Dr. Sharon L. Gaber, president at The University of Toledo, has been named UNC Charlotte’s fifth chancellor, following the retirement of Philip L. Dubois in June 2020.

Dr. Gaber began her tenure as the 17th president of The University of Toledo in July 2015. An academic with a background in city and regional planning, she came to the UToledo presidency following six years as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas. She also has been an interim provost at Auburn University and a faculty member and administrator at the University of Nebraska.

At UToledo, Dr. Gaber focused on elevating the national stature of one of the country’s most comprehensive institutions of higher education.

*Education Dive* named her one of five higher education leaders to watch in 2018 and beyond.

During her tenure at UToledo, Dr. Gaber: increased student enrollment; strengthened the University’s focus on research; added programs and training to improve diversity, inclusion and sexual assault awareness; implemented myriad strategies to promote student success, including requiring second-year students to live on campus, launching the Tuition Guarantee and digital course content programs to help keep a college degree affordable, and created an agreement with the local transit provider; elevated faculty and staff recognition; increased philanthropy; and enacted numerous cost-saving measures while seeking new ways to generate revenue.

In 2018, the NCAA Board of Governors named her to the Association’s strategic planning working group. She also serves as the Mid-American Conference representative on the Division 1 NCAA Presidential Forum.

Dr. Gaber was elected chair of the Inter-University Council of Ohio in 2019 and is a board member for the Regional Growth Partnership, the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority and the world-renowned Toledo Museum of Art.

She earned her bachelor’s degree from Occidental College, a master’s degree from the University of Southern California, and her doctoral degree in city and regional planning from Cornell University. She is the mother of three.