

MINUTES

Kelce Leadership Team
8:30 a.m. – Room #121
April 28, 2026

Present: Alex Binder, Paul Grimes, Lynn Murray, Mimi Morrison

Absent: excused-Holly Kent, excused-Chelsey Decker

I. Dean's Administrative Update

a. PAL Council – this week was the monthly PAL+ group (includes support unit heads)

1. President's Cabinet update: search firm to be hired for forthcoming leadership vacancy; Susan will review all AA unit plans for redundancy and areas for cooperation/coordination; Gus Bus final planning underway; Kathleen is the contact for any unit wishing to request Pritchett Grant funding; Enrollment now down slightly for fall (due to soft graduate student numbers) but summer is up; Susan wants to take inventory and level of graduate student scholarships with hope of supplementing with money from her office
2. A new Internal Auditor has been hired – Stefanie Whitely who is a two-time KCOB graduate – she was introduced to the group (her first day on the job!)
3. Registrar: request to add ROTC and VA benefits eligible students to the early enrollment list – Susan is taking recommendation to President's Council; discussion of the need to keep summer enrollment open without breaks between fall and spring enrollment windows; discussion of the decision not to rush into a new course scheduling system until the new SIS is deployed – could push any new course scheduling plan to Fall 2028
4. CTLT: Innovative Teaching Strategies for Gen Ed Courses workshop program; only one application to date; EDC stipend is \$1,200; asked everyone to encourage faculty teaching gen ed courses to apply
5. Vice Provost: Program Review process almost complete with only one program outstanding; Program Assessment – encourage all units to follow and implement the distributed instructions for filing this year's results and plans; HLC report will be due next February, but our target will be to complete prior to holidays
6. Graduate Programs: an Assistant Director has been hired to assist Lisa with all aspects of the office's responsibilities
7. Research and Sponsored Programs: Pitt State asked by Department of Commerce to join KU, KSU, and WSU in technology transfer grant application
8. Susan's topics for discussion with Faculty Senate this week: Enrollment Growth and Recruiting – what should be the faculty's role?; DEI compliance with the state to avoid the \$2M cut; upcoming need to cooperate in the work needed to complete HLC reporting; need to reimagine course scheduling – concerns with inefficiencies in our current model; need to re-evaluate classroom usage and sharing procedures to improve capacity concerns

II. New Building

- a. After PAL, Paul spoke with Susan about campus hoteling space for KCOB faculty, she is still leaning toward FCS building that has vacant offices and a larger space that could serve for meetings with groups of students
- b. Tours – taking reps from Forvis and Career Development through this afternoon along with Melissa Weed; remember we have been asked to limit tours from here on out – please clear through Dean's Office before asking Kenny
- c. Parking – president sent Dean Grimes an email giving his approval of our plan for Blue and Brown zones

III. Administrative Area Updates

- a. FC – Alex: faculty member asked about a student counting internships towards their degree – discussion: do we need to put a cap on the # of hours of internships that can be counted toward the major? – decision not to approve over 6 credit hours; Econ 200 – questions about having a GA teach principles next fall; discussed on campus hoteling office hours for faculty who will be teaching on campus – conclusion that the number of hours should be proportional to the number of courses taught on central campus; discussed whether there are offices close to our designations classroom on 4th floor of Russ Hall? – Chris informed Paul that offices in Russ are tight at the moment
- b. ADGPB – Chelsey: Absent (on leave); From Paul: Upon VP Ball's request, Risepoint provided us with a recommendation regarding a potential online graduate tuition rate increase – bottom line is to consider \$13K as the new ceiling target (opposed to current \$12K) to remain competitive; President Newsom to decide final tuition increase proposal that will be presented to KBOR at next monthly meeting – increase likely to be greater than recent past due to needs

- c. DSES – Holly: Absent (meeting with the study abroad tour company about upcoming trip)
 - d. ADUSB – Lynn: 12 applicants in the pool for next year’s Kelce Advocates – Holly, Chandler, and Lisa are on the committee to screen applications and decide on first Advocates Corps
 - e. ADMIN – Mimi: Kelce awards ceremony discussion; only minor suggestions for tweaking next year’s program
- IV. Personnel Updates – Positions Open/Vacant; Updates from Alex
- a. Economics position (TE with some duties attached to BERC); working on getting position # assigned
 - b. Data Technician – Completed; search ended and paperwork being finalized to issue formal appointment letter
- V. Old or New Business – discussed topics for August faculty workshop prior to start of fall
- VI. Adjourn 10:10 a.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
- May 18 – KBOA Spring Meeting
- Mid-June – Kelce Moving Days
- August 11 – Ribbon Cutting at New Kelce