

Minutes

**The University of Toledo
111th Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, April 16, 2018
Driscoll Alumni Center, Schmakel Room
1:45 p.m.**

The one-hundred eleventh meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 16, 2018, in the Driscoll Alumni Center Schmakel Room. Chair Steven Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. Board of Trustees Secretary Joan Stasa recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

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

ATTENDANCE

The following Board of Trustees member was absent:

Hedyeh Elahinia, Student Trustee

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Javonte Anderson, Reporter for *The Blade*
Frank Calzonetti, VP Research
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 VP Human Resources and Talent Development
Sharon Gaber, President
Rick Gerasimiak, Manager Desktop Support
Andrew Hsu, Provost and EVP Academic Affairs
Mary Humphrys, Associate Professor Business Technology
Lawrence Kelley, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO
Peter Papadimos, VP and General Counsel
Matthew Schroeder, Chief of Staff
Joan Stasa, Secretary Board of Trustees
Amy Thompson, Faculty Senate President

Donald Wedding, Associate Professor Management Department
Kevin West, Sr. Director Faculty Relations/Inclusion Officer

Board Chair Cavanaugh requested a motion to waive the reading of the February 19, 2018 Board meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Cole, seconded by Trustee Zerbey, 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 Speyer, seconded by Trustee Cole, and approved by the Board with the exception of Trustee Zerbey who recused herself from voting for Resolution No. 18-04-06.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Dr. Gaber indicated to the Board of Trustees that with BoardEffect they would find April's Dashboard Report.

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

Research

Once again, Dr. Gaber commended the faculty for their continued commitment to research and scholarship. Through the third quarter of FY18, compared to the same time last year, research proposal submissions are up 8.7%, the number of new competitive awards are up 14%, and new competitive award dollars are up 66.7%, \$23.5 million, which is a five-year high. The total number of awards are up 18.9% and the total award dollars are up 48.4%, \$40.7 million, which is also a five-year high. It is important to note that new competitive award dollars and total award dollars year-to-date have already exceeded FY17 totals – up 20.9% and 5.6% respectively over FY17.

Advancement

The number of donors year-to-date is at a five-year high.

AAUP

Dr. Gaber reported that she was pleased to announce that a new contract with the AAUP has been approved. Our faculty are key to providing students a high-quality education that leads to successful careers and meaningful lives. This contract affirms our commitment to recruiting and retaining the best teachers and researchers in our classrooms and in our community. I would like to thank AAUP leadership and all faculty for their strong spirit of collaboration and dedication to our University.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Gaber stated that she was delighted that a number of students participated in Alternative Spring Break activities this year, foregoing their own vacations to engage in service projects around the world. For example, a group of Honors students traveled to Guatemala and worked on constructing a single family home and library projects; and, two groups of engineering students traveled abroad – one to Kenya and one to El Salvador, to work on water systems.

Nathan Szymanski, an undergraduate student in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, was recognized for being awarded a Barry Goldwater Scholarship. He is one of 211 given this prestigious award this year. The Goldwater Scholarship is one of the oldest and most prestigious national scholarships in natural sciences, engineering and mathematics in the United States.

Shelley Cavalieri, associate professor of law, was awarded a prestigious Fulbright grant to conduct research on women's housing advocacy in Quito, Ecuador. Cavalieri will teach law courses in gender theory, housing and health, and clinical legal education at Universidad de San Francisco de Quito during the 2018-2019 academic year.

Student Affairs

Despite the weather, the Big Event – a one-day student-run service project, was held over the weekend on Saturday. Over 1,500 students participated contributing 3,600 hours of service back to the community. For example, one of our Fraternities conducted a resume building and interviewing workshop for those that have fallen on hard times in downtown Toledo.

Twenty student organizations competed in this year's Songfest, one of UT's longest running traditions. Their collective efforts raised over \$120,000 – 6 times more than last year and the most ever. The proceeds will help Veterans Matters house 160+/- homeless veterans.

Finance and Administration

I recently had the opportunity to participate in an engaging session with our first Staff Leadership Development Cohort regarding UT Leadership Values and Principles. This inaugural cohort is in the seventh month of their learning journey. We look forward to offering additional professional development opportunities to our faculty and staff in FY19.

Athletics

Congratulations to Coach [Kowalczyk](#) and our men's basketball program for capturing a MAC West Division title!

For the 28th consecutive season our Women's basketball program, under the leadership of Coach Cullopp, led the MAC in home attendance.

Dr. Gaber stated that she hopes to see many at The University of Toledo women's basketball program's inaugural Lessons in LeadHERship Conference on April 17 in the Student Union Auditorium. UT National Trustee Christine Brennan is one of the featured speakers.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at my annual State of the University address on April 18.

Board of Trustees Chairman Steve Cavanaugh provided the following comments.

Mr. Cavanaugh acknowledged Student Trustee Luke Zastrow and that this would be his last meeting with the Board. Mr. Cavanaugh stated that it has been a true delight to serve with Luke on the Board the last two years. Luke has been an excellent trustee and great partner. He thanked Luke for his service and wished him good luck with his internship in Colorado.

National Trustees

Mr. Cavanaugh stated that the Board established national trustees last year to take advantage of the diverse cultural, geographic, business, professional, public service and civic backgrounds, talents and experiences of friends and alumni of the University. Toledo native and award-winning journalist Christine Brennan was named the first national member and she has added great value over the last ten months. Roy Armes and Birdel Jackson are among UT's most distinguished alumni who are highly respected leaders in their professions. The perspectives from these accomplished graduates, who got their start in UT classrooms, will be invaluable as we make progress on our strategic priorities. We look forward to them joining the Board in July.

AAUP Agreement

Mr. Cavanaugh commended Dr. Gaber and her team, along with the AAUP and our Faculty, on successfully reaching an agreement on a new contract. To be able to do this in roughly three months speaks volumes to the level of trust and mutual respect that both sides have for each other.

To reach terms on five collective bargaining agreements (AAUP, AFSCME, CWA, UTPPA, FOP) in roughly two years time has not gone unnoticed by the Board. Mr. Cavanaugh extended a special thank you to all that have been instrumental on both sides to get these contracts accomplished.

Research

For the third consecutive quarter, our research performance is up across the board. The Board recognizes the efforts that our faculty are making at the "bench" and in the classroom -- both of which are necessary if we are to elevate our reputation.

Academic Affiliation

This year's Match Day was life changing for many of our fourth-year medical students who matched into residencies in 23 different specialties across the country. Retaining top talent in the area continues to trend in a positive direction with ten percent of our graduating students staying in northwest Ohio to continue their training.

Athletics

Once again, our students athletes are performing outside the game. Senior Jay-Ann Bravo-Harriott, senior Michaela Rasmussen, junior Sarah St-Fort, sophomore

Mariella Santucci and Sophomore Luke Knapke were all named Academic All-MAC performers

Mr. Cavanaugh stated that he looks forward to seeing many of you at Commencement on May 5.

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

**ACADEMIC
AND STUDENT
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Sharon Speyer presented the February 19, 2018 meeting minutes for the Board's approval. Board Chair Cavanaugh requested a motion for approval, which was received by Trustee Pisanelli seconded by Trustee 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**

Nominating Committee Chair Sharon Speyer stated that Trustees Al Baker and Jeff Cole have agreed to be members of the Nominating Committee. They will plan to meet prior to the next Board meeting to discuss Board officer options for FY19. Recommendations will be presented and a vote requested at the June 18 Board meeting.

**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE**

There was no need for an Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Cavanaugh adjourned the meeting at 4 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT