Michael Harders, VP Advancement  
Andrew Hsu, Provost and EVP Academic Affairs  
Mary Humphrys, Associate Professor Business Technology  
Lawrence Kelley, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO  
Kenneth McFeggan, Instructional Media Specialist  
Peter Papadimos, VP and General Counsel  
Patricia Peterson, Controller  
Matthew Schroeder, Chief of Staff  
Joan Stasa, Secretary Board of Trustees  
Amy Thompson, Faculty Senate President

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

**ATTENDANCE**

Board Chair Cavanaugh requested a motion to waive the reading of the September 18 Board meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Zerbey, seconded by Trustee Speyer, and approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Gaber provided comments about the Dashboard Report. She reported that research numbers for the first quarter of FY18 have significantly outperformed as compared to the same time last year – the number of research proposal submissions are up 23%, the number of awards are up 63%, and total reward dollars are up 64%.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

For FY12-FY16, the Association of University Technology Managers ranked UT, per \$10 million in research expenditures in the state of Ohio, as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Invention disclosures (up one spot)
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Licenses / options
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Reimbursement of patent fees
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Start-ups formed
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Total license income

The First Annual Day of Giving, “Rocket Forward,” held on October 12 yielded \$453,857, which surpassed the 24-hour goal. Gifts totaled 1,604.

The University of Toledo is poised to receive the largest gift in UT history – Welltower Corporate Headquarters.

Earlier this month both Moody’s and Standard & Poor’s reaffirmed the University ratings. They viewed the diversity of UT’s programs and two years of enrollment stability as positive results.

Student Centered

Dr. Gaber reported that the University has concluded an active and successful fall semester. The transition to a 15-week semester aligned with our peers and will help students with time to degree. With second-year students now living on campus, student programs and activities have increased. Activity on-campus outside of our peak hours is essential as it relates to the student experience and student retention.

We are excited and pleased to be a part of the opportunity to establish fixed pricing for our student via the Toledo Tuition Guarantee starting Fall 2018.

The newly renovated Carlson Library has resulted in a 40% increase in student study space utilization compared to last fall.

### Nationally Recognized Faculty

Three faculty members from the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics were elected as Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AASS) in the 2017 class.

- Heidi Appel – Professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences and Dean of the Honors College
- Karen Bjorkman – Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy and Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Steve Federman – Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy

### The New UT – Telling Our Story

Dr. Gaber stated that clearly we are creating positive momentum; however, we must not assume that prospective students, their parents, and the community know. Therefore, UT has launched marketing campaigns to highlight the transformational impact of UT on our community. We are also elevating our recruitment and enrollment efforts via digital communication channels. Social media on the academic side with Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram ranked 14 out of 338 Division I schools (Source: Rival IQ, a social media analytics company in Seattle).

### Athletics

The University is extremely proud of our Women's Soccer Team and the Football Team – both Mid-American Conference Champions!

Board of Trustees Chairman Steve Cavanaugh stated that he was thankful for:

- yesterday's wonderful Commencement ceremony and the 2,100 graduates, with approximately one-third obtaining Masters or Ph.D. degrees -- an impressive group of graduates with a broad academic spectrum,
- over 20,000 students who chose UT to obtain their degrees,
- the dedicated faculty and staff and their continuous efforts to make UT a better place to work and learn,
- the wonderful cutting-edge research being conducted by the faculty,
- the amazing students and faculty who are involved with service to the community,
- all the alumni and donors for their help in financially supporting the institution,
- the Women's Soccer Team and Football Team MAC Championships and all the athletic teams' academic success,
- his fellow trustees for their commitment and guidance,
- Dr. Gaber and her Senior Leadership team for their hard work and dedication to move the University forward -- on behalf of the Board, Mr. Cavanaugh communicated that they appreciate everything that they do and are looking forward to an exciting and dynamic 2018!

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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

**ACADEMIC  
AND STUDENT  
AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE**

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Speyer presented the September 18 meeting minutes for the Board's approval. Board Chair Cavanaugh requested a motion for approval, which was received by Trustee Zerbey, seconded by Baker, and approved by the Board.

**CLINICAL  
AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE**

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Joe Zerbey did not have a report.

**FINANCE  
AND AUDIT  
COMMITTEE**

Trusteeship and Governance Committee Chair Al Baker did not have a report.

**TRUSTEESHIP  
AND  
GOVERNANCE  
COMMITTEE**

There was no need for an Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Cavanaugh adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**