

# Darren Dawson gets unanimous support from UA System Board as UAH president

Dr. Darren Dawson was given a unanimous vote on April 12, 2019 by the University of Alabama Board of Trustees to become the next president of The University of Alabama in Huntsville. He joined the university on June 21, 2019.

University of Alabama System Chancellor Fess St. John recommended Dr. Dawson to the Board of Trustees at its meeting in Huntsville.

Dr. Dawson, the Dean of Engineering at Kansas State University, has overseen record enrollment and fundraising growth at that campus.

Known for building partnerships with public- and private-sector entities, Dr. Dawson earned degrees in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech. His extensive research background includes emphasis on controls and robotics with more than \$20 million in grant and contract awards. He has industry experience with Westinghouse at the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory.

Prior to his successful five-year tenure at K-State, Dr. Dawson served at Clemson University for 24 years in positions of ascending responsibility: Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Professor, and Graduate Coordinator. During his time as Department Chair, research expenditures and Ph.D. enrollment more than doubled and undergraduate enrollment increased by 160 percent.

Dr. Dawson's academic awards include the NCR Undergraduate Teaching Award (1992), the Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Award (1994), the National Science Foundation Young Investigator Award (1994), the Georgia Institute of Technology Council of Outstanding Young Engineering Alumni Award (1995), the Centennial Professorship (2000), the Murray Stokely Award for Excellence in Teaching Award (2003) and the COES Collaborative Research Award (2007).

Darren Dawson and his wife Kim are the parents of daughter, Jacklyn, a junior at Kansas State, and son, David, a high school sophomore.