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Kelce Leadership Team

8:30 a.m. – Room #121

March 31, 2026

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

Guest: Mat Burton

- I. Guest: Mat Burton – follow-up conversation on graphics design and artwork for new building
 - a. Following up from meeting last week; discussion and confirmation of KLT’s preferences regarding various aspects of the installations at the new building
 - b. Distributed documents to review concerning design and placement of key elements

- II. Dean’s Administrative Update
 - a. PAL Council – did not meet yesterday
 - b. Legislative budget bill removes the special appropriations that the regional universities have received over the past two years; they could reduce our budget next year by \$2.5M
 - c. AVP Mark Diacopoulos distributed expectations and forms for university mandated program assessment reporting (see attached email and form); due by June 1 to college deans; will work with AOL committees to satisfy – email with dates and form were distributed and discussed; need to discuss next steps with AOL committee, KLT and Josh; Mimi will set up a meeting for the aforementioned next week
 - d. AACSB – Paul will be out of the office representing us at the AACSB ICAM in Seattle over April 13th through 16th; vote to be held on the revisions to the standards; discussion about proposed changes to the Faculty Qualifications standard that will now include a “teaching effectiveness” criteria for all categories of faculty – how will we define this?; discussion about the need to appoint a new task force to revise our document following our new rules

- III. New Building
 - a. Machines for the computer classroom and all classroom lecterns have been ordered
 - b. Discuss how to introduce faculty to artwork and graphic design choices; discussion resulting in decision to hold a college-wide faculty meeting on April 24th late in afternoon prior to the awards reception
 - c. Meeting later this week to open discussion on deciding the mix of Blue and Brown parking spaces and other transportation issues

- IV. Administrative Area Updates
 - a. FC – Alex: chairs being asked to provide recommendations for faculty to participate in CTLT’s new “online academy” – discussion about those who have expressed interest – may be limited spots; discussion about a request to convert the IMA student organization into a general accounting club – no serious misgivings expressed
 - b. ADGPB – Chelsey: sent out 7 GA offers last week – 2 pending; reception invites for reception honoring graduating MBA students will be sent out this week; met with UG advisors last week; shared brochure she is working on to encourage undergraduate students to consider the MBA program by signing up for the Bus. Admin. minor or taking proper prereqs; reception for graduating GAs & Student Employees will be April 29 – 1:30-2:00 p.m. in #121 Kelce; received a market report from Risepoint about best opportunities for growth in the online MBA program – strong recommendation for Pitt State to develop a Construction Mgt. Master’s degree and incorporating some of those courses with the online MBA for a new emphasis – next two areas could be Organizational Leadership and Finance as revealed through data reported by Risepoint
 - c. DSES – Holly: internship program is partnering with Kansas Workforce One – to address the primary obstacle for internship credit in the summer, five employers have pledged contributions to a new Foundation fund for students that will cover summer tuition costs while they intern – will visit with KBOA to see if any are interested in supporting this initiative; met with John Kuefler to come up with an automated report to simplify the KCOB admission process
 - d. ADUSB – Lynn: W@W luncheon and workshop last week was very positive with great turnout; Melissa Payne is working with business office to create “store fronts” for Kelce student orgs that will allow members to pay club dues electronically and eliminate the need for faculty advisors or student officers to accept and hold cash; BGS has 45 students who have accepted initial invitation to join; Marketing – annual dinner and reception is May 7

- e. ADMIN – Mimi: signatory authority for new accounts; IIA funds signatory will be Gail Yarick, Internship Grant will be Paul Grimes; working on building task force tasks; all invitations have been sent for Kelce Awards Ceremony, still need to order food for the reception from Elixir Foodservice

V. Personnel Updates – Positions Open/Vacant

- a. Forecasting Director – Paul has meeting scheduled later this week with Susan to discuss; conflict due to potential budget needs if cuts are forthcoming
- b. Data Technician – Alex: 3rd finalist added for campus interview next week – 2 candidates this week and 3rd this or next week
- c. Economics (Tenure Earning) – see a. above

VI. Old or New Business - none

VII. Adjourn – 10:30 a.m.

Dates to Remember:

- April 6 – Final Day to Drop Individual Courses
- April 11 – Discover Pitt State Day – recruitment event
- April 12 – Preregistration Period for Fall begins
- April 24 – Collegewide Meeting: Moving to the New Building – 3:00 p.m. in #224
- April 24 – Kelce Awards Reception – 6:00 p.m. in OSC Ballrooms
- April 24 – Kelce Visit Day for Prospective Students
- April 24 – Final Day to Withdraw from Spring Term
- 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 Collegewide Meeting
- 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

*For a copy of e-mail and form referenced in II.c. Please contact the Kelce College of Business Dean's Office, 620-235-4598.