



KELCE
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Pittsburg State University

MINUTES

Kelce Leadership Team

8:30 a.m. – Room #121

February 03, 2026

Present: Alex Binder, Chelsey Decker, Paul Grimes, Holly Kent (via Teams), Lynn Murray, Mimi Morrison

- I. Dean's Administrative Update
 - a. PAL Council – met Monday afternoon – Blake Flanders, KBOR President, retiring in June; Pitt State budget came out of senate committee intact with no cuts; freshman applications for fall enrollment up 34%; fall-to-spring second year and transfer retention rates now both about 92%; grad enrollment down by 1.1%; administration thinking about the 125th anniversary of the university (2028)
 - b. Appointment of Jim Johnson as Executive Vice President for Engagement and Executive Affairs
- II. New Building
 - a. Presentation and discussion of concepts for donor walls
 1. Mat Burton presented a couple of options for the design of the donor walls to the Pitt State Foundation leadership including Kathleen Flannery and Becky May. Dr. Grimes and Jenni also attended.
 2. Dr. Grimes showed the design options to KLT for input and to collect reactions to feed back to Kathleen
 - i. Reviewed different options for donor walls on 1st and 2nd floors
 - ii. 1st floor word cloud version with Kelce mural lettering was preferred by KLT; 2nd floor version with split face was preferred; concerns expressed about bolder red options with raised lettering
- III. Administrative Area Updates
 - a. FC – Alex: starting to work on performance appraisals; fall schedule is due to Registrar at the end of the week – Kait will be entering it before Friday; he gained experience this week with “LaTeX” typesetting software
 - b. ADGPB – Chelsey: approved by Cashier's Office to use the new credit card machines for payment on stoles at graduation; could also set up an online store (with the help of Cashiers office); GA applications for next fall are live this week
 - c. DSES – Holly: none
 - d. ADUSB – Lynn: AI Challenge Competition poster has been sent to Admissions who will distribute to High Schools
 - e. ADMIN – Mimi: KLT needs to determine awards reception dates for spring and fall since we'll be handling the scholarship awards differently; will probably recognize Kelce Scholars, Outstanding Seniors, Outstanding MBA's; Outstanding student for each major area and possibly Faculty Awards; will recognize scholarship recipients in the fall after they are informed of their scholarships by financial assistance
- IV. Personnel Updates – Positions Open
 - a. Forecasting Director (with RED) – no funding;
 - b. Data Technician (with RED) – Alex: sending out emails to candidates to ensure they are authorized to work in the US; will narrow pool down to approximately 10; will interview after emails sent out via Zoom by end of week
- V. Old or New Business – Kelce picnic will be May 6 (Wednesday instead of Tuesday)
- VI. Adjourn - 9:30

Dates to Remember:

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 6 – Kelce picnic
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