



**KELCE**  
**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**  
Pittsburg State University

*Educating future business professionals today to build stronger communities tomorrow*

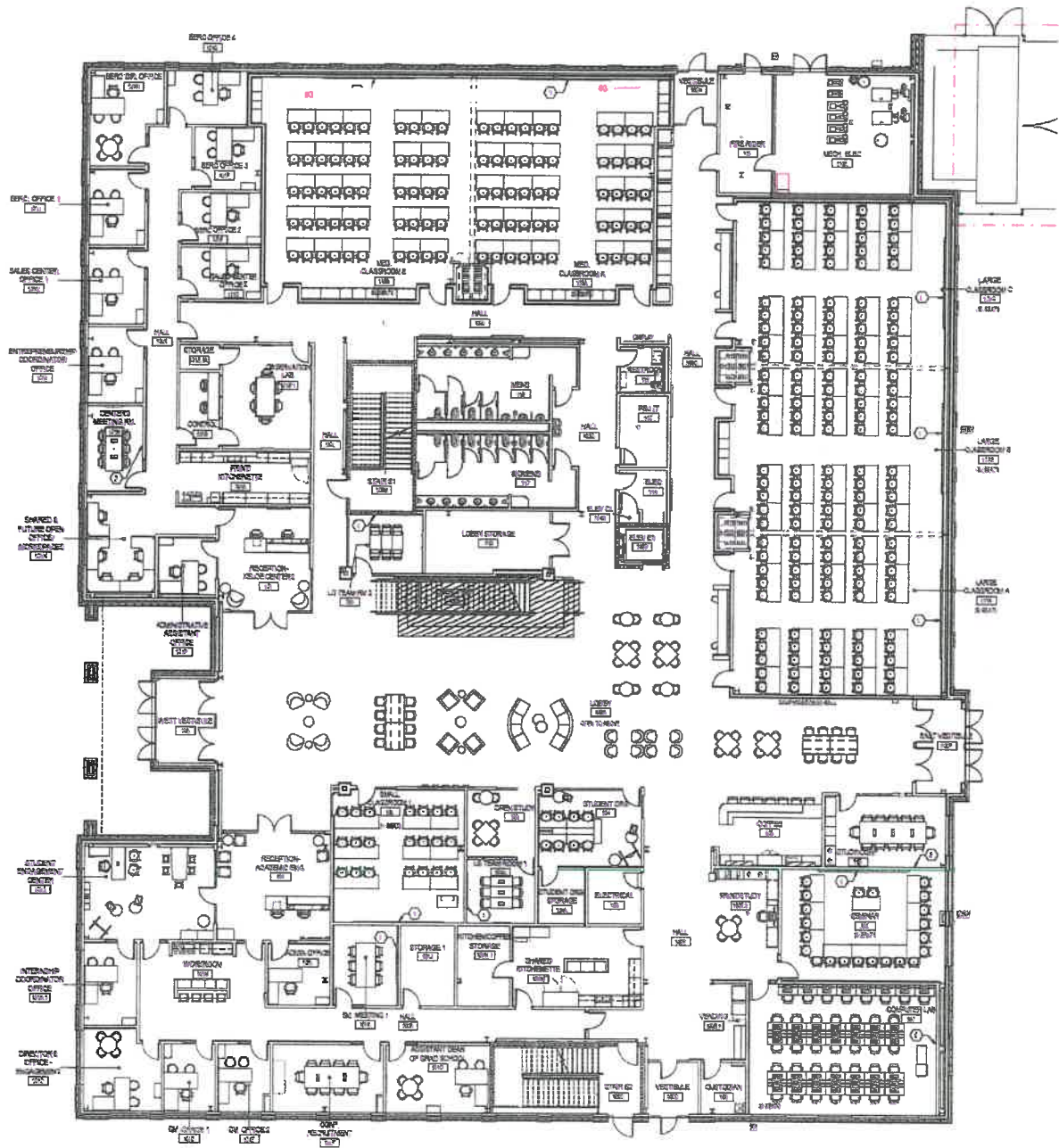
**MINUTES**

Kelce Board of Advisors Meeting  
Noon CDT, September 12, 2025,  
Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room

Board Members Present: Todd Allison, Doug Ball, Paul Bergant, Doug Eaton, Brenda Flood, Nancy George, Dana Ham, John Ison, Brandee Johnson, Jeff Ney, Terry Puett  
Pitt State Faculty/Staff Present: Alex Binder, Chelsey Decker, Paul Grimes, Jenni Hall, Holly Kent, Lynn Murray, Mimi Morrison  
Guests Present: Thomas Newsom (President), Jane Talkington (Kelce faculty)

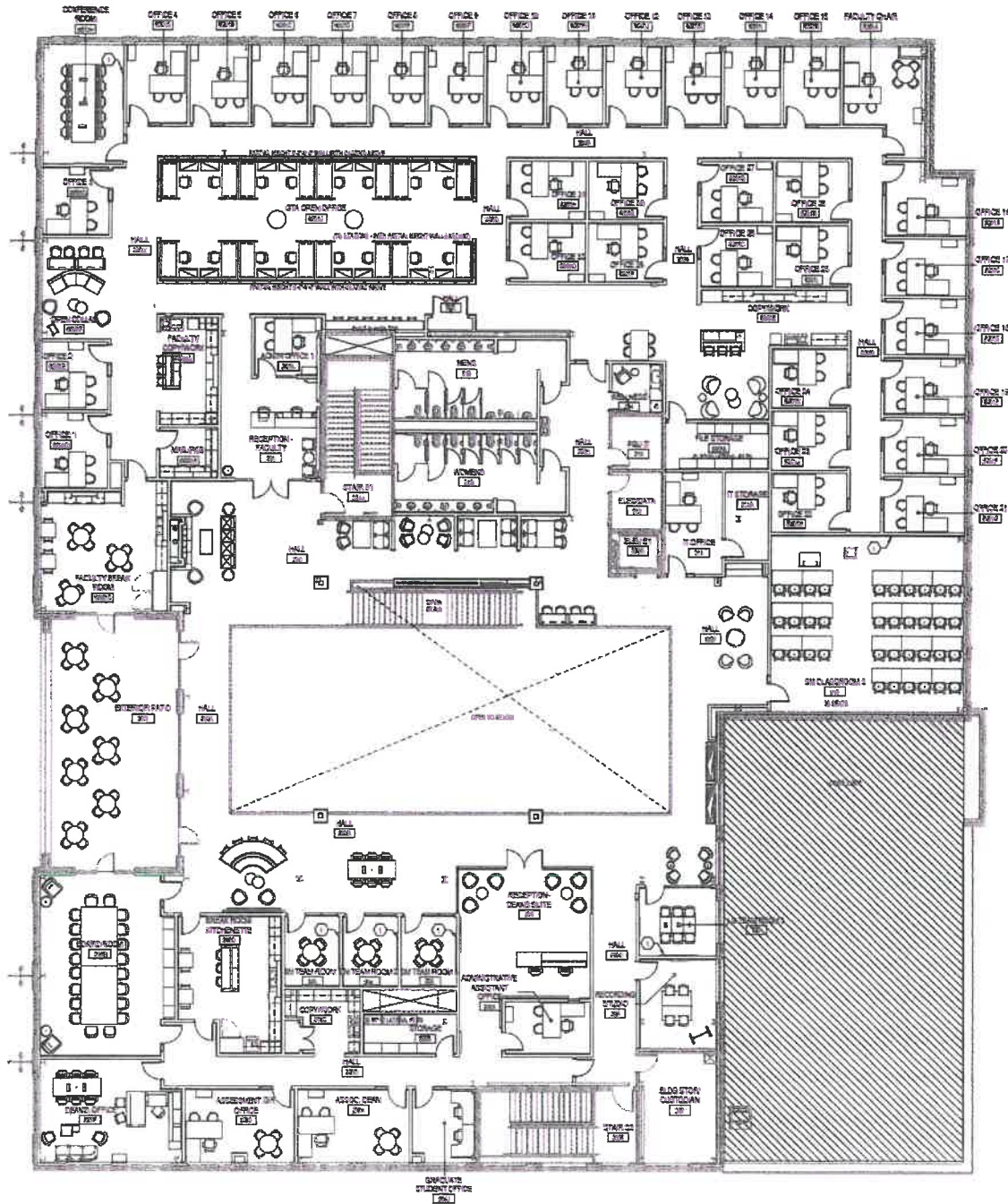
- I. Lunch Served and Welcome by Dean Paul Grimes
- II. Opening of the Meeting – Chair Nancy George
  - A. Introduction of New Board Member – Dana Saliba Ham; Introductions made by all board members and faculty/staff to Dana
- III. Kelce MBA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Chelsey Decker
  - A. Overview of Saturday's Events
    - Tomorrow is the day for the events
    - Program to be held in Overman Student Center ballrooms; tailgate held in Gorilla Village
    - List that was distributed includes all planning to attend – we have representation from every decade
    - Tailgate begins at noon with Chicken Annie's lunch
    - Will have a Public Address shout out at the game – 2<sup>nd</sup> time out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
  - B. New Data science MBA emphasis – begins with first course in Fall II term (October start)
  - C. Jan. 26 will start MPAcc following the PMBA program format and course carousel
  - D. 350 total MBA students currently enrolled
- IV. Introduction of new Entrepreneurship Coordinator – Jane Talkington
  - A. First entrepreneurship class begins in the spring; promoting the new certificate and minor
  - B. Entrepreneurship club housed in CCOT; will partner to generate interest
  - C. She has an outside guest speaker planned for next week; to begin a "Vision to Venture" series
  - D. Goal to start a "trade fair" of student venture ideas in the spring
- V. Development Updates
  - A. naming opportunities in the new building still available; distributed list
  - B. upcoming Annual Golf Tournament – Jeff Ney – 16<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament is October 6
    - program is growing
    - have 29 teams so far this year and will cap at 30
    - goal to increase sponsorships to raise additional scholarship dollars
    - to be held again at Brookridge Country Club in Overland Park

- VI. Tour of New Building
  - A. Walked to construction site
  - B. Tour led by Dean Grimes pointing out location of features and offices
  - B. Signed beams in board room
  - C. Photos of group taken on balcony and at front of building
  - D. Returned to Chamber of Commerce
- VII. President Thomas Newsom – remarks – Dr. Grimes introduced Dr. Newsom
  - A. Dr. Newsome made remarks about his first 2 weeks in Pittsburg and at Pitt State
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Dates for calendar:
    - 1. Traditional Date for Spring Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2026
    - 2. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2026
    - 3. Two more names for potential nominees coming very soon
- IX. Adjournment – 2:45 p.m.



A FIRST FLOOR - FURNITURE REFERENCE PLAN  
 1/8" = 1'-0" SEE ALL ROOMS FOR FURNITURE REPRESENTATION





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## SECOND FLOOR - FURNITURE REFERENCE PLAN

1/8" = 1'-0"

NOTE: ALL FURNITURE IS TO BE PLACED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM





*The Kelce Mission:*  
Educating Future  
**Business**  
Professionals  
Today To Build  
**Stronger**  
Communities  
Tomorrow.

**MBA**  
by the numbers

**2,672**

MBA Graduates

**346**

Spring 2025  
Enrollment

**56**

Countries  
Represented

**94%**

2025 Graduates  
Employed  
Full-Time

States  
Represented

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**Chelsey Decker**

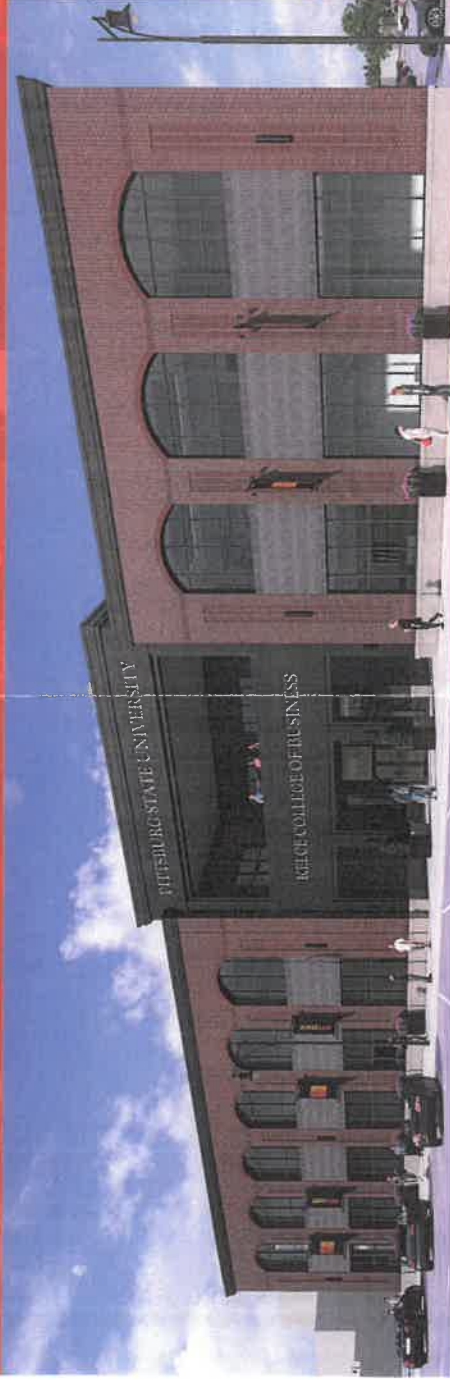
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# Honoring the past, Shaping the next 50.

Pitt State Downtown



The Kelce College of Business has outgrown its 1950s-era building, originally designed as a high school and converted in the 1970s. Today, it serves nearly 1,000 business students each semester and remains one of the busiest facilities on campus.

To remain the region's business school of choice, we are constructing a new cutting-edge facility designed to create a modern, collaborative space that fosters innovation and engagement with the business community.

"By moving downtown, we are embracing our metropolitan mission, which will provide us with new opportunities to engage with the Pittsburgh business community on a more intimate level," said KCOB Dean Paul Grimes. "It will provide us with creative new avenues for expanding our programs and curricular initiatives, including internship options with local businesses and living-learning communities in the expanded student housing options within the district."

## Benefits of Giving

Supporting the Kelce College of Business new building project helps create a modern, collaborative space where students can learn, innovate, and connect with faculty and the business community. With naming opportunities and donor recognition, your gift will leave a lasting legacy while preparing graduates to lead and contribute to the regional and global economy.



Learn more about how you can support and participate in this campaign.

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# MBA 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### CHECK-IN | 10:30 AM

Overman Student Center-Crimson & Gold Ballroom  
302 E. Cleveland Ave

### WELCOME & REMARKS | 11:00 AM

Overman Student Center-Crimson & Gold Ballroom  
Presentation of lapel pins and medallions

### TAILGATE LUNCH | 12:00 PM

Enjoy Southeast Kansas' favorite Chicken Annie's in  
Gorilla Village

### GORILLA FEST | 1:00-3:45 PM

Enjoy live music from Ty Ellis & the Flatliners, food  
trucks, community booths, and kids' activities  
including inflatables, balloon animals, and more!

### GORILLA WALK | 2:45 PM

Gather along the walking path for the Gorilla Walk  
as Gorilla Football makes their way to Carnie Smith  
Stadium. Immediately after, enjoy a pep rally with  
the Pride of the Plains Marching Band and Cheer  
and Dance Teams.

### KICK OFF VS GRAND VALLEY STATE | 4:00PM

Gates open at 2:30 p.m. We encourage you to head to  
your seats by at least 3:30 p.m. to avoid long lines.



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## MBA ALUMNI BY THE DECADE

### 1970s

Gary Fears – 1976\*  
Alan Hauser – 1977\*  
June Freund – 1977\*  
Mark White – 1979

### 1980s

Marsha Wallace – 1980\*  
David Chaussard – 1982\*  
Carolyn Nelson – 1982\*  
Marilyn Wiley Nelson – 1982\*

### 1990s

Kristen Maceli – 1990  
Mary Judene Nance – 1993\*  
Kathryn Lett – 1994\*  
Rebecca Light – 1994\*  
Dwight Strong – 1994\*  
Mary Liebert – 1995\*  
Angela Neria – 1995\*  
Robert Tersinar – 1995\*  
Wendy Boothe – 1996\*  
Joe Harris – 1996\*  
Lisa Paterni – 1996\*  
Lisa Franklin – 1998\*  
Sonia Cox – 1999\*

### 2000s

Shipra Paul – 2000  
Lynn Murray – 2001\*  
Erin Sullivan – 2001\*  
Becca Diskin – 2003\*  
Johnna Norton – 2003\*  
Jenny Houston – 2005  
Jessica Frieden – 2006\*  
Donald Orender – 2006\*  
Renee Jessip – 2008\*  
Lindsay Smith – 2009\*

### 2010s

Ross Turney – 2010\*  
Mawuto Dotche-Togbe – 2012\*  
Stephen Zornes – 2014\*  
Thomas Goff – 2015\*  
Vicki Smith – 2016\*  
Adam Johnson – 2016\*  
Corey Jones – 2017\*  
Mindi Garner – 2017\*  
Tom Westhoff – 2017\*  
Chandler Davidson – 2019\*  
Kyle Davidson – 2019  
Hannah McNutt Fernandez – 2019

### 2020s

Tommy Furrh – 2020  
Tiffany Lewis – 2020\*  
David Nelson – 2020  
Christopher Stebbins – 2020  
Bob Burk – 2021\*  
Clayton Kent – 2021\*  
Dustin Treiber – 2021\*  
Brookelyn Owsley – 2021\*  
Matt Bacon – 2022\*  
Kadie Hawpe – 2022  
Trista Shuster – 2022\*  
Meagan Swafford – 2022\*  
Todd Allison – 2023  
Madisyn Hite – 2023\*  
Tim Rhodes – 2023\*  
Xiangjie Qu – 2024  
Tucker Jessip – 2025\*  
Carmen Kent – 2025\*  
Malia Orender – 2025\*

\*graduated with more than one degree  
from Pittsburg State University





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# KELCE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING  
BUSINESS ECONOMICS  
BUSINESS STUDIES

DATA SCIENCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
FINANCE  
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

MANAGEMENT  
MARKETING  
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

## FAST FACTS

**95%**

job placement rate  
for 2024

**28**

average class size

**96%**

of undergraduates  
attend class full time

**74%**

of full-time faculty  
hold doctorate  
degrees

**3**

STEM degree programs  
(Business Economics, Data  
Science and Information Systems,  
Master of Business Administration)

## FALL ENROLLMENT 2024

**609**

undergraduate  
students

**365**

graduate  
students

**974**

total  
students

**27**

states  
represented

**16**

countries  
represented

**26**

number of years  
Kelce has held  
AACSB accreditation



All degree programs in the Kelce College of Business are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). AACSB-accredited schools have the highest-quality faculty, deliver relevant and challenging curriculum, and provide educational and career opportunities that are not found at other business schools. Less than 6% of the more than 16,000 schools worldwide granting business degrees have earned AACSB Accreditation.

In 2024, the COB granted  
207 bachelor's degrees,  
124 master's degrees,  
and 39 certificates



Overall PSU:  
86% of students  
receive grant or  
scholarship aid  
(average \$5,640 per year)