



KELCE
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Pittsburg State University

MINUTES

Kelce Leadership Council
8:00 a.m. – Room #121
April 30, 2025

Present:

- I. Disciplinary Program Coordinators Updates
 - a. Accounting – Mary Jo: currently sorting out CPA course requirements with the state oversight officials– still need to follow-up about Production/Operations Management course; AoL meeting with Accounting faculty to discuss MPAcc goals; meeting with Risepoint today to discuss rollout of new curriculum for MPAcc online
 - b. Business Economics/International Business – Anil: no report
 - c. Business Studies – Holly: students must now declare their combination of minors and certificates before declaring a Business Studies major – combination chosen to be noted in degree audit system
 - d. Data Science & Information Systems – Wei: Dr. Sikolia took a group of students to a conference at KU – paid for with grant funding – studied how to use GIS software in agriculture; AI workshop to be offered by Dwight Strong next summer to high school students, then DSIS students – one day workshop; also working with Jaden to develop an video for promoting/marketing the DSIS program
 - e. Human Resource Development – Judy: busy with comprehensive exams for HR certifications; Mark is busy with book launch; Judy and Krissy are busy with aligning new business HRD curriculum SHERM with HRCI standards
 - f. Finance – Larry: Dr. Shum took student group on a field trip to New York; He and MBA student Jack Qu attended an academic conference in Dallas – Jack presented their coauthored paper and did very well; discussed other conferences that provide opportunities for faculty to encourage graduate student participation
 - g. Management – Sang: conversations with Korean universities regarding 2+2 programs; looking for more students to study management and other areas; reviewed 3 internship applications this semester; met with MFT team yesterday – will ask for more feedback on subject areas
 - h. Marketing – Mary Judene: Marketing faculty met on 04/16 – Marketing Association is struggling with their membership – Davidson and Maceli will co-chair organization next academic year; Mu Kappa Tau (Honor Society) will have our first initiation ceremony on May 7 with faculty included; discussed open faculty position; discussed marketing curriculum – would like to change international marketing course from an IB designation to a MKTG designation – discussed implications for other programs as that course appears in the IB minor and possibly other programs; attended MFT discussions yesterday
 - i. Curriculum - Discussed retiring the IB prefix; needs to be discussed in curriculum committee
- II. Engagement and Outreach Coordinators Updates
 - a. Advancement/Development – Jenni: reaching out for naming opportunities on building; working with Chandler Davidson on the Kelce MBA stage advertising initiative – profits will go toward MBA scholarships – possibly a student organization or class project
 - b. Assessment and Accreditation – Josh: Undergraduate and Graduate AoL are working on finishing goals and objectives; looking into providing a refresher for students taking the MFT; working on BSQ finances module
 - c. Internships and Career Readiness – Melissa: just held 2nd annual internship reception – posters used a uniform template to improve professional look; need more accounting interns to participate; FBLA has been doing fundraising by selling pork rinds from local producer – getting closer to their fundraising goals; discussed work with Holly on developing a program to promote experiential learning opportunities for students
- III. Administrative Area Updates
 - a. ADGPB – Chelsey: - no report
 - b. ADMIN – Mimi: awards ceremony over; students who did not show up are coming in to get their scholarships and certificates – are being asked to visit with Dean Grimes before receiving their scholarship
 - c. ADUSB – Lynn: picnic is Tuesday; Chandler Davidson and she are going to UCO to visit their Professional Sales Center to get ideas; Jaden is wrapping up some videos before she graduates (supply chain, HRD, DSIS, and possibly Bus Ed – also working on videos for the learning community)

- d. DSES – Holly: expecting 130 new undergraduate admissions to KCOB; all student organizations asked to provide or develop a professional logo – still waiting to hear back from some sponsors; requested all student organizations to provide a year-end summary for presentation at faculty meeting
- e. FC – Alex: -Thanks to all the faculty who are working to obtain the Canvas Essentials micro credential from the CTLT. They were pleased with how many KCOB faculty members signed up. There will be micro credential workshops coming up for DesignPlus and AI next year that I also highly recommend; Reminder for all faculty to attend the AOL workshop on May 19 from 10 o'clock until noon in the Overman student center. Lunch with KBOA to follow at 12 o'clock; Reminder about special permissions for all college courses at capacity go to the chair. Special permissions for Kelce core courses also go to the chair. Special permissions for all other college courses go to the program coordinator. Issues concerning General Education courses go to the Dean; Reminder - be sure to encourage all instructors to please follow the dead week policy and finals exam schedule. MW 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. courses can hold the final on either the MWF 9:00 a.m. slot or 10:00 a.m. slot and MWF 12:00 p.m. or MWF 1:00 p.m. slot, respectively. Please notify students as soon as possible of the time (ideally published in the syllabus on day 1); Please communicate to your students about what constitutes cheating or academic dishonesty for your assignments and exams. Do everything you can to prevent it and remember to report it on Maxient if an incident does occur.

IV. Dean's Administrative Update

- a. No Provost Leadership meeting this week; University Tuition Committee finalized recommendation – President decided to propose a 2.5% increase for undergraduate and 0% for graduate tuition – current recommendation includes a \$20 per credit hour differential fee for business courses with a \$300 per semester cap
- b. First OAC Meeting with the Tessere architects and Crossland construction engineers last Wednesday; request feedback on small classroom and door placement for dean's administrative assistant office
- c. Times for Faculty Awards Reception and Spring College Meeting on 05/12 – 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- d. Discussed first floor classroom in new building and how it would look from the atrium. Touch screens will be located on the wall outside the classroom. Discussed placement of windows in room. Feedback to Tessere will be to keep the side window. Discussed Dean's admin office placement of door – decided option 1 was best choice.

V. Personnel Updates – Alex and Lynn

- a. Econ Assistant Prof – Braxton Gately hire completed; working on Summer '25 teaching appointment
- b. Entrepreneurship Coordinator – Jane Talkington; appointment letter signed and returned yesterday
- c. Data Analyst (with RED) – appears failed; RED wishes to discuss next steps
- d. Director of Forecasting – appears failed; RED wishes to discuss next steps
- e. Accounting & Finance Assistant Instructional Professor – Lakshmi Chennupati; appointment now complete
- f. Assistant Professor of Marketing – committee formed and paperwork started
- g. Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics – D.J. Jiang; one-year reappointment in process; visa app started
- h. HRD Faculty Transition to KCOB – new position numbers acquired; appointments in process

VI. Old or New Business

- a. Curriculum in the pipeline
 - a. Bus Ed option for Business Studies BBA at next Faculty Senate;
 - b. Supply Chain Management BBA at next month's KBOR
- b. Catalog updates in progress

VII. Adjourn

Spring Dates to Remember:

May 5 to 9 – Dead Week
 May 6 – Kelce Spring Picnic
 May 12 – Kelce Faculty Awards and End-of-Semester General Meeting
 May 12 to 16 – Finals Week
 May 17 – BGS Induction / Reception / Spring KCOB Commencement
 May 19 – AOL Workshop / KBOA Spring Meeting
 May 21 – Final grades due to Registrar

June 2 to 25 – Summer I
 June 30 to July 25 – Summer II