



## MINUTES

Kelce Leadership Council  
3:00 p.m. – Room #121  
October 30, 2025

**Present:** Holly Kent, Dwight Strong, Shipra Paul, Judy Smetana, Lynn Murray, Mary Judene Nance, Chelsey Decker, Alex Binder, Paul Grimes, Jenni Hall, Josh Curran, Mimi Morrison

**Absent:** Mary Jo Goedeke, Larry Woodward, Melissa Weed

### I. Disciplinary Program Coordinators Updates

- a. Accounting – Mary Jo: Absent – Report provided via email through Mimi; Mary Jo reports that Ernst & Young Pitt State Alums are coming to campus on November 11 to visit intermediate Financial Accounting and Internal Audit classes; IIA meeting will be Nov. 7; there will be an accounting faculty meeting in November
- b. Business Studies – Holly: no report
- c. Data Science & Information Systems – Dwight: trying to find a venue for spring AI competition – high school students; those in attendance gave several options for a campus venue with a large number of computer stations
- d. Economics – Shipra: Econ Club bake sale will be next week on the Oval – November 5, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- e. Finance – Larry: No report, Absent
- f. Human Resource Development – Judy: HR Club has worked on getting info out about the organization – first meeting will be in November; Krissy and Mark met with area businesses about providing CBTD training (Kendall Packaging and others); Uzbek group will be arriving November 8, a new itinerary has been distributed for their visit
- g. Management/Supply Chain Management – Lynn: Management – faculty met this week and were tasked with reviewing the management BBA degree; asked to think about learning outcomes and market needs. Nothing new to report on Supply Chain.
- h. Marketing – Mary Judene: Marketing Association has been met several times; helped with James Sultat reception: designed t-shirt for their group; also designed a Kelce basketball event t-shirt; will have a Christmas party on Nov. 10; will meet with outside client to listen to student proposals; Mu Kappa Tau honor society has 25 seniors eligible for membership – invitation letters will go out next week – Dean’s Office will subsidize the initiation fee. In the process of legislating an Integrated Marketing course; new Marketing professor search nearing the end with recommendation made to the dean; marketing faculty meeting on Nov 12.

### II. Engagement and Outreach Coordinators Updates

- a. Advancement and Development – Jenni: big news is that golf tournament that was very successful – hopefully we fully met the targeted fundraising goal – discussed giving more scholarships at \$1,000 each
- b. Assessment and Accreditation – Josh: MFT will be administered to all senior Business Strategy students next week on Monday and Wednesday; working on AACSB surveys that are due in December, AACSB international survey has conducted to discover how enrollment has shifted in BBA programs and MBA programs for international students – our international BBAs are down but MBAs have gone from 2 to 14. AOL objectives are currently being accessed, with some majors being accessed in the spring. Created internship survey for Melissa Weed; working on BBA matrix.
- c. Internships and Career Readiness – Melissa: Absent – on intermittent parental leave; fall internship reception is Nov. 18 at 1:30; all interns will be there presenting about their internship with employers and family members in attendance; interested in gathering data on why students aren’t doing for-credit internships in summers
- d. Entrepreneurship – Jane: had 304 people sign up for entrepreneurship club’s contest today!; students in her class assisted; Tuesday, March 24 Entrepreneur Expo (Idea Fest) – need 100 judges; one of her students is launching a food truck called Tater Pit across from Freddy’s by the railroad tracks

### III. Administrative Area Updates

- a. ADGPB – Chelsey: MBA and MPacc advising is continuing; online MPacc set to launch in January; ran a mid-semester GA survey – feedback was really good – 3 are graduating this fall – they want more feedback from faculty and asking for more work – want the ability to assist more of undergraduate students in classes by tutoring, mentoring, etc.; KGSA has had several meetings – have a new t-shirt design – had a successful workshop with Dr. Binder presenting; will try to visit capstone BBA courses before end of semester

- b. ADMIN – Mimi: tentative date for Kelce Holiday Party is Monday, December 8 – first day of finals week
- c. ADUSB – Lynn: 3 recruiting events are upcoming – Rumble in the Jungle, Inaugural Kelce visit days – Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 (FBLA focused); working on final edit of view book; research Friday’s have been successful; BGS considering doing a fall virtual ceremony for fall grads; working on logos for the centers; spring rumble is Feb. 14, and will do 2 visit days in the spring; Kelce at the Weede event is on Saturday, December 6
- d. DSES – Holly: first ARC meeting is Nov. 5 – trying to get the word out to recruit more students; Study Abroad trip – has 17 students interested in going to France – will accept 10 students for trip; building task force distributed flyer with suggestions to prepare to move to the new building; Suitable update – made some progress and will hopefully have an announcement to soft launch it in the spring.
- f. FC – Alex: enrollment starts this weekend – may have to shuffle classrooms based on enrollment; tomorrow is meeting with Travel Task Force; met with Provost, Chairs, Dean’s Directors – new contract is out – encouraged all to review; fall 2026 schedule will be in new building hopefully – due in January; PC’s will get special permissions for their courses – need to respond to the advisors.

IV. Dean’s Administrative Update

- a. Major Topics this week at PAL:
  - 1. Reminder about compliance with visual accessibility; all course-related documents posted to the web (including Canvas) must meet the ADA guidelines; April deadline
  - 2. Deans proposal (see attachment) regarding course scheduling presented to Faculty Senate this week and to Student Government Association next week; designed to increase pass times between classes and to improve facilities utilization; will allow time for transportation between classes spread across campus and downtown – send ideas and thoughts to Dean Grimes
  - 3. CTLT – will be sponsoring a new round of the Innovative General Education Curriculum (IGEC) grant/workshops to build more successful courses; will expand beyond Gen Ed to include high DFW rate courses
  - 4. Internal research grants – Ram Gupta disappointed in the number of applicants this past year; all faculty encouraged to respond when calls for proposals are made; a new series of grant development workshops will be offered to train researchers on how to successfully navigate the external grant process and prepare proposals
- b. New Building Updates:
  - 1. Furniture – working with Tessere (architects) and Scott Rice (furniture vendor) on selecting options for faculty office furniture; last week KLT visited McPherson to view their office and classroom furniture
  - 2. AV equipment – finalizing selection with CTi (vendor); current quote is slightly above \$1M
  - 3. Beta Gamma Sigma Key – to be installed outside east entrance; ordered this from AACSB’s vendor; sculpture of key is custom made-to-order at cost of about \$12K plus shipping; pedestal will need to be locally designed and built; sponsored by donor gift; Jenni will work on appropriate plaque

V. Personnel Updates

- a. Data Technician (staff position) – revised PD approved; new search committee to be appointed with Dr. Binder as the chair
- b. Director of Forecasting (staff position) – no funding currently in place; applications still being accepted
- c. Marketing (TE faculty) – recommendation sent to the dean; offer being constructed

VI. Old or New Business - none

VII. Adjourn: 4:15 p.m.

**Fall Dates to Remember:**

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 – Kelce Visit Day for FBLA Chapters  
 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