

2024 Theme

Bridging Boundaries: Entrepreneurship Education, Corporate Partnerships, and Technological Innovations

Day 1 | Monday, July 15

Innovation LLC in the Illinois Street Residence Hall Townsend Hall, 918 W. Illinois St., Urbana | Room: Main Food Court, Table 1867

12:00pm Check-in & Networking Welcome Lunch

12:15pm Welcome from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | Opening Remarks

• Philippe Geubelle | Executive Associate Dean, Grainger College of Engineering, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

• **Jed Taylor** | Assistant Dean for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

12:30pm Goals for MEEN | Conference Objectives | Agenda Overview

• **Jed Taylor** | *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

Jonathan Fay | University of Michigan

12:40pm Group Introductions

• 30 second introduction from each person in attendance

1:30pm Walk from Illinois Street Residence Hall to Campus Instructional Facility (CIF)

1405 Springfield Ave., Urbana | Room: 2035 Classroom in the Round

1:45pm Session #1: Panel and Interactive Breakout Discussions

Panel Introduction | Moderator: Kurt Heiar

2:00pm: International Students and Entrepreneurship

SESSION FACILITATORS | Matthew Lynall and Amanda Thompson

2:20pm: How to Engage with Outside Corporations and Startups for Entrepreneurship

Student Experience

SESSION FACILITATORS | Jonathan Fay and Mark Karasek

2:40pm: The Hidden Curriculum and Common Language of Innovation and

Entrepreneurship

SESSION FACILITATORS | Ellen Zatkowski and Melissa Bates

3:00pm Break Refreshments



3:30pm Session #2: Rotation Interactive Breakout Discussions

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SESSION FACILITATORS | Matthew Lynall and Amanda Thompson

GROUP B STARTS HERE: How to Engage with Outside Corporations and Startups

for Entrepreneurship Student Experience

SESSION FACILITATORS | Jonathan Fay and Mark Karasek

GROUP C STARTS HERE: The Hidden Curriculum and Common Language of

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

SESSION FACILITATORS | Ellen Zatkowski and Melissa Bates

Groups rotate at 4:00pm and 4:30pm

5:00pm Read-out and Wrap-up | Lessons Learned and Next Steps

5:30pm Join us for Dinner at Legends

522 E. Green St., Champaign

Day 2 | Tuesday, July 16

Campus Instructional Facility (CIF)

1405 Springfield Ave., Urbana | Room: 2035 Classroom in the Round

8:30am Welcome | Breakfast

9:00am Session #3: Keynote Speaker and Interactive Discussion

Al and Entrepreneurship

Molly Kocialski | Regional Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office,

Rocky Mountain Regional Office

10:30am Break | Refreshments

10:45am Session #4: Interactive Discussion

How AI is Impacting Your Universities and Entrepreneurial Ecosystems

SESSION FACILITATOR | Kurt Heiar

11:45am Closing Remarks | Next Steps for MEEN

• **Jed Taylor** | *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

• **Jonathan Fay** | *University of Michigan*

12:00pm Optional Grab-n-Go Lunch