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Kelce Leadership Council
11:00 a.m. – Room #121 – Lunch Served
January 30, 2026

Present: Dwight Strong, Alex Binder, Mary Judene Nance, Mary Jo Goedeke, Sang-Huei Lee, Melissa Weed, Judy Smetana, Chelsey Decker, Josh Curran, Shipra Paul, Paul Grimes, Mimi Morrison, Jenni Hall, Lynn Murray
Absent: Jane Talkington, Larry Woodward, Holly Kent

- I. Disciplinary Program Coordinators Updates
 - a. Accounting – Mary Jo: Accounting faculty met – discussed Navigate; the state CPA exam board will accept Business Professionalism to meet their writing requirement – discussed other curriculum requirements for the CPA exam
 - b. Business Studies – Holly: Absent; No Report – Dr. Grimes noted that we are waiting to hear from KS Dept of Education about the Business Ed program approval; Mimi noted that the Financial Services Certificate scholarships have been entered for this semester
 - c. Data Science & Information Systems – Dwight: first meeting of DSIS faculty was yesterday – working toward 5-year plan; AI challenge is April 17 for high school students – he will contact Admissions Office to get information out to HS counselors to recruit students for this event
 - d. Economics – Shipra: Economics club met this week, will go to competition in April (Braxton will take students)
 - e. Finance – Larry: no report; no semester start-up issues
 - f. Human Resource Development – Judy: formal faculty meeting was cancelled due to weather, had an informal meeting to set up six workshops in March-May for the CTBD (some at CHCSEK); HRD club had first meeting – bowling night; busy working on accessibility and on improving curriculum in courses
 - g. Management/Supply Chain Management – Sang: receiving more meeting requests from prospective students in management; attended webinar for small and medium sized journals using an open access platform; there will be two more webinars offered – still considering how to move JMI to electronic publication; book donation drive for university in Africa is continuing
 - h. Marketing – Mary Judene: Dr. Frank is presenting to Frontenac High School classes about marketing; there is a new student leadership team for marketing association this semester; Sales Center – application has been submitted – 9 individuals have agreed to serve on Sales Center Advisory Board – will hold first meeting on February 20
- II. Engagement and Outreach Coordinators Updates
 - a. Advancement and Development – Jenni: Scholarship updates: working on distributing info for KC Chapter for Women’s Alliance (Accounting/Finance majors); will have another new scholarship coming soon; Giving Day is March 11 – colleges will compete to see who can raise the most – partnering with local restaurants that day with portion of their sales receipts going to donations – Kelce’s partner will be The Pitt, everyone encouraged to dine there that day to raise funds
 - b. Assessment and Accreditation – Josh: completed US News & World Report survey; working on AACSB programs module which is due in March; planning MFT for week of April 13
 - c. Entrepreneurship – Jane (submitted report via Mimi): 22 judges have signed up for Idea Fest on March 24; new Entrepreneurship course has 12-14 students; Intro to Business 101 is consulting with Wooshball CEO – would like to set up a faculty vs. student game in the future; social media is going well – follow at entrepreneurship.pittstate – yesterday’s post had 4,000 hits all time high; please encourage faculty to purchase the Damon John book at the Literary Katt company in preparation for his May 8 campus visit – tickets are five dollars for students
 - d. Internships and Career Readiness – Melissa: Kelce Newsletter – will have draft to KLT next Tuesday; 20 students enrolled in internship for course credit – may have 5 additional students; working with Kansas WorkforceOne to pilot paying student interns – working with 3 employers to help with this initiative; high school FBLA competition is next week – have enough judges; Suitable – finished integration for single sign on – will use 30 students to help test the software – all is going smoothly; FBLA Collegiate state-wide competition is end of February and Pitt State group will compete

III. Administrative Area Updates

- a. ADGPB – Chelsey: distributed flyers for Souper Bowl event on February 5; new Public Administration MBA emphasis – discovery meeting between faculty and Risepoint was yesterday – 3 new classes with first taught this fall; Risepoint is working on major projects for Chelsey – (1) Registration video; (2) differentiating material to recruit students into more than one emphasis area; GA's – updated directory for spring was distributed; in fall we'll need to hire 13-14 new GA's; interest in dual degree with Excelia in France is high; online MPAcc – 5 students enrolled during inaugural Spring I term; PMBA – 318 students enrolled this session
- b. ADMIN – Mimi: scholarships – reported that scholarship selection process will change this year due to the Great Gorilla scholarship program – many of the KCOB scholarships will be administered by Financial Assistance – they will inform students of scholarships this summer and we will have a recognition ceremony in the fall; a briefer recognition reception will be held in the spring for Outstanding MBA, Outstanding Seniors, Kelce Scholars and graduate scholarships
- c. ADUSB – Lynn: picnic is Wednesday, May 6; recruiting events are scheduled – Rumble – Feb. 14; Kelce visit days on Feb. 16 and April 24; will be going to Kansas and Missouri high school FBLA competitions to recruit; W@W lunch is March 27; accessibility tools in Canvas will be addressed by CTLT in their workshops – faculty are encouraged to attend – deadline for compliance is April 24; Teams pages will be updated by GA next week; First Friday Research workshop will be next week; W@W will meet next week with plans for the semester
- d. DSES – Melissa for Holly: nothing additional to report (see above)
- f. FC – Alex: distributed working document from the campus-wide AI Task Force providing recommendations for guidelines on proper use of AI – DJ is our representative; all faculty need to have an AI policy in their syllabus; Alex is serving on University Faculty Development travel funds task force – funding this year is from provost via the colleges – recommendation will be to keep funding limits the same as in the past with a single fall application deadline for travel anytime during the academic year – will prioritize funding with (1) tenured earning first, (2) tenured faculty next, etc.; UG curriculum task force – review and approval of curriculum change applications are currently on a 10-week timeline, will change to 4-week timeline; classes are very full this semester; summer schedule is set and students can sign up anytime – expect summer enrollments to grow during this semester; after today need Registrar approval to enroll in a course for spring; fall course schedule has been sent to PC's to review with faculty; Russ Hall #409 is our room to use "on the Oval" when we move; faculty performance appraisal materials are due and he will start meeting with faculty in February

IV. Dean's Administrative Update

- a. Major Topics this week at PAL:
 1. Will hold a Celebration of Teaching Day again this year; early May during dead week – let Dr. Grimes know of those who've received awards from outside sources
 2. Faculty Success; encourage mentors to work with new faculty on how to use the system; continuing confusion about where to post certain items – Susan pulling together a group to meet with Institutional Effectiveness personnel to work on where tweaks need to be made to the system
 3. SGA proposal to administration to separate Fall Break and Thanksgiving Break; looking at going back to a date in October; will need special approval from KBOR
 4. IRB Reform; new committee and new handbook; be aware of new rules if your research involves human subjects; approval must be given prior to collection of data (surveys or experiments)
 5. Reminder that retired faculty no longer can hold university-issued computers due to security concerns and resource constraints
 6. Administrators returning to faculty; working to build a formula for new salary determinations
- b. New Building Updates:
 1. Current target date for completion/turnover: July 10th
 2. E-Waste Drive – We want to encourage everyone to conduct spring cleaning as you start packing up for move to new offices downtown; ITS working with us to collect all electronic waste for proper disposal; receptacles will be available week before, during and after spring break to collect old electronics, monitors, cables, chargers, drives, etc., etc.;
 3. ITS will assist us in setting up office/classroom computers and connecting them to the new building's network
 4. Furniture – at conclusion of meeting, Dr. Grimes will email latest renderings of furniture choices for public spaces in the new building
- c. AACSB Updates:
 1. Next Peer Review Team visit will occur in AY 2029-2030; notification received today
 2. Need to submit CIR application by September 1, 2026 (next fall) and request date for site visit

3. Major Revisions to Standards; proposal for new standards document to be considered at ICAM in April; significant changes to faculty qualifications criteria and other areas; Dr. Grimes will attend conference to learn more about the revisions and to vote on the proposal

d. Strategic Planning:

1. Dr. Newsom's new "PITT" initiative – 2 items for each unit
 - i. University enrollment growth goal broken down for colleges; ours is 128
 - ii. Choose one major action item that can be completed in one year
2. Need to continue with our strategic plan for AACSB; see handout
 - i. Complete items carried forward
 - ii. Start work on new items developed and adopted last year
3. Discussion amongst the group resulted in choosing from the College Strategic Plan the "Move into the New Building" and "Implement Student Professional Development Program" as our focus action items for this year

V. Personnel Updates

- a. Data Technician (staff position) – Alex: applications reviewed by committee; many over-qualified; working on selecting group of semi-finalists to interview
- b. Director of Forecasting (staff position) – no funding currently in place; applications still being accepted

VI. Old or New Business - none

VII. Adjournment: 12:55 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

- February 2 – Last Day to Drop w/o a Withdrawal Notation
- February 14 – Spring Rumble in the Jungle
- February 20 – Inaugural Sales Center Board Meeting
- February 27 – Kelce Visit Day for Prospective Students
- March 13 – Spring Break Begins After Last Class Period
- March 16 – Midsemester D and F Grades Due
- March 23 – Classes Resume after Spring Break
- March 27 – W@W Spring Luncheon
- March 30 – HS Business Teachers Professional Development
- April 6 – Final Day to Drop Individual Courses
- April 24 – Kelce Visit Day for Prospective Students
- April 24 – Final Day to Withdraw from Spring Term
- May 4 through May 8 – Dead Week
- May 11 through May 15 – Finals Week
- May 15 and May 16 – Commencements
- Late July – Kelce Moving Days
- August 11 – Ribbon Cutting at New Kelce