



KELCE  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  
Pittsburg State University

**MINUTES**

Kelce Leadership Council  
9:00 a.m. – Room #121  
April 16, 2024

Present: Alex Binder, Din Cortes, Chelsey Decker, Paul Grimes, Holly Kent, Lynn Murray, Mimi Morrison

- I. Dean's Update
  - a. Paul's meeting with Dan and Mat – President Shipp plans to attend the May 6<sup>th</sup> faculty meeting to discuss latest news on the downtown building and the Gorilla Rising project
  - b. Enrollment; both summer and fall enrollments running above this time last year; CARES numbers down by 100 year-over-year (FAFSA problems for incoming freshman likely contributor)
  - c. September 13<sup>th</sup> is the target to complete course schedules for Spring and Summer 2025 semesters; pre-enrollment to open in Nov.; discussion followed on when the summer budgets will be due
  - d. Dead Week late night study program set again for Axe Library this term – Kelce/Dr. Murray will distribute bananas again
  - e. Commencement fee likely to be increased to cover increasing costs of ceremonies
  - f. Competency-based degree proposed by KU to be considered by KBOR at this month's meetings
  - g. May 3<sup>rd</sup> is target for state legislature to adjourn veto session; next year budgets will be known then
  - h. Program Review Committee; Dean Grimes charged with rewriting section of PR Handbook dealing with accredited programs; as currently proposed, the process does not allow for expedited review which was the original intent of breaking out accredited from non-accredited programs
- II. Faculty Awards – candidates identified; discussion – selections made for Teaching and Service; no Research Award will be granted this year as individual levels of output did not rise to level of past recipients'; did not want to devalue the award; instead two teaching awards will be given
- III. Administrative Area Updates
  - a. ADGSB – Din: Graduate AOL met yesterday – reviewed data to look at learning goals – proposing new learning goals; went to Kansas governor's meeting in Parsons yesterday at Tank Connection; need replacement for Dr. Dalecki on Kansas International Trade Commission (discussed potential names, including the possibly of future hires for the Entrepreneurship Coordinator or new Econ positions) and France international connections/study abroad coordinator (Chelsey); assisting with judging research colloquium tomorrow
  - b. ADMIN – Mimi: Deans hosting P&T workshop next Monday (the 22<sup>nd</sup>) at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center; working on certificates, awards, ordering food, etc. for the awards ceremony on May 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - c. ADUSB – Lynn: Searches – entrepreneurship search is live – already have interested applicants; meeting today to review marketing applicants; saw a lot of students at Kansas FBLA competition; Melissa went to Missouri State FBLA yesterday with David Hogard; getting responses to BGS ceremony; Kelce picnic is April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - d. DGBP – Chelsey: dealing with enrollment for PMBA and traditional MBA; selected outstanding MBA students – Andrew Johnson & Sarah Clausen; graduation reception invitations are out and will distribute stoles soon; finalizing instructor schedule for fall; MBA association received an award from campus activities - \$300; Due to Chelsey's forthcoming FMLA leave, Kait needs system access to allow her to complete administrative checks and approvals online that Chelsey normally handles (note: Din would normally assume these duties, but he will not be available due to retirement) – Paul will seek approval needed from Howard

- e. DSES – Holly: dealing with last minute admissions to Kelce – a few transfer students missed the notice that they needed to apply and now aren’t able to enroll and are upset – need to revise the process in Navigate so this step is added to their “to do” lists; the next *Kelce Connection* is in progress – will not be published until after graduation; trying to hire students for summer; received another “Professors Beyond Classrooms” grant to fund Business Professionalism etiquette luncheons - \$775
- f. FC – Alex: Kelce team tied for first at APEE Conference in Las Vegas; took 3 students to Ottawa competition – they did very well – won the game theory competition; 6 candidates scheduled to interview for the Econ position – next 3 days over zoom – will try to bring 2 candidates to campus; quant faculty committee would like to have a tutor for the new quant/analytic courses – group agreed that this would be good use of available student worker funds – discussed options for setting a higher wages to attract best students; met with HRS – they are looking for someone to work with salary data over the summer – might set up as an internship; need to work on mid-tenure review for four faculty; all faculty annual review visits are now completed

IV. Old or New Business - none

V. Adjourn – 11:00 am

**Spring Dates to Remember:**

- April 7: First day of pre-enrollment for summer and fall
- April 25: Last day to withdraw from school
- April 30: Kelce Picnic
- May 3: Kelce Awards Ceremony
- May 6: Kelce Faculty Awards & General Faculty Meeting
- May 6 through May 12: Finals Week
- May 10 and May 11: Commencements  
(Kelce’s Commencement is the first ceremony on May 10)
- May 15: Final grades due