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Minutes

**The University of Toledo
101st Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, February 20, 2017
Driscoll Alumni Center, Schmakel Room
1:15 p.m.**

The one-hundred first meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 20, 2017, at the Driscoll Alumni Center in the Schmakel Room. Chair Sharon Speyer called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Ms. Joan Stasa recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

Alfred A. Baker
Steven M. Cavanaugh
Jeffrey C. Cole
Anna L. Crisp, Student Trustee
Will Lucas
Mary Ellen Pisanelli
Sharon Speyer
Lucas D. Zastrow, Student Trustee
Joseph H. Zerbey, IV

ATTENDANCE

The following Board of Trustees member was absent:

Gary P. Thieman

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Christine Billau, Media Relations Specialist
Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Dean College of Graduate Studies
Frank Calzonetti, VP Research
Christopher Cooper, Senior VP Clinical Affairs/Dean COMLS
Meghan Cunningham, Director of University Communications
David Cutri, Executive Director Internal Audit/Chief Compliance Officer
Michael Dowd, Associate Professor and Chair Economics
Mary Ellen Edwards, Professor Foundations of Education
Sharon Gaber, UT President
Jon Hoffman, Consultant with JJR Smith Group
Mary Humphrys, Associate Professor Business Technology
Lawrence Kelley, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO
Daniel Klett, Director Campus Planning and Development
Patrick Lawrence, Professor and Associate Dean, College of LL & SS
Brenda Lee, President UT Foundation
Vanessa McCray, Reporter for *The Blade*
Michael O'Brien, VP and Director of Athletics

Peter Papadimos, VP and General Counsel
Kaye Patten, Sr. VP Academic Affairs
Linda Rouillard, Professor
Matthew Schroeder, President's Chief of Staff
Joan Stasa, Secretary Board of Trustees
Jason Toth, Associate VP Facilities

Board Chair Speyer requested a motion to waive the reading of the January 23, 2017 Board meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Zerbey, seconded by Trustee Cole and approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF
MEETING
MINUTES**

A motion was requested for approval of the Consent Agenda for today's meeting. A motion was received from Trustee Pisanelli, seconded by Trustee Lucas and approved by the Board, with the exception of Trustee Speyer who abstained from voting.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Dr. Gaber highlighted accomplishments pertaining to her Call to Action over the last 20 months in the following areas:

- Raise UT's national standing
- Increase enrollment, retention and student preparedness
- Increase externally funded research
- Increase philanthropy/fundraising
- Ensure a UT education remains affordable by reducing administrative costs

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

She stated that our people continue to do great things to move this institution forward - creating a culture of ownership and accountability.

Recent dashboards included the following:

- Spring 2017 enrollment increased by 2%, which is a four-year high. This is also the third consecutive term for such an enrollment increase (Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017).
- Fall to spring retention has increased by a few basis points. This is a five-year high.
- YTD total fundraising is \$17.2 million, up 69% - a nine-year high (planned gifts account for \$7.5 million, compared to \$1.5 million for the same time last year).
- Alumni participation rate YTD 3.89%
 - Building the pipeline...
 - Camellia Bowl (December): hosted 300+ alumni and donors
 - Tampa and Ft. Meyers (January): hosted 175+/- alumni and donors
 - Florida swing in March
- The amount of new competitive research awards continues to outpace last year, up 45% YTD, which is a three-year high.

In the academic arena, Dr. Melissa Valiska Gregory, Associate Professor of English, has been selected as the inaugural Presidential Faculty Fellowship recipient. Established Fall 2016, the fellowship is intended to advance faculty

leadership development, present opportunities within higher education administration, and improve faculty career satisfaction.

With Diversity and Inclusion, the celebration of Black History Month continues. Multicultural Student Success has hosted 12 events (6 remain) and the kick-off luncheon featured Dr. Angela Davis – an activist, scholar, and author. The event was sold out with more than 1,000 students, faculty, staff and community members in attendance.

Scholarship Days were hosted on January 21 and 28. This will be the fourth year for this recruitment event targeting high-ability students. 981 prospective direct from high school students attended, 11% increase over last year – this is record attendance.

We are working with Purdue University, the University of Michigan and the University of Illinois as part of a team leading the National Science Foundation's Innovation Corps program in the Midwest. Since the start of the program, UT ranks sixth behind Northeastern University in the number of teams that have been selected to participate. Teams must submit an application to the National Science Foundation, pass an intake review, and demonstrate appropriate commitment to the process which includes participating in a seven-week intensive program. The University receives a \$50,000 grant for participating.

Junior Michaela Rasmussen has been named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association 2017 Allstate Good Works Team – honoring student athletes that have dedicated themselves to bettering the lives of others through giving back to their communities. Michaela is the first Rocket to be named to the prestigious squad.

Recently, a dependent eligibility verification assessment has been completed which has the potential to save the University over \$1 million in health care costs/claims. This is the first ever assessment beyond the normal open enrollment and qualifying events.

Year-to-date coverage of the University with Communications and Marketing has exceeded 22,477 total mentions, up 30% over all of FY16, with 4.5 months remaining.

A trip to Columbus was made on February 13 and 14 to meet with legislators and IUC presidents regarding the Governor's proposed budget.

Board of Trustees Chair Speyer thanked Dr. Gaber and her team for an incredible amount of work that has been accomplished in a relatively short period of time. Chair Speyer reminded everyone to remember that this is a journey, not a destination. The University is not where it wants to be, but remarkable progress is being made to get there given all the challenges.

**CHAIR'S
REPORT**

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

**ACADEMIC
AND STUDENT
AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

Clinical Affairs Committee Vice Chair Joe Zerbey presented the January meeting minutes for the Board's approval. Trustee Speyer requested a motion for approval, which was received by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Cole 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 Mary Ellen Pisanelli presented the Personnel Action report for this meeting and requested the Board's approval. A motion for approval was requested by Chair Speyer, which was received by Trustee Zerbey, seconded by Trustee Lucas and approved by the Board.

**TRUSTEESHIP
AND
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE**

There was no need for an Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Speyer adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT