

KSEA University Leadership Forum

Navigating the AI Frontier: Transforming University Education, Research, and Administration

Friday, August 7 12:00 - 3:00pm Congressional B

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KSEA and KOFST are pleased to host the 9th University Leadership Forum during the 39th US-Korea Conference on Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship (UKC 2026) in Orlando Florida. This forum offers a unique opportunity for university leaders from the United States and Korea to engage in meaningful dialogue on emerging issues in higher education.

Artificial intelligence is rapidly reshaping higher education, presenting universities with both unprecedented opportunities and complex challenges across teaching, research, and administration. This forum brings together university leaders to critically examine how AI is transforming the academic enterprise and to envision responsible pathways forward. AI enables personalized learning, automated assessment, and enhanced accessibility, while raising urgent questions about academic integrity, equity, and pedagogical adaptation. AI accelerates discovery across disciplines, yet concerns around data privacy, authorship attribution, and the integrity of AI-generated outputs demand clear ethical frameworks. AI-powered tools are improving student advising and retention outcomes, though algorithmic bias, data governance, and workforce implications require careful and equitable implementation strategies. Cutting across all domains of university operation are foundational questions of ethics, governance, and institutional strategy that no university can afford to ignore. Through facilitated discussions, university leaders will gain a sharper understanding of AI's transformative impact and concrete ideas for shaping their institution's response to this defining technological moment.

During the panel discussion, university leaders will engage in candid reflection on implementation realities, institutional power, and shared responsibility, addressing six critical considerations:

1. Governing the Ungovernable: How do institutions move from AI principles to enforceable, adaptive governance structures that keep pace with rapidly evolving capabilities?
2. Academic Integrity: Is the answer better detection/policing, or a fundamental reimagining of authentic assessment in an AI-saturated environment?
3. Amplified or Eroded Equity: Who truly benefits from AI-personalized learning, and are historically underserved students being supported or further sorted by algorithmic systems?
4. Research Authorship: How should universities define and enforce disclosure norms across disciplines where AI is now embedded in every stage of scholarship?
5. Global Convergence or Divergence: Should there be an international governing body specifically to regulate the AI in higher education?
6. The Workforce Question: What ethical obligations do universities hold toward staff and faculty whose roles are being redefined or eliminated by automation?

Through facilitated dialogue, participants will leave with actionable strategies and a deeper sense of collective responsibility for shaping higher education's response to this defining technological moment.

Time	Title and Speaker
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Group Lunch
1:00 - 1:05 pm	Welcoming Remarks from Chairs Yongho Sohn (University of Central Florida) and Soyoon Kum (Angelo State University)
1:05 - 1:25 pm	AI Leadership and the New Three Rs: Responsibility, Relevance, and Reason Stephen M. Kuebler (University of Central Florida)
1:25 - 1:35 pm	From AI Adoption to AI Transformation: Building an AI-Ready University – The Experience of Seoul National University of Science and Technology Dong Hwan Kim (Seoul National University of Science and Technology - SeoulTech)
1:35 - 2:50 pm	Panel Discussion
2:50 - 3:00 pm	Closing Remarks and Photo Session