

Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation (JCATI)

Winter Board Meeting

January 9, 2020 3:00-5:00 PM Univ. of Washington Guggenheim Hall

Present: Roger Myers (chair), Paul Applewhite, Dave Field, Jean-Michel Hillion, Greg Miller

Other Attendees: Beth Hacker (JCATI Program Manager), Nicole Larson (WWU Professor of Plastics and Engineering), Mehran Mesbahi (JCATI Executive Director), Robin Toth (WA Commerce Aerospace Liaison)

Absent: Naveed Deen, Ryan Rule

A. Welcome

Dr. Myers welcomed board members to the meeting

B. October 2019 meeting minutes approved

The minutes of the October 17, 2019 board meeting were unanimously approved

C. 2020 JCATI Symposium

The 2020 JCATI symposium will be held Thursday, April 9 from 9AM-4PM at the Historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane. Dr. Hacker asked that all board members attending the symposium RSVP by Feb 21. The board will host a speaker's dinner on Wednesday, April 8 at the Steam Plant. Both Central Washington University and Eastern Washington University are invited to participate with JCATI paying for their travel, lodging and registration. Dr. Hacker asked board members for speaker ideas filling open speaking and student pitch slots.

D. 2020-21 JCATI RFP

The 2020-21 RFP deadline is Friday, February 28. Board members discussed other JCATI funded mechanisms that could target specific emerging areas in the state such as aircraft electrification. This discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

E. JLARC Sunset Review

Dr. Hacker debriefed board members on the JLARC final audit report meeting held on December 4 in Olympia. Dr. Hacker and Dr. Mesbahi were called up by the committee to answer questions regarding the program. The JLARC final audit report was unanimously accepted by the committee. Senator Mullet, JLARC Committee Chair, commented to everyone how unusual it was for a program to meet all of the stated legislative goals.

F JCATI Legislative Re-authorization

JCATI requires re-authorization this legislative session to continue operation after June 30, 2020. Dr. Hacker walked the board through the legislative reauthorization process as outlined by UW State Affairs. A key part of this process is industry partner testimony in support of JCATI to both Senate and House policy and fiscal committees. Additionally, the committees will receive a letter of support from the JCATI

Board of Directors. Dr. Hacker presented a letter drafted by State Affairs for the board to review and sign. Dr. Hacker is currently collecting board member and industry partner testimony availability. Aerospace Futures Alliance (AFA) included JCATI on their legislative priority list and will host Aerospace Day on January 27 in Olympia. Dr. Hacker will attend the event to inform legislators about JCATI. UW, WSU and WWU state relations as well as SPEEA are all working together with Dr. Hacker on reauthorization.

G. 2019 Awardees Update

Dr. Hacker reported that current awardees are making good progress towards their deliverables. The Board approved releasing additional funds on a case by case basis for projects whose budgets were initially cut. Dr. Hacker will consult with others to see where additional funds would help the transfer to industry.

Action Items

- Set up working group to figure out how to create a JCATI capstone like program where emerging technologies could get a boost