

Minutes
The University of Toledo
143rd Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, February 10, 2020
WebEx
10:00a.m.

The one-hundred forty third meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, via WebEx. Chair Alfred A. Baker called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. Secretary to the Board, Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

Roy V. Armes, National Trustee
Eleanore Awadalla
Alfred A. Baker, Chair
Stephen P. Ciucci, Vice Chair
Rebekah K. Dangler, Student Trustee
Anthony Gennings, Student Trustee
Daniel Guttman
Birdel F. Jackson, III, National Trustee
Patrick J. Kenney
Will Lucas
Mary Ellen Pisanelli
Richard Walinski

ATTENDANCE

The following Board of Trustees members were absent:

Christine E. Brennan, National Trustee

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Jim Anderson, VP Enrollment Management
Karen Bjorkman, Provost/EVP Academic Affairs
Frank Calzonetti, Vice President for Research
Philip 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
Troy Holmes, Chief Financial Officer of UTMC
Mary Humphrys, Chair an Associate Professor of Business Technology
Charles Jake, Deputy General Counsel
Adrienne King, Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communications

Brenda Lee, President, University of Toledo Foundation
Linda Lewandowski, Dean, College of Nursing
Bill McCreary, VP and CIO
Diane Miller, AVP Government Relations/ Chief of Staff
Jeff Newton, University of Toledo Police Chief
Greg Postel, Interim President
Matthew Schroeder, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO
Rachel Stanford, Executive Assistant to the CFO
Rick Swaine, CFO of UTMC
Sabrina Taylor, AVP Financial Planning, Analysis and Budget
Rod Theis, University of Toledo Deputy Police Chief
Brienne Thom
Amy Thompson, Vice Provost Faculty Affairs
Don Wedding, Faculty/Faculty Relations

Board Chair Baker requested a motion to waive the reading of the December 2020 and January 2021 Board and Committee meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Kenney, seconded by Trustee Pisanelli, and approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF
MEETING
MINUTES**

Board Chair Baker requested a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda for this meeting. Prior to receiving a motion, Trustee Walinski asked for more information regarding the named gift item (4.G.). Following the discussion, a motion was received for approval of all consent agenda items from Trustee Pisanelli, seconded by Trustee Walinski, and approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Dr. Postel read his president's report:

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

As you are aware, we are confronting many challenges simultaneously... BUT
– PROGRESS IS EVIDENT!

1. Balanced Budget – kudos to Matt Schroeder.
 - 4.7M SSI bump – Also thank Governor DeWine and Chancellor Gardner.
2. Campus remains as safe as possible as we navigate the COVID-19 crisis – thank Amy Thompson and team.
3. Teams are hard at work planning for a more complete return to campus in the fall of this year with up to 80% of students, faculty and staff back on campus – thanks to Karen Bjorkman.
4. With the endorsement of Ohio's AG, our interim general counsel, Charles Jake, will now become our permanent general counsel.

5. The Toledo Blade has done an excellent job capturing good news stories from our campus around topics such as athletics and research – thank you to Adrienne King and her team in MarComm.
6. A series of educational and inspirational campus forums are taking place under the direction of Dr. Willie McKether to help our campus community learn and heal as we react to the events of the world around us.
7. A special thank you to Dean Chris Cooper and his team at the COMLS for their work in the submission of a 360 page report in preparation for April's LCME visit.
8. Students on campus for this spring semester have access to over 600 activities – thanks for Dr. Flapp Cockrell and his team in the VP for Student Affairs office.
9. A massive 18-month project is underway to implement an EPIC Electronic Records system at UTMC. The project is off to a great start and we have developed a strong relationship at EPIC thanks to the efforts of Dr. Bill McCreary.
10. Preparation is intensifying for our November HLC reaffirmation visit and in advance I would like to thank Heather Huntley in the Provost's office for her work and guidance on this.
11. We are developing a coordinated approach to campus health inclusive of physical health, mental health and wellness initiative and are grateful to Dean Linda Lewandowski for agreeing to provide interim leadership for this effort.
12. Our projections are that our external research funding will hold steady at 55M this year. This is impressive considering the adverse circumstances we have been dealing with and well moderated by Frank Calzonetti and his team.
13. Provost Bjorkman and her team continue to lead efforts aimed at student success. We have been delighted to note that during this challenging year we have continued to make progress in graduation and retention rates and also academic achievement gaps.
14. Mike O'Brien, our Director of Athletics, deserves kudos for again overseeing efforts resulting in academic excellence for our athletes. The addition of Tony Belt has added to our program significantly.
15. Mike O'Brien, Dave Nottke and Cheryl Zwyrer continue their work in development working with donors large and small. Since December, we have

had large gifts resulting in significant namings – the Neff COBI in December and the Delp gift today.

16. Rick Swaine and his team continue to make more progress at UTMC. The budget remains positive, CMS will elevate our quality rating from CMS 1* to CMS 3* in April. We have made significant progress in our kidney transplant program. The EHR project is up and running.
17. Over 100 team members are actively performing the work of our 8 teams which we introduced to the board in December. At each BOT meeting, as today, you will hear detailed reports from two of the teams.
18. My work is made immeasurably easier by the hard and extremely competent work every day by Diane Miller, Katie DeBenedictis and Gail Simpson and I owe them thanks.

There is much work ahead but we are proud of the progress we have made in a short time.

Trustee Baker read his chair's report:

- Good afternoon. Thank you all for joining us here virtually again today. I hope everyone's year is off to a great start.
- The Alumni Association started this year by gifting a one-year membership to all UToledo employees as a thank you for supporting their alma mater during a rough year.
 - More than 2000 employees received a one-year membership.
- Thank you to our talented IT team, which has continued to expand WiFi access points in parking lots and in the Residence Halls to provide students with more network access.
- IT was also instrumental in setting up a new vaccine management system, which UTMC used to vaccinate the UToledo healthcare workers.
- Our University of Toledo student-athletes earned a combined grade-point average of 3.312 in the 2020 fall semester,
 - the highest semester GPA in a fall term for the Rockets,
 - and the second-highest ever, trailing only last spring.
- It is also the fourth consecutive semester in which UToledo student-athletes have earned a semester GPA of 3.3 or higher.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- As part of the continued effort by Student Affairs to provide support for our students, UToledo announced a new Campus Advocacy, Response, Evaluation and Service Team, known as the CARES team.
- The team is made up of representatives from many areas of campus to better coordinate resources.
- The CARES Team will connect students with the appropriate resources in order to resolve behavioral, emotional, health, conduct and other concerns.
- The University of Toledo's John B. and Lillian E. Neff College of Business and Innovation has made the Princeton Review's 2021 list of best business schools.
 - The college admission services company ranked Neff COBI as one of the nation's top on-campus M.B.A. programs.
- The College of Law moved up one spot to No. 4 on Princeton Review's national list of the top 10 law schools with the "Greatest Resources for Women."
 - Toledo Law also continues to be rated No. 1 for most accessible professors among law schools in Ohio, and tied in Michigan and Indiana.
- Under the direction of Dr. Susan Batten, from the College of Nursing, our nursing, medicine, pharmacy and physician assistant students have given over 6,600 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to frontline healthcare personnel and to members of the community in collaboration with the Lucas County Health Department.
 - Thank you Dr. Batten and students!
- I also want to congratulate The University of Toledo's marketing team, which earned the top award for its website to recruit prospective students to campus in the 2021 Pride of CASE V Awards.
- They also were recognized with bronze awards for crisis management, an early student registration campaign and photography.
- In closing, I want to thank you all for your time and attention. I know we all miss being able to hold these meetings in person and be on campus, hopefully we can do that again soon.
- I have had a chance to visit campus a few times, but I am really looking forward to that being a regular occurrence soon.

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

**ACADEMIC
AND STUDENT
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Pisanelli did not have a report

**CLINICAL
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**

Chair Baker indicated that there was a need for an executive session to discuss the compensation and employment of a public employee. He asked for a motion to enter executive session. Trustee Pisanelli made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Ciucci. Ms. DeBenedictis took a roll call vote of the board members: Baker, yes; Ciucci, yes; Guttman, yes; Awadalla, yes; Lucas, yes; Kenney, yes; Pisanelli, yes; and Walinski, yes.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Following the discussion, the board excused executive session with no action taken.

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Baker adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT