

## Minutes

**The University of Toledo  
103<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, April 17, 2017  
Driscoll Alumni Center, Schmakel Room  
1:15 p.m.**

The one-hundred third meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 17, 2017, at the Driscoll Alumni Center in the Schmakel Room. Chair Sharon Speyer called the meeting to order at 1:30 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  
Anna L. Crisp, Student Trustee  
Will Lucas  
Mary Ellen Pisanelli  
Sharon Speyer  
Gary P. Thieman  
Lucas D. Zastrow, Student Trustee  
Joseph H. Zerbey, IV

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Board of Trustees member was absent:  
Jeffrey C. Cole

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Christine Billau, Media Relations Specialist  
Frank Calzonetti, VP Research  
David Cutri, Executive Director Internal Audit/Chief Compliance Officer  
Michael Dowd, Associate Professor and Chair Economics  
Sharon Gaber, UT President  
Michael Harders, VP Advancement  
Charles Jake, Associate General Counsel  
Lawrence Kelley, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO  
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  
Matthew Schroeder, President's Chief of Staff  
Joan Stasa, Secretary Board of Trustees

Board Chair Speyer requested a motion to waive the reading of the March 20, 2017 Board meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Thieman, seconded by Trustee Zerbey and approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

President Gaber reviewed her dashboard report with the Board. In the Advancement area, new revenue year-to-date is up 58%, of which cash gifts are up 88% over the same time last year, \$7.5 million. The number of donors year-to-date is up 17%, a five-year high – further external validation that the University is moving in the right direction. Alumni participation year-to-date is 4.31%. In the Research area, the number of new competitive awards are up 11.8% and new competitive award dollars are at a four-year high, up 35.2% over the same time last year. Both are early indications that research is moving in the right direction.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Clinton Longenecker, Distinguished University Professor and Director of the Center for Leadership and Organizational Excellence in the UT College of Business and Innovation, is one of three finalists selected for Baylor University's 2018 Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching. Congratulations to Dr. Longenecker.

The Office of Undergraduate Research and the Honors College sent 17 students to present their projects at the 31st Annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research. These projects were chosen from more than 4,000 submissions.

Chancellor John Carey recently recognized UT for its continued excellent research on algal blooms in Lake Erie. The event, which showcased how Ohio's higher education institutions are conducting research on algal blooms and their consequences on human health, included poster sessions of research underway statewide. Of the 11 poster sessions, seven were from UT. In addition, Dr. Bridgeman, along with six other UT faculty members and nine UT students, explained their research to representatives from ODHE, OEPA, Ohio Department of Agriculture, etc.

Songfest, UT's second oldest tradition (established spring 1937), recently raised \$18,036.41 for Hut Outreach to fund the construction of a high school in Haiti. This is the largest amount of funds raised at Songfest for a philanthropic organization ever. Hut Outreach, founded by UT alumna Nicole Coulter ('96), is a non-profit organization with the goal of empowering the people of Haiti and providing them with opportunities for education and employment.

Also at Songfest, Junior track/cross country athlete Janelle Noe received the

Chuck Ealey College Undeclared Spirit Award. Noe returned to athletic competition last fall less than nine months after suffering second- and third-degree burns on more than half her body in January of 2016.

The proposed state biennium budget continues to be a going concern/top of mind for many of us. In recent months, we have met with more than 60 state legislators, including every member of the House finance committee and all but one member of the Senate higher education subcommittee. This advocacy by the University, our Board, and the rest of the public higher education community is beginning to yield some modest results. E.g. the Chancellor has recently proposed modified textbook language.

Social Responsibility... Campus Dining recently collaborated with the "Food Recovery Network" to deliver unused food from dining halls to local food banks and shelters. In addition, we are providing weekly facility and tools for student organizations to build thousands of sandwiches for the homeless in the Toledo area.

April is Diversity Month and, while we celebrate diversity every day on our campuses, it is important to set aside some time to come together and discuss our differences. Our inclusiveness gives us strength. 21 events are scheduled during the month of April. Diversity Month was kicked off with Ari Melber, MSNBC chief legal correspondent, "Bias in a Post-Truth Era."

Patient satisfaction at UTMC is at a six-year high. A special thanks to everyone at UTMC for playing a positive role in the overall patient experience. Dr. Gaber was pleased to report that surgical site infections have been reduced by 50% over the previous year. Patients undergoing surgery at UTMC were approximately half as likely to get a surgical site infection as compared to last year.

Chair Speyer commented that while we have some financial challenges and big decisions that need to be made, we should celebrate our successes. An atmosphere of engagement is evident between Dr. Gaber and her Leadership Team with faculty, staff and students, which Ms. Speyer stated, is a recipe for success.

Trustee Speyer also commented on the recent passing of former UT Board of Trustees member Joan Katz and conveyed condolences on behalf of all at The University of Toledo.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Vice Chair Will Lucas did not have a report.

**CHAIR'S  
REPORT**

**ACADEMIC  
AND STUDENT  
AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE**

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Gary Thieman presented the March meeting minutes for the Board's approval. Trustee Speyer requested a motion for approval, which was received by Trustee Zerbey, seconded by Trustee Pisanelli, 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 Lucas, seconded by Trustee Cavanaugh, and approved by the Board.

**TRUSTEESHIP  
AND  
GOVERNANCE  
COMMITTEE**

Board of Trustees Bylaw Updates were presented by Mr. Pete Papadimos. Mr. Papadimos discussed the following:

- Changes to Bylaw 3364-1-02 Meetings of the Board
- Changes to Bylaw 3364-1-03 Committees of the Board
- Addition of Bylaw 3364-1-04.01 Authority, terms and Selection of national members of the Board

After discussion, Chair Speyer requested a motion for approval of the changes to Bylaw 3364-1-02, which was received by Trustee Lucas, seconded by Trustee Zerbey, and approved by the Board. Chair Speyer requested another motion for approval of the changes to Bylaw 3364-1-03, which was received by Trustee Lucas, seconded by Trustee Baker, and approved by the Board. Chair Speyer then requested a motion for approval of the addition of Bylaw 3364-1-04.01, which was received by Trustee Zerbey, seconded by Trustee Baker, and approved by the Board.

Chair Speyer requested a motion for approval of appointing the Nominating Committee with Trustees Zerbey as Chair and Trustees Cole and Lucas as members. A motion for approval was received from Trustee Thieman, seconded by Trustee Baker and approved by the Board

There was no need for an Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Speyer adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**