



**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH AND SERVICE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025
1:00PM – 2:30PM
PRESIDENT’S BOARDROOM**

Members Present: Kat Schwaig (Chairperson), Ivan Pulinkala (CEO), Karin Scarpinato (COO), Ryan McLemore (CFO), Nwakaego Nkumeh Walker, K.C. Martin, Maria Goethe-Thacker, Nicole Ferguson, Yusun Chang, Sumanth Yenduri, Nina Grundlingh, Dana Johnson, Aimee Roper (non-voting member)

Members Not Present: Dana Johnson

Guests Present: Chris Cornelison, Scott Nowak, Josh Davis, Robert Bridges, Darryl Carter (ACE Fellow Guest), Lisa Duke

- I. Call to Order @ 1:02pm- Kathy Schwaig
- II. Updates from President’s Office- Dr. Kathy Schwaig
 - Introduction of Darryl Carter
 - Strategic Plan
 - Construction and new buildings
 - Crawford Lab reopened in Fall 2024
 - iStem building set to be complete November 2025
 - Student competition facility
 - HatchBridge renovated space at General Bookstore building
 - AMES Center moving into KSU Center
 - Current pending legislature for new research building on Kennesaw campus
 - Summit II groundbreaking for new dorm space
 - Annual report for KSU
- III. Updates from Academic Affairs- Dr. Ivan Pulinkala
 - Graduate enrollment the past 5 years has grown 32%, over 5k students enrolled in graduate programs
 - KSU awarded 82 doctorates and over 1800 masters or specialist degrees
 - Computer Science Engineering wants to grow from 62 to 200 enrollments by 2028 for PhD programs
 - Undergraduate degree in Aerospace is in approval process

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- IV. Updates from Office of Research- Dr. Karin Scarpinato
- Strategy for Office of Research – Creating new knowledge for a safer, healthier future for all of us
 - Research Center development and narrowing down specific areas
 - Innovation labs creation that will fall under research centers
 - Research Expenditures increased from \$32M to \$52M
 - Updates on federal level
 - Most executive orders have a temp restraining order
 - 44% decrease to 15% for indirects
 - Main impact is reduced awards coming in
- V. Call to approve By Law Amendments and Articles – Dr. Karin Scarpinato
- Articles of Incorporation
 - Motion to accept change
 - Dana Johnson - motion
 - KC White – 2nd motion
 - All in favor
 - By Law Changes
 - Motion to accept change
 - Nwakaego Nkumeh Walker – motion
 - KC White – 2nd motion
 - All in favor
- VI. KSURSF Financial Update – Mr. Ryan McLemore
- Cherry Bekaert audit completed
 - \$9.8M in federal funds
 - No findings
- VII. Updates for Innovation and Commercialization – Dr. Chris Cornelison
- Update of Cayuse platform to include Inventions Module
 - Manage disclosures
 - Integrated with iEdison
 - Supported by UITS and goal is to launch in Spring 2025
 - 15 new IP disclosures
 - 9 new GRA proposals
 - 48 active companies in HatchBridge
 - 10 FTE jobs created
 - \$14M in funding
 - Over 100+ companies to help them incorporate
 - KSU Acceleration Fund concept
 - Need to create a formal planning committee
 - Develop fundraising strategy
 - Establish development timeline and fund launch date

VIII. Discussion on expanding KSURSF board and mission – Dr. Karin Scarpinato

- Seeking nominations for board additions

IX. Adjournment - Dr. Kathy Schwaig

- Motion to adjourn - Nwakaego Nkumeh Walker
- 2nd motion – Dana Johnson