



KELCE
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Pittsburg State University

MINUTES

Kelce Leadership Council

3:00 p.m. – Room #121

September 25, 2025

Present: Jane Talkington, Dwight Strong, Josh Curran, Mary Goedeke, Holly Kent, Mary Judene Nance, Judy Smetana, Shipra Paul, Alex Binder, Paul Grimes, Mimi Morrison, Lynn Murray

Absent: Jenni Hall, Melissa Weed, Larry Woodward

I. Disciplinary Program Coordinators Updates

- a. Accounting – Mary Jo: CPA exam curriculum alignment problems – did not originally accept QBA course for the program – it has now been accepted by new director – currently in alignment!; IIA student meeting on October 2; will have program assessment meeting soon; starting to submit VITA paperwork
- b. Business Studies – Holly: waiting on update on business education degree; has been meeting with mentees – very good meetings
- c. Data Science & Information Systems – Dwight: putting together new course – Intro to Data Science; changing other courses around in order to offer this course – removing Intermediate Programming from catalog; will have completed curriculum forms for courses ready this week
- d. Economics – Shipra: met a couple of weeks ago with the Econ faculty and discussed courses; Braxton will be new advisor for Economics Club starting next semester; discussed student wanting to get Economics masters degree at K-State – only conditionally admitted because he had not completed a calculus course from Pitt State – will insert recommendation into catalog for all students seeking advanced econ degrees to take calculus instead of algebra
- e. Finance – Larry: no report/absent
- f. Human Resource Development – Judy: KS SHRM conference was last week – their table was very well visited – inquiries were for graduate school; Uzbekistan group is getting close to coming to Pitt State – October 6-17 are planned dates; Mark & Krissy were in training last week in Vegas: changed the name of the student organization to HRD Club because SHRM affiliation has become cost prohibitive for most students
- g. Management/Supply Chain Management – Lynn: rolling out program – 1 student already enrolled; program has been marketed well; need to schedule semester meeting with management faculty
- h. Marketing – Mary Judene: marketing faculty have been interviewing for Marketing position – interviewed 4 individuals, will bring 2 candidates to campus; student Marketing Association had their first meeting with Chandler Davidson and Kristen Maceli as co-advisors; she will attend virtual conference on October 10 for KBOR business

II. Engagement and Outreach Coordinators Updates

- a. Advancement and Development – Jenni: No Report, Absent; Dr. Grimes discussed Jenni's ongoing work with finalizing the allocation of named spaces in the building and visiting with donors
- b. Assessment and Accreditation – Josh: AOL UG meeting tomorrow to discuss indirect measures; working on next module for AACSB – faculty qualifications and salaries/compensation
- c. Internships and Career Readiness – Melissa: Holly reported that Melissa's GA has been keeping things going in her absence; all appears to be running smoothly
- d. Entrepreneurship – Jane: she is now the sponsor for student Entrepreneurship Society – have 3 members; first speaker was here for Vision to Venture program; discussed changing the name of the academic program to "Innovation and Entrepreneurship" – will need to work through faculty senate to make it official – discussion ensued about need to include "Innovation" into course titles as well

III. Administrative Area Updates

- a. ADGPB – Chelsey: Mimi gave Chelsey's report since she was absent: thanked all who celebrated at the 50th Anniversary of the MBA event; received photos from Sam yesterday and will have them posted to web page; if there are still those who would like a 50th Anniversary t-shirt, please email Chelsey as there are some still left; traditional MBA and MPAcc advising starts soon – enrollment opens November 2
- b. ADMIN – Mimi: Kelce directory has been completed, just waiting on poster boards for our displays

- c. ADUSB – Lynn: Kelce high school visit days on November 7 and November 21; view book will be here by next week from Sarah; James Sultat (alumni) is receiving award for Homecoming and will be in Kelce for reception; Rumble in the Jungle is November 1 – we have 3 tables; October 14 is college fair in Wichita; October 15 is event at JCCC; thank you to those who helped with majors fair; working on logos for the centers; faculty should be meeting with mentees now-not many students are responding
- d. DSES – Holly: need good student stories to send to university marketing; academic residential community has now officially met (finally!) – new program – will work on first event for student in the community; working on updating posters in the halls; building task force will be meeting soon to talk about steps for moving to new building including furniture options
- f. FC – Alex: spring schedule is live – please check to make sure it’s accurate; working on tentative summer 2026 course schedule – will be submitting summer budget soon and can make more decisions on priority for teaching after that; catalog prerequisites are the official ones, those listed on the class schedule not always up-to-date – will work on cleaning this issue up; there are also several curriculum changes that need to be legislated; all faculty members have now selected their office in the new building

IV. Dean’s Administrative Update

- a. Topics this week at PAL: (attended by Dr. Binder in Dr. Grimes’ absence)
 - 1. Summer School – courses and budget discussion
 - 2. Course Scheduling – proposal developed by academic deans to increase pass times and building utilization
 - 3. Program Coordinators – heterogeneity of duties and compensation across units; desire to harmonize
 - 4. Strategic Planning – deans asked to consider how colleges align with overall university plan

V. Personnel Updates

- a. Data Technician (with RED) – revised PD; on hold
- b. Director of Forecasting (with RED) – applications and nominations being accepted
- c. Assistant Professor of Marketing – interviews with semi-finalists this week

VI. Old or New Business

VII. Adjourn 4:03 p.m.

Fall Dates to Remember:

September 29 – Health Benefits Fair (Flu Shots) in OSC
 October 6 – 16th Annual Kelce Golf Tournament
 October 11 – Homecoming Saturday
 October 13 – Midsemester grades due
 November 1 – Rumble in the Jungle
 November 4 – University Authors Reception in Axe Library
 November 4 – Last day to drop a single course
 November 7 – Kelce Visit Day
 November 21 – Last day of classes before Thanksgiving Break
 November 27 – Last day to withdraw from semester
 December 1 – Classes resume / Dead Week begins
 December 8 – Finals Week begins
 December 12 – Semester closes
 December 12 – Commencement
 December 16 – Final Grades Due to Registrar’s Office