



KELCE
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Pittsburg State University

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MINUTES

Kelce Board of Advisors Meeting
Noon CDT, May 19, 2025, Overman Student Center
Lunch in the Governors Room; Meeting in the Meadowlark Room

Members Present: John Ison, Timon Oujiri, Terry Calloway, Ross Turney, Jeff Ney, Tommy Elms, Todd Allison, Nancy George, Brandee Johnson, Ben Burns, Rachel Vanzant, Doug Ball, Doug Eaton,

Members Absent: Terry Puett, John Lowe, Paul Bergant, Cheryl Sullivan, Daniel Kergaard, Lee Scott, Mike Foster, Steve Thompson

PSU Members Present: Paul Grimes, Alex Binder, Lynn Murray, Jenni Hall, Mark Johnson (visitor), Mimi Morrison

- I. Lunch Served
 - A. Welcome by Dean Paul Grim.es
 - B. Special Guests: Kelce College of Business Faculty Members and FBLA-Collegiate Student Representatives
 - a. Two student representatives from the Kelce chapter of FBLA who will be participating in this year's national conference and competition, and their advisor, Ms. Melissa Weed, attended the lunch and discussed their fundraising activities and upcoming trip. The Dean's Office used earnings from the KBOA Endowment to help finance their trip to Dallas. The students thanked the board for making this support possible.
- II. Opening of the Meeting - Chair Nancy George
- III. Human Resource Development- Mark Johnson, University Professor of HRD
 - A. Overview of the HRD Programs which have moved to Kelce: new BBA and MSHRD degree programs - distributed program of study information sheets and reviewed how the curriculums were modified from College of Technology degrees to business degrees; the new programs will start this fall
 - B. New Initiative - Center for Business and Talent Development - primary goal is to offer professional development workshops and training for local and regional businesses that will provide managers and workers with the knowledge and skill sets essential for business success. To be modeled after WSU's Center for Management Development. Will seek approval to roll out this fall. A dozen Kelce faculty members have already volunteered to participate in developing programs. Goal is to be financial self-sufficient.
- IV. Update on Gorilla Rising Project- Paul Grimes and KLT
 - A. Review of floor plans and renderings; final layout of the building described and latest pictures from the architects were shown
 - B. Discussion ensued about various characteristics and features of the building/ project is still on track for completion by third week of July 2026

- V. Development Update - Jenni Hall
 - A. Naming opportunities still available-Jenni distributed a sheet of major naming opportunities still available in the new building and stated to contact her if interested in participating; smaller gift opportunities will be made available for donors at lower levels of giving/ names will appear on a "Donor Wall" inside the east entrance
 - B. Next Fall's Annual Golf Tournament-Jeff Ney announced that the Kelce Golf Tournament will again be the first Monday in October in Overland Park; two scholarships sponsored by the tournament were awarded this spring

- VI. Curriculum Initiatives Update; Dr. Grimes updated the board on the finalization of the curriculum initiatives discussed at the last KBOA meeting. All of the following will appear in next fall's University Catalog and be offered for the first time next academic year:
 - Undergraduate
 - A. Human Resource Development; new BBA approved
 - B. Supply Chain Management; new BBA approved
 - C. Business Education; Business Studies BBA pathway for secondary teacher licensure approved
 - D. Entrepreneurship; new certificate and minor approved
 - Graduate
 - E. Human Resource Development; new online MSHRD approved
 - F. Accounting; new online admissions and curriculum for MPAcc approved
 - G. Decision Science & Information Systems; new MBA emphasis approved

- VII. Old Business
 - A. Personnel update - In addition to the transfer of HRD faculty members from CCOT, faculty hires were made in Economics, Business Law, Marketing, and Accounting & Finance. Staff hires included our first Entrepreneurship Coordinator, our first Assessment & Accreditation Coordinator. Search is underway for new Marketing professor to start in Fall 2026. Also, in partnership with the Division of Research and Economic Development, still searching for a Forecasting Director and a Data Analyst to support the Kelce Business and Economic Research Center.

- VIII. New Business
 - A. Everyone encouraged to nominate new members for the board; send names and bios to Nancy or Dr. Grimes; Nominating Committee will make recommendations to the full board for consideration; we have room for three or four new additions
 - B. Dr. Grimes announced that the Kelce MBA was ranked as the second largest such program in Kansas by the *Wichita Business Journal*. Only KU is larger. We have more MBAs than K-State, Wichita State, Washburn, or any of the private institutions in Kansas (see handout).
 - C. Distributed handout from Holly Kent, Director of Student Engagement, reflecting the major projects and events undertaken by the student clubs, honor societies, and organizations in the college over the past academic year (attached). Holly and Chelsey Decker are in France this week leading a group of 14 students on a Study Abroad trip - first stop is our sister school in LaRochelle.
 - D. **Special Announcement arrived during the meeting that board member Doug Ball will serve as Pitt State's interim president after Dr. Shipp's departure. A new president is expected to be announced this summer.**

- IX.- Adjournment - 2:00 p.m.
 - A. Meeting was abbreviated due to severe weather. Campus closed at 2:00 p.m. due to tornado watch and thunderstorm warning.