



## MINUTES

Kelce Leadership Team  
8:30 a.m. – Room #121  
April 1, 2025

**Present:** Alex Binder, Chelsey Decker, Paul Grimes, Holly Kent, Mimi Morrison

**Absent:** Lynn Murray

- I. Dean's Administrative Update
  - a. PAL this week; 1) VP Stumo visited with the provost and deans about upcoming rollout of additional function in Slate, the computer system now used for recruitment and admissions; Slate will be used to schedule campus visits of prospective students with departments; Slate will also be used to schedule and register participants for workshops and events in all units across campus – also has capability to accept payments; training and workshops to be held with those involved; 2) long discussion about Gen Ed courses with persistently high DFW rates – see attachments; KBOR reporting request; no consensus on pattern or uniform approach to taking action.
  - b. State legislature has passed budget bill; includes increases for higher ed; Pitt State's share includes a \$3.8M increase in our base budget plus \$2.3M for renovation and restoration (R&R) of facilities!! Note, bill still must be signed by Governor Kelly.
  - c. DEI bill also passed by state legislature; prohibits DEI initiatives and programs on all state campuses; our Inclusion and Belonging Center to be "reconstituted" to support students in our core mission and placed under Student Affairs instead of President's Office; all requested pronouns in pittstate.edu email signatures must be removed – appropriate directions will be forthcoming for all campus email users.
- II. Discussion of new building
  - a. Discussion of design feedback for Monica and crew – discussion on strategy to provide Tessere with recommendations for design revisions; Dr. Grimes will coordinate with Mat Burton on appropriate path
  - b. 90 Percent Shell Package Drawings received; construction drawings for new building layout
- III. Administrative Area Updates
  - a. FC – Alex: Faculty Senate – working to ensure that KCOB has 3 senators (David Weaver, Kristen Maceli, Mark Johnson are current senators – need to replace Kristen Maceli for next year); Chelsey will carry graduate banner and Chandler Davidson will probably carry the undergraduate banner at commencement; Math hired a programming professor and are on-board with our plan to switch to new curriculum – one programming course, not two – official next year; our DSIS program is STEM designated; putting together plans for research workshop on 04/25 in Kelce #121; meeting tomorrow about 2+2 program at HCCC
  - b. DSES – Holly: she and Dr. Binder met with HRD faculty yesterday – students currently in the program will be advised out by current HRD faculty – new students coming into the HRD BBA program will be advised by the advising center; HRD faculty will transition with mentees and graduate students (Dr. Smetana advises); she will be meeting with the business academic advisors tomorrow to discuss this transition; also met with Advising Center staff and Registrar's Office regarding the Business Studies major – students will be asked to choose their 2 or 3 areas of emphasis when declaring the Business Studies major – students will then need to meet with their academic advisor or Holly (as the Program Coordinator) for declaring their areas which will be input into their degree audit plan of study; Holly will create a form for each student to initially record their areas of emphasis and send to degree checking; annual W@W luncheon was last Friday – very successful with Provost as the keynote speaker (spoke on "Passion and Purpose")
  - c. ADUSB – Lynn: absent, no report
  - d. ADMIN – Mimi: working on getting invitations out for student awards ceremony – preparing certificates, etc.
  - e. ADGPB – Chelsey: MBA Reception – just re-ordered stoles along with MPAcc stoles; ordered 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary medallions and lapel pins; visiting classrooms to recruit traditional MBA students and will have info sessions next week (with application waivers to some); hiring GA's for next fall – hired 8 so far with 4 more applicants in the pool; MBAA name has changed to KGSA (Kelce Graduate Student Association); mock interview event is tomorrow in conjunction with Career Development; PMBA numbers continue to look good (38 enrolled above this time last

year) – admitted additional 17 students on Friday – need to track students who don't re-enroll right away to finish their degrees; dual degree and exchange agreements need some work – will try to work on this summer

IV. Personnel Updates

- a. Entrepreneurship Coordinator – Jane Talkington accepted position; appointment process started
- b. Forecasting Director (with RED) – reworking position description; no update
- c. Data Analyst (with RED) – committee still reviewing late applications; no update
- d. Accounting and Finance Assistant Instructional Professor – final reference checks and offer being prepared
- e. Assistant Professor of Marketing – committee formed; no update
- f. Assistant Professor of Business Law – Jamie Brooksher's reappointment nearing completion
- g. Faculty Chair – conversion of position to 12-months to align with rest of campus; process completed

V. Old or New Business

- a. Curriculum proposals
  1. Supply Chain Management – new BBA (in connection with the CCOT's new Industrial Distribution); second reading to be presented at KBOR meeting on Pitt State campus later this month
  2. MPAcc – new courses and curriculum revision proposals are on the Grad Council agenda for approval
  3. Bus Ed – secondary education teaching license track for Business Studies majors is working its way through the faculty senate legislative process
- b. Catalog updates – in progress; many changes needed given all the changes in courses and curriculum approved this year!

VI. Adjourn – 10:15 a.m.

**Spring Dates to Remember:**

April 6 – Early enrollment begins  
April 14 – Transfer CARES  
April 24 – Last day to withdraw from university  
April 25 – Kelce Scholarships and Awards Reception  
May 5 to 9 – Dead Week  
May 12 to 16 – Finals Week  
May 16 & 17 – Spring Commencements  
May 21 – Final grades due to Registrar  
June 2 to 25 – Summer I  
June 30 to July 25 – Summer II