



**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
SERVICE AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021
1:00 – 2:30 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order @ 1:01 P.M. by Dr. Phaedra Corso

- Approval of the March 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - All approved
 - None opposed
- Members Present: Aaron Howell, Ian Ferguson, K.C. Martin, Kathy Schwaig, Maria Thacker Goethe, Nwakaego Nkumeh, Pamela Whitten, Paola Spoletini, Phaedra Corso, Scott Nowak, Jonathan Coker (non-voting)
- Members Not present: Ashley McDonald
- Guest present: Afekwo Ukuku, Amanda DesLauriers, Amy Gruss, Bharat Baruah, Brent Uken, Daniel Ferreira, Ebony Glover, Evelina Sterling, Heather Hedgepeth, John Johnson, John Marshall, Joyce Adams, Linh Le, Marina Koether, Pablo Ordonez, Paul Story, Robert Bridges, Scott Nowak, Sumit Chakravarty, Trisha VanDusseldorp, Ying Xie.

1³ Grant Presentations

- **Optimization of Microplastic Detection in Water Treatment Facilities and Soil Applications-** Dr. Amy Borello Gruss, Dr. Bharat Baruah, Dr. Daniel Ferreira, Dr. Marina Koether
- **A Comprehensive Assessment of Omega-3 Fatty Acids on Human Health and Well-Being Team 3-** Dr. Trisha VanDusseldorp, Dr. Gerald Mangine, Dr. Brian Kliszewicz, and Dr. Carol Chrestensen
- **Cognitive Load During Postpartum Discharge-** Dr. Awatef Ergai, Dr. Ebony Glover, Dr. Mary Ukuku, Dr. Joyce Adams
- **Examining Fitness, Injuries, Motivation, and Resilience in Military Basic Trainees-** Dr. Paul Story, Dr. Brian Moore
- **An Intelligent Cyber Physical Social System for Action Intelligence-** Dr. Ying Xie, Dr. Linh Le, Dr. Sumit Chakravarty, Dr. John David Johnson, Dr. Michael Hales, Dr. Pablo Ordonez

Brief Updates:

- Chairperson, Pamela Whitten
 - President will be leaving KSU effective June 30, 2021.

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- CEO, Kat Schwaig
 - Incredible advancements within research at KSU by building the research infrastructure.
- COO, Phaedra Corso
 - IP Development launched one team for innovation launch pad, patent application and grants that might apply
 - 19 Inventions disclosures, costing ~\$70k with 2 new patents
 - 16 summer research fellows
 - 12 faculty that receive FY22 Seed Awards at ~\$5k each
 - 5 GRA for FY22 PI Academy
 - 6 Postdoc position across 6 colleges in FY22
 - 6 VIP Teams, representing 22 faculty
 - Course redesign institute with 26 faculty engaged to redesign course to include undergraduate researchers
 - Submitting a grant to evaluate our progress
 - Established Investor Award, had successful external funded grants in the past but need a boost.
 - Postdoc Programming forthcoming
 - Adding a NEW position in Office of Research, AVP Economic Development
- Chief Financial Officer Updates, Aaron Howell
 - KSURSF Financial Report completed by Mauldin & Jenkins, presented by Director of KSU Grant Accounting, Robert Bridges
 - Audit Findings = Clean, recorded correctly and timely
 - Cash balance decreased from ~3.3M to ~2.7M
 - Grant Receivables decreased as expected due to Covid
 - Account liabilities decreased, as research decreased the amount owed to KSU decreases
 - Revenue decreased as expected due to Covid and limited research
 - Expenses remained the same as last year
 - Introduction to Cherry Bekaert CPA & Advisors, our new KSURSF external auditors

New Business:

- Scott Nowak, as the Faculty Senate appointment to the KSURSF Board of Directors expires 06/30/2021 and a new candidate/nominee is needed.
 - Kat Schwaig will work with Faculty Senate
- Ashley McDonald, student representative has graduated, and we will need a new student representative
 - Graduate College will be providing a student rep.

Adjournment @ 2:27 P.M.

- Next meeting: Fall 2021- Heather to send Doodle poll in July