

Smith Sherrell
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Smith Sherrell

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE INC [UTI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 20410 NORTH 19TH AVENUE, SUITE 200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/11/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP of Operations

PHOENIX, AZ 85027

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value | 12/11/2007 | | F | 18 | D | \$ 17.48 | 5,257 | I | Owned by Spouse |
| Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value | | | | | | | 47,012 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.63 | | | | | 02/28/2008 02/28/2017 | Common Stock | 2,800 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.5 | | | | | 12/17/2004 12/17/2013 | Common Stock | 100 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.5 | | | | | 12/17/2004 12/17/2013 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.46 | | | | | 02/16/2006 02/16/2015 | Common Stock | 12,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.25 | | | | | 06/15/2007 06/15/2016 | Common Stock | 11,000 |
| Employee Stock | \$ 18.22 | | | | | 09/01/2007 09/01/2016 | Common Stock | 5,500 |

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|--|----------|--|------------|------------|-----------------|-------|
| Option (Right to Buy) | | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.5 | | 12/17/2004 | 12/17/2013 | Common Stock | 100 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.5 | | 12/17/2004 | 12/17/2013 | Common Stock | 3,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.46 | | 02/16/2006 | 02/16/2015 | Common Stock | 600 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.25 | | 06/15/2007 | 06/15/2016 | Common Stock | 4,100 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.21 | | 12/11/2007 | 12/11/2016 | Common Stock | 1,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Smith Sherrell 20410 NORTH 19TH AVENUE SUITE 200 PHOENIX, AZ 85027 | | | Sr. VP of Operations | |

Signatures

Sherrell Smith 12/13/2007
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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