



MINUTES

Kelce Leadership Council
11:00 a.m. – Room #121
April 24, 2026

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

I. Disciplinary Program Coordinators Updates

- a. Accounting – Mary Jo: Accounting faculty met last week; VITA has completed its tax season – 99 clients served; Dr. Yarick is in Florida for IIA competition; David Weaver is asking to change the name of the managerial accounting student organization for which he is an advisor to broaden the membership base
- b. Business Studies – Holly: Dr. Grimes met with Jean Dockers yesterday - report received from the Kansas State Department of Education regarding certifying our Bus Ed degree program – only small concerns in one area that can be easily addressed – our reply to the review is due by the 29th and then one final review; Jean is confident that we can start students on our planned curriculum path and have them officially declare in the Fall
- c. Data Science & Information Systems – Dwight: the planned AI Challenge had to be cancelled – will try to do to reschedule in the Fall – need better communication with high school computer teachers
- d. Economics – Shipra: Econ faculty met this week; Econ students took part in the Research Colloquium with good results; students placed in the silver range at the Ottawa University competition; Julie Wilson will serve as president of Econ Club next year
- e. Finance – Larry: Finance Club went to Washington; Larry will retire in July; need to make some changes to the Finance curriculum to improve the quality of the program
- f. Human Resource Development – Judy: Krissy completed her coaching certification - she also presented at a workshop in Las Vegas; curriculum for the HR minor has been approved; CBTD workshops are going well with about 150 participants this spring – Dr. Johnson presented in Baltimore and met with Dr. Newsom about the CBTD initiative; HRD Club had pickleball and pot luck yesterday with 12 attending; MSHRD comp exams are next week
- g. Management/Supply Chain Management – Sang: planning a new summer study abroad project in Rwanda for Supply Chain Management – it will be a good experience for our students – starting summer 2027; working on the Midwest Academy of Management conference to be held in Pittsburg in October 2027; Fed Ex has picked up books to ship to Rwanda; helping 5 students from Korea apply to Pitt State for next spring
- h. Marketing – Mary Judene: Marketing Association also had a pickleball night with W@W last week; next meeting will have Brandee Johnson as guest speaker; Dr. Maceli and Dr. Frank coauthored a paper which received a distinguished research award at a regional conference; Dr. Frank gave a presentation to the Kewpie Doll conference in Branson last week

II. Engagement and Outreach Coordinators Updates

- a. Advancement and Development – Jenni: updating Fast Facts flier; working with University Police on security for the new building – donors are making a gift to support installation of security cameras at all entrances
- b. Assessment and Accreditation – Josh: working on the annual *Princeton Review* survey; finished latest AACSB survey module; next week the AACSB Finances module opens up; MFT was administered last week; updating our website's college performance data to satisfy accreditation standard; AOL senior survey is currently open for all of this spring's BBA graduates; PMBA and MBA end-of-semester surveys are being conducted this spring and summer; Business function knowledge assessment is to be administered this spring and summer; MPAcc surveys administered this spring and fall; HRD end of program exam assessed spring and fall
- c. Entrepreneurship – Jane: looking forward for whoosh ball tournament next Tuesday on the oval (Phooshbate); Daymon John is coming to speak on May 8th at the Bicknell and entrepreneurship students will get to meet with him; signed up for orientation tables; doing a Grandparent's University program with the alumni office; Wicked Problems trade show is next October 8th in the new building
- d. Internships and Career Readiness – Melissa: Internship Reception was yesterday - Career Development provided support – 150+ attended with ≈ 40 Kelce interns plus a few from other units across campus – good feedback

from all participants; 15 students already enrolled in internships for this summer; working with 10 additional students; for WF26 we now have 20 enrolled in internships; there is an increasing interest in micro internships; David Kaplar Wilson will be here next week and will speak in Gail Yarick's class – Forvis table will be set up in the hallway after he speaks, Our Suitable student engagement program will be named “Kelce Professional Quest” – working on a logo – will have training in the fall for faculty – currently we have about 74% engagement rate for the pilot group on the Suitable App – all student employees asked to participate in the pilot when done with required work

III. Administrative Area Updates

- a. ADGPB – Chelsey: Out on Leave, no report
- b. ADMIN – Mimi: college-wide meeting at 3:00 p.m. in #224 regarding the move; Spring Awards Ceremony is this evening in the OSC with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.
- c. ADUSB – Lynn: Kelce visit days – will schedule two for next October – one for teachers and one for students; taking initial steps to stand up the “student ambassadors” corps – will be called Kelce Advocates – today is deadline for applicants; BGS – induction is Thursday, May 14th at Bicknell – still need to hear from some faculty about membership – Provost Bon will be speaker; 42 students have accepted the BGS invitation with 26 attending; Kelce picnic is Wednesday, May 6th – need faculty to sign up to help; W@W – plan to host a card playing event
- d. DSES – Holly: will be sending out a request for student organizations to file year-end updates; worked with John Kuefler on preparing a report on admitting new students; 14 people going on study abroad trip – leaving May 17th
- f. FC – Alex: Crowder College approached us about creating a 2+2; two new AP course exams are available – one is an “intro to business and personal finance” course and the other is “cybersecurity”; legislation on the integrated marketing course is moving forward; other legislation items will be looked at next year; task force for travel funding has finalized their work; agreed to a shorter window for curriculum items on another task force; recently asked to chair the provost's task force on faculty appraisals; will be sending email soon about final exams and online courses survey; gathering ideas for fall workshop (Aug. 13th)

IV. Dean's Administrative Update

- a. Major Topics this week at PAL and Academic Affairs Forum:
 1. Extension of federal accessibility standards deadline to April of 2027
 2. DEI Compliance – need to scrub public facing documents; eliminate requirements of courses with DEI content (must be purely elective); failure to comply will result in \$2M withholding of state funding
 3. P&T Guideline Documents – new schedule developed to ensure documents are kept up to date; every 6 years departments and schools must review; Kelce will do so next AY (2026-2027)
- b. AACSB's ICAM – Paul attended; please see minutes from the last KLT meeting for details of key updates; most important for us is that the proposed revisions to the standards passed and include a new “teaching effectiveness” element for all faculty qualifications categories; we will need to revisit our documents once again next year; this will be a topic for our college-wide meeting during finals week
- c. College-Wide Meeting on Move to New Building – Scheduled for this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in #224
- d. Kelce Awards Ceremony and Reception – Scheduled for 6:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.) in OSC Ballrooms

V. Personnel Updates - Alex

- a. Data Technician (staff position) – hired and will start on June 21st
- b. Economics Faculty (tenure earning with some BERC responsibilities) – search beginning

VI. Old or New Business

VII. Adjournment 12:20 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

April 29 – Graduating GAs/Student Employees Reception
May 4 through May 8 – Dead Week
May 6 – Kelce Picnic
May 7 – Marketing dinner/reception
May 11 through May 15 – Finals Week
May 11 – End-of-Semester College Meeting – 2:30 p.m., location TBD
May 14 – Beta Gamma Sigma Induction Ceremony
May 15 – Graduate Students Reception
May 15 – KCOB Commencement
Mid-June – Kelce Moving Days
August 11 – Ribbon Cutting at New Kelce