



**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH AND SERVICE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 2, 2024
2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
PRESIDENT’S BOARDROOM**

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

Guests Present: Chris Cornelison, Tyler Reinagel, Scott Nowak, Robert Bridges, Ryan McLemore, Heather Hedgepeth, Jason Jenkins

- I. Call to Order @ 2:00pm- Kat Schwaig
- II. Updates from President’s Office- Dr. Kat Schwaig
 - 5,000 students to graduate
 - Provided updated stats on HatchBridge
 - Fall Symposium
- III. Updates from Academic Affairs- Dr. Ivan Pulinkala
 - New degree program in MSAI in CCSE
 - Enrollment
 - 27 orientations this summer
 - 14% increase in enrollment expected
 - Striving to hire exemplary faculty
 - Developing competitive salary structure
 - New Deans
 - CSM – Dr. Heather Koopman
 - SPCEET – Dr. Larry Whitman
 - COTA – Failed Search
- IV. Updates from Office of Research- Dr. Karin Scarpinato
 - 4 research communities
 - Hiring multiple new center directors that will include 2-3 faculty lines under each community
 - Goals for university strategic plan
 - Announced November 14, 2024 for PechaKucha event
 - Introduced Joshua Davis – Director, Industry Engagement

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- V. Updates for Innovation and Commercialization – Dr. Chris Cornelison
 - 14 disclosures to date
 - GRA applications
 - IP Development activity
 - HatchBridge metrics
 - IP Prosecution - \$150k

- VI. Office of COO- Aaron Howell
 - Cherry Bekeart completed audit report

- VII. Adjournment @ 2:52pm - Dr. Kat Schwaig