Members present are listed in bold text.

Meeting Topics and Discussion:

I. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Co-Chair Will Wesolowsky introduced Deb Scheibler and Thom Noone, the new board appointments.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approve or modify agenda as needed. (Davis/Unruh)

Result: The agenda was approved as presented.

III. Board Composition

a. Voting on New Board Nominees

   i. Motion: Approve Jim Krone, Vice President of Aerospace Engineering, Park Aerospace Technologies Corporation, as a new board member (Unruh/Schmidt)

   Result: The nominee was approved as a new board member.

   ii. Motion: Approve Amit Tamhane, Senior Engineering Manager, Cessna Aircraft Company, as a new board member. (Unruh/Schmidt)

   Result: The nominee was approved as a new board member.

b. Vacant Positions

   The Financial/Investor and representative from Department of Commerce are still vacant positions on the Board.

IV. Program Highlights

a. State Energy Sector Partnership and Training Grant (SESPT) (see PowerPoint presentation)

   i. Janet Twomey, Director, Sustainable Engineered Systems Laboratory, provided an overview of the laboratory and student research.

   1. Students provide literature reviews, graduate students learn about mentoring and leadership.

   2. Students are collecting data on the energy consumption by imaging equipment within health care facilities, wind turbine blade degradation, and solar cell testing.

   3. A Board Member asked a question about knowledge sharing with other sustainability groups on campus. Dr. Twomey acknowledged the need to meet with groups for partnership-building.

b. Jobs and Innovation Accelerator EDA Award for Nitride Solutions, Inc. (see PowerPoint presentation)
i. Company President Jeremy Jones gave an overview of substrates and challenges present in current technology and market; stated that company’s patented technologies lower cost. Showed photos of equipment WSU students operate and monitor

c. Advanced Joining and Processing Laboratory, NSF Industry/University Collaborative Research Center (I/UCRC) Center for Friction Stir Processing (see PowerPoint)
   i. Michael McCoy, Director, gave an overview of work at the Lab. New methodologies contribute to millions of dollars of savings and safer planes

d. National Network of Manufacturing Institutes (NNMI), Debra Franklin, (see PowerPoint)
   i. Gave overview of work of national initiatives and proposed application for a regional institute.
   ii. $30 million available in federal contribution for a $30-40 million match from local community
   iii. Other states benchmark against Kansas and have asked to state to partner

V. Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2012, Board of Directors Meeting
   Motion: Approve or modify minutes as needed. (Unruh/Pett)
   Result: The minutes were approved as presented.

VI. Report and approval of Minutes from September 10, 2012, Executive Committee Meeting
   Due to the lack of a quorum of EC voting members present, this agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

VII. CIEE Funding Update Reports
   a. Energy Sector Partnership and Training Grant
      There will be students hired for Spring Semester.
   b. Kansas Engineering Excellence Program (KEEP)
      i. Jonathan Long representing Keith Lawing today. 62 out of 100 KEEP positions are filled.
   c. Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge (JIAC)
      i. Report on Funding: Difficult to obtain money from federal government; it will be an ongoing challenge.
      ii. JIAC Advisory Team Meetings and ETA Program Review
         Advisory Teams had second meeting. The ETA career accelerator experienced a program review from federal project advisor. SBA and EDA federal program review will probably happen as well. ETA program reviewer took issue with one aspect of program implementation but otherwise it went well.
      iii. Industry Roundtable
         Originally a panel of local business owners implementing the new health care act was scheduled, but due to the risk of scrutiny, business owners have not committed to being panelists. Thus, currently only a federal Health and Human Services representative will be speaking and responding to questions.
      iv. JIAC EDA Competitive Solicitation of Proposals
         One awardee is still waiting for their contract; however by the end of the week hopefully all nine awardees will be under contract. A fourth competitive solicitation was recommended due $42K of unallocated funds are available. Meeting discussion surrounding feasibility of timeline and permissibility to award money.
         Motion: To conduct a fourth Technology Development and Business Counseling competition to allocate balance of Innovation Accelerator funding (Wyssenbach/Schmidt).
         Result: The action was approved.
         One board member expressed concern over the lack of continual grant and fund development and would like more effort from the Center’s staff to secure funding in order to support innovation.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

Next Meeting:
January 8, 2013, WSU Marcus Welcome Center, Room 102 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon