**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Investing in Biotech: What if You Could Change the Future?**

**Spend a day learning about how and why to invest in life sciences companies that can make an extraordinary difference in our world.**

8:00am Doors open; coffee and light breakfast served

9:00-9:15 Opening Remarks by UNTHSC **President Michael Williams, David Chappell and Ken Barr**

9:15-9:30 Firestarter #1 The differences in investing in life sciences versus other industries

9:30-9:45 Firestarter #2 The problems facing today’s healthcare system that startups can solve

9:45-10:30 Building life sciences startups and investing in next generation medical device and pharma companies.

 **John Adams, J.Q. Holdings (formerly of Adams Respiratory Therapeutics)**

10:30 BREAK

10:45-11:45 Breakout Sessions for Participants to Choose

Location: MET Breakout Rooms

 Option 1: Regulatory Pathway for Pharma and Medical Devices

 Option 2: Navigating the Biotech Players – How do you navigate the various players in this space like NIH, FDA, trade associations, etc.

 Option 3: Early Stage Investing 101 – What is it and what do I need to know to get started?

**Hayden Blackburn, Executive Director, Tech Fort Worth**

12:00-12:30 Lunch

12:30-2:00 PM Lunch presentation by **Joe Cunningham, M.D.** discussing Sante Ventures, a $500 million fund that invests in early stage life sciences companies from its home base in Austin. He will discuss the current state of biotech and life sciences investing and will include specific examples such as Sante’s Biostable.

2:00-2:15 BREAK

2:15-3:15 Non-Dilutive Funding Options in Biotech – SBIR, STTR, NIH, NSF, etc.

**Dr. Robert McClain from UNTHSC**

3:15-3:45 Case study: Building ZS Pharma

**Al Guillem and Dr. Jeff Keyser**

3:45-4:00 Break

4:00-4:45 Connecting Science and Business

**Claude Longoria, UNTHSC**

4:45-5:00 Closing Panel

 **President Michael Williams, UNTHSC**

5:00-6:00 Happy Hour