

Minutes
The University of Toledo
146th Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, June 23, 2021
WebEx
10:00a.m.

The one-hundred forty sixth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, in the Center for Alumni and Donor Engagement Boardroom and virtually, via WebEx. Chair Alfred A. Baker called the meeting to order at 2:20 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
Rebekah K. Dangler, Student Trustee
Daniel Guttman
Patrick J. Kenney
Will Lucas
Mary Ellen Pisanelli
Richard Walinski

ATTENDANCE

The following Board of Trustees members were absent:

Christine E. Brennan, National 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:

Chrissy Billau, Assistant Director of Communications
Terry Bigioni, Faculty Senate President Elect
Karen Bjorkman, Provost/EVP Academic Affairs
Frank Calzonetti, Vice President for Research
Flapp Cockrell, VP for Student Affairs
Christopher Cooper, EVP Clinical Affairs/Dean COM&LS
Meghan Cunningham, Director University Communications
David Cutri, Director of Internal Audit
Katie DeBenedictis, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Adam Downing, Healthcare Administration Specialist
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
Adrienne King, Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communications
Linda Lewandowski, Dean, College of Nursing
Sandra MacNevin, Communications Manager
Bill McCreary, VP and CIO
Traci McDaniel, Executive Assistant - UTMC
David Meredith, Interim VP for Enrollment
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
Gina Roberts, AVP of Enrollment Management
Connie Schall, AVP of Research
Jeff Schmucker, Toledo Blade Reporter
Matthew Schroeder, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO
Jen Sorgenfrei, Director of University Marketing
Rachel Stanford, Executive Assistant to the CFO
Rick Swaine, CFO of UTMC
Amy Thompson, Vice Provost Faculty Affairs
Jason Toth, AVP for Facilities and Construction
UTAAUP Faculty

Board Chair Baker requested a motion to waive the reading of the April 2021 and May 2021 Board and Committee meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Lucas, seconded by Trustee Guttman, 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 all that has been accomplished in 2020-2021 and the workplan for the future. The slides can be found following the minutes of the meeting: **Attachment 1**.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Opening

- Good afternoon, thank you all for being here today.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Thank you all for your dedication to The University of Toledo over the last year. All though this year has looked different, I am proud of what has been accomplished.

Student Success

- Career Services held their Senior Launch Day in April, hosting several virtual workshops to help graduating seniors prepare for their careers after college. Dozens were able to participate and meet potential employers.
- In the Spring semester, the Rocket Fuel Fund received \$22,000 in donations and distributed more than 35,000 pounds of food to our students.
- The student run Community Care Clinics recently hosted its first "Vaccinathon," during which students and clinical volunteers administered 351 vaccines in our community. To date, the group has administered nearly 6,000 vaccines.
- I want to congratulate Student Employee of the Year: Neff College of Business and Innovation's Calvin Sweeney was named the UToledo Student Employee of the Year and the State of Ohio Student Employee of the Year.

Athletics

- Rocket student-athletes earned a combined grade point average of 3.343 in the 2021 spring semester. It is the second-highest semester GPA ever for our Rockets.
- Congratulations to Senior Stephanie Sherman, who earned second-team All-America honors by finishing in 16th place in the 10,000m at the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore. on June 10.

Faculty

- Congratulations to Dr. Kim Nielsen, Chair of the Disability Studies program, who co-edited The Oxford Handbook of Disability History, which has won the 2021 George Rosen prize from the American Association for the History of Medicine.

- We also want to congratulate Psychology faculty member, Dr. Andy Geers, who was awarded a \$1-million grant from the National Institutes of Health. This three-year RO1 Research Project Grant will study dental anxiety.
- We also want to recognize Dr. Michelle M. Masterson, director of the School of Interprofessional Education and Human Performance, who was recently inducted into the National Academies of Practice as a Distinguished Fellow.

Closing

- In closing, I want to recognize our outgoing trustees... Trustee Baker read Proclamation 21-06-14, 21-06-15, and 21-06-16 respectively. He thanked Trustee Guttman, Student Trustee Dangler and National Trustee Brennan for their service to the Board and wished them well into the future.

Trustee Pisanelli stated that earlier today the nominating committee met to make a recommendation to the board for the FY22 Board Officers. The committee recommends Al Baker, Steve Ciucci and Katie DeBenedictis to serve as Board Chair, Board Vice Chair and Board Secretary, respectively, for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The Committee believes that Al Baker, who was Board Chair this past academic year, who served tirelessly, and who is eligible for a second year as Board Chair, should in fact be nominated to serve for an additional year. Al was extremely helpful during the early months of Dr. Postel’s transition to Interim President and recently to President. We thank Al for a very challenging year of service and look forward to hopefully a more normal year of Board Chair service! Similarly, the Committee believes that Steve Ciucci, who served as Vice Chair of the Board this past fiscal year, be nominated to serve a second year as Vice Chair of Board. Steve, with his continuing focus and advice on all matters financial and clinical, was invaluable this past year and we believe that having him in this position for the 2021-2022 will benefit the Board and the University. Finally, the Committee wishes to thank Katie DeBenedictis for this past year’s assistance as Secretary of the Board. We could not have maintained our rigorous Board schedule and met the demands of this challenging year without her. We would like to recommend that Katie serve as Board Secretary for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Trustee Baker asked the Board for any additional nominations. Hearing none, he requested a motion for approval of the nominating committee’s recommendation for Al Baker to serve as Chair, Steve Ciucci to serve as Vice Chair and Katie DeBenedictis to serve as Secretary to the Board for FY22. The motion was

**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE**

received by trustee Awadalla, seconded by Trustee Walinski and approved by the Board.

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Pisanelli did not have a report.

**CLINICAL
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Chair Guttman 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, Trustee Baker adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Gregory C. Postel, MD
President, The University of Toledo





2020-2021 HIGHLIGHTS



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2020-2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- A solid response to COVID
- Two large graduating classes
- Research awards up 11%
- Graduation and retention rates up
- Achievement gaps narrowed
- Successful searches
- Our 8 teams are all making progress
- Financial turnaround at hospital

2020-2021 HIGHLIGHTS CONT.

- Major quality improvements at hospital
- UTP on solid ground including the receipt of quality incentive payments
- ERM established
- Academic reinvestment taking place
- HR Modernization
- Preparation for HLC visit underway
- Superior athletic academic performance
- EHR implementation underway

2020-2021 HIGHLIGHTS CONT.

- Center for Racial Equity and Black Student Success opened
- Development goal attained
- Media relationships are excellent
- Budget modernization (RCM) well underway
- There has been close contact with elected officials despite the pandemic
- Balance budgets have been achieved
- Campus capital projects have resumed
- SEM undergoing a complete revision



2021-2022 WORKPLAN



2021-2022 WORKPLAN

- SEM requires urgent attention by all parties
- Planning for HLC
- Important searches
- Continued work by 8 teams
- Relationship building with ProMedica
- Relationship building between UTP and UTMC

2021-2022 WORKPLAN CONT.

- The next phase of COVID
- Campus modernization
- Continued efforts to strengthen UTMC
- RCM implementation
- New strategic plan creation begins
- Important campus events for which to prepare

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