



MINUTES

Kelce Leadership Council
Room #121
August 29, 2023

In Attendance: Binder, Cortes, Decker, Goedeke, Grimes, Lal, Lee, Murray, Sha, Woodward
Absent: Kent, Morrison, Nance

- I. Administrative
 - a. Academic Affairs/Governance
 1. President has rethought the composition of the University Leadership Team. With all of the recent reorganization, he wants a larger “forum” with approximately 40 persons to meet once a month. The Presidential Cabinet (primarily VPs) will then meet weekly.
 2. New VP Stumo starting search for a new Director of Admissions. Fall enrollment down again – see attachment for details. There will be stronger emphasis placed on retention efforts.
 3. Non-renewal letters for contracts to now come from supervisor instead of the president’s office. However, letters will reflect presidential approval of termination.
 4. Push for greater adoption of OER – discussion of feasibility to move all Gen Ed to OER; discussion of academic freedom versus common adoption of textbook/instructional materials in courses with multiple sections – will need broad campus discussion.
 - b. Campus
 1. Issue of pay structure for various types of graduate assistants discussed again. Provost designating a smaller group to meet with HR to understand why pay/tuition waiver schemes cannot be standardized across the three categories of grad assistants (GTA, GRA, & GAA).
 2. Property
 - i. Parcel of university-owned land east of Tyler Research Center and adjacent to Silverback Landing to be brought into the city limits – currently in the county.
 - ii. Property immediately north of Kelce, across Williams, is for sell at \$600K. Includes apartment building and parking lot.
 3. Partnership with KBI moving forward. Will likely relocate third floor labs in Yates to accommodate in short-run. Long-run is to seek federal funding for new facility.
 - c. College
 1. Strategic Initiatives for the university’s “Gorilla Plan” – see attachment of results from last week’s retreat. Added a second alternate initiative – artist in residence faculty position to leverage the Fox Theater and our new location in the Downtown Arts District.
 2. Provost requests all units to post their regular meeting schedule to Outlook Calendar. Expectation of open and vigorous discussion and conversations – “meeting by email unacceptable”
 3. Entrepreneurship Program Development Task Force; charge distributed to group – see memo attached; initial meeting held this morning.
- II. Program Coordinators Updates
 - a. Accounting – Mary Jo Goedeke – preparing for Theresa Presley’s retirement; working on two searches, one tenure earning to replace Theresa and one non-tenure earning to be shared with Finance; Gen Ed issues for Accounting BBA appear to be resolved by Registrar who has requested waivers to keep the program at 120 hours, we’ll know soon
 - b. Business Studies – Holly Kent – absent due to class rescheduling

- c. Computer Information Systems – Wei Sha – CIS faculty met to discuss course responsibilities, David Sikolia will now take lead for programming courses; faculty interested in developing an AI elective
 - d. Economics and International Business – Anil Lal – working on finding the best way to promote the Business Economics STEM designation; designing a flying to be used for international recruiting
 - e. Finance – Larry Woodward – Finance Club will raise funds through running athletic concession stands during football games again this year; Finance faculty in need of stock data for classroom teaching; discussion about how to obtain access to Value Line or S&P databases through the library; the financial modeling course will be taught in the spring
 - f. Management – Sang Lee – provided update on Young Nae; expecting visitors from Pacific States University President Mathew Shin in the spring who will bring a student group
 - g. Marketing – Mary Judene Nance – absent, report provided by Lynn Murray – reviving the Marketing Student Association this fall with the plan that Phillip Frank will be the advisor beginning in the Spring
- III. Building Items
- a. Still waiting on signs ordered from university printing office
 - b. Remediation of Classroom #224 – Dean Grimes met with Tim Senecaut – plan to take all chairs outside for a day in the sun, then steam clean chairs, carpet, and acoustic panels.
 - c. Hallway door to CIS Classroom Lab #103; due to its narrowness, we can use it as a primary entry only if we also keep access available through the common #103/#105 doorway; will need a doorknob and removal of alarm (including signage).
- IV. Kelce Personnel –
- a. Updates on positions approved to fill:
 1. Accounting (TE) – update from Dr. Binder; have reached the ad placement stage
 2. Management (TE) – quantitative/mathematics/analytics; update from Dr. Binder – *extensive* discussion about potential paths to reimagine the quantitative course sequence within the Kelce Core Curriculum; debated how to best incorporate needed Business Analytics content along with Data Visualization skills demanded by employers; general agreement that linear programming no longer needs to be a major focal point; we are behind the curve on adopting a Business Analytics approach; not clear consensus on how to reform courses; Dr. Binder will bring recommendations forward based on the results of faculty survey and discussion with the KBOA and other employers; a decision will be needed before we go on the market to hire for this position
 3. Executive in Residence (NTE) – update from Dr. Murray; ads will appear this week in the Pittsburg Morning Sun and the Joplin Globe; first consideration date in early September
 4. Accounting/Finance (NTE) – update from Dr. Binder; ads being developed for placement
 - b. Updates on positions in funding collaboration with Division of Economic Development and Community Engagement – Paul Grimes
 1. Entrepreneurship (NTE) – position description being reviewed by VP Naccarato
 2. Associate Director for Forecasting and Special Projects (BERC) – position description under review by VP Naccarato
 3. Director of BERC – formalization of position description; under review by VP Naccarato
- V. AACSB Accreditation Checklist
- a. Hard copies of CIR being distributed to VPs this week
 - b. PRT agenda – awaiting response from PRT on proposed agenda
 - c. Faculty Qualifications Profile Summary sheets and 5-Year Kelce Curriculum Vitae for each instructor posted to a webpage: <https://pittstate.edu/business/faculty/faculty-qualifications.html>
 - d. Need to complete refreshment of all displays in the building; in progress
 - e. Need to prepare documentation of evidence for PRT's work room; in progress
 - f. Hotel rooms and conference room reserved at LaQuinta / provide projection and printing capability
 - g. Peer Review Team visit date, **November 5th throughout 7th**
- VI. Administrative Updates

- a. ADGSB – Chelsey visiting with Freeman Health tomorrow, expecting 200+ in attendance; MBAA working on a social impact project
- b. ADMIN – Mimi absent
- c. ADUSB – Beta Gamma Sigma not listed as an official campus group, registration and paperwork needed; Majors Fair is coming up in September, will need volunteers; Rumble in the Jungle will be in October, will again need volunteers
- d. DGBP – left early
- e. DSRE – absent due to class
- f. FC – Course prerequisite changes due to Alex, will begin paperwork; Supply Chain course working its way through the process; will be meeting to finalize spring schedule later this week

VII. Adjourn – 3:45 p.m.

Fall Dates to Remember:

- September 4 – Labor Day Holiday
- September 5 – Kelce Fall Picnic
- October 16 – Midterm grades due
- October 28 – Homecoming
- November 5 to 7 – AACSB Reaccreditation Visit
- November 6 – Final drop day
- November 18 – Thanksgiving Break Begins
- November 30 – Last Day to Withdraw
- December 5 to 9 – Dead Week
- December 11 to 15 – Finals Week
- December 15 – Commencements Begin
- December 19 – Final Grades Due