KELCE
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Pittsburg State University

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Kelce Leadership Council
October 28, 2026
3:15 p.m. | Brock Boardroom #206E

Present: Chelsey Decker, Dwight Strong, Shipra Paul, Jennifer Pursley, Sang-Heui Lee, Mary Judene Nance, Josh Curran, Jennifer Hall, Jane Talkington, Mary Jo Goedeke, Paul Grimes, Lynn Murray, and Alex Binder

I. Disciplinary Program Coordinator Updates

Accounting – Mary Jo

- IIA meeting scheduled for November 10.
- Supplies and materials have been ordered for VITA.
- Working on curriculum changes, Assurance of Learning (AOL), and recruitment initiatives.
- Recruitment committee will meet next week.

Business Studies – Holly (Dr. Grimes)

- Dr. Grimes met with Jean Dockers regarding the Business Education licensure option under the Business Studies degree.
- Approval is progressing through KSDE and is expected to be considered at the November KBOR meeting.

Data Science & Information Systems – Dwight

- Hosted an AI Challenge last week; attendance was low (five student competitors from regional high schools), but the event was successful and well-received.
- Discussed idea of allowing students to conduct trials at their schools before coming to campus for testing.
- AI for Business course is ready; discussions are underway regarding where it will fit within the curriculum.
- Dr. Binder encouraged all programs to discuss how AI will be incorporated into their curricula.
- Planning an AI workshop for CBTD on March 12.

Economics – Shipra

- Dr. Gately would like to revise class-standing prerequisites for Experimental Economics course to better accommodate upper-level students.
- Hosted a guest speaker at the October Economics Club meeting.
- Economics Club clothing drive is still accepting donations.

Finance – Jennifer

- Finance Club has hosted three guest speakers, with one additional speaker, George Barberich, scheduled for November.
- On November 13, Accounting and Finance students will visit Kansas City to meet with representatives from the Federal Reserve and the Kansas City Royals.
- Faculty will meet in November to discuss enrollment projections.

Human Resource Development – Judy

- HR faculty have been highly active and busy.
- Public Service Announcement: Two days remain in the open health insurance enrollment period.
- Discussed the undergraduate HR option with Risepoint.
- Judy leading the university's search for our next campus HR Director. Video interviews ongoing.

Management/Supply Chain Management – Sang

- Four guest speakers met with various classes.
- Working to increase enrollment in the Supply Chain Management major.
- Developing management curriculum changes to be presented to the Faculty Chair.
- Planning a study abroad trip to Korea for May 2027.
- Participating in Kelce Visit Day on October 29.
- Kelce will host the Midwest Management Association Conference in October 2027; work has begun on conference themes and planning.

Marketing – Mary Judene

- Faculty discussed strategies to increase marketing major enrollment by 20 students as part of the university Strategic Planning goal for KCOB.
- Marketing Association is planning several events with other Kelce student organizations.
- Center for Professional Selling is working on curriculum and certificate program updates.
- Continued work on the Professional Selling minor; advisory board meeting is scheduled for November.
- Partnering with Backyard Discovery to use the Behavioral Lab.

II. Engagement and Outreach Coordinator Updates

Advancement and Development – Jenni

- Utilized six graduate assistants during the Golf Tournament.
- Tournament generated approximately $14,000 in profit, which will support golf scholarships.
- Thanked faculty and staff for their assistance with event planning and execution.

Assessment and Accreditation – Josh

- MFT testing will take place next week from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Room 107.
- Browser testing has been completed successfully.
- Finished the *Ingram's* survey.
- Continuing work on Risepoint action items to increase exposure of graduate online programs.

Entrepreneurship – Jane

- Wicked Problems innovation program held this afternoon in the atrium concluded with 50 student participants and 20 community participants.
- AI Club meets every Tuesday.
- Enterprise AI presentation with Jack Qu (Pitsco) is scheduled for next Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. here in Kelce.
- Promoted Chamber Coffees and Friday FIKA gatherings.
- Working on revisions to the Entrepreneurship minor for legislative approval.
- Met with BARC representatives and encouraged participation in Friday FIKA events.
- Continuing to promote Entrepreneurship events through Instagram.

Internships and Career Readiness – Lynn

- Planning for the Internship Showcase.
- Graduate assistants are coordinating the event.
- Showcase scheduled for November 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. here in Kelce.

III. Administrative Area Updates

ADGPB – Chelsey

- Concluding advising activities for both traditional and PMBA students.
- Four graduate assistant positions are currently posted for next semester.
- Risepoint met with PSU representatives today and remains on schedule to transition the MS HRD program next year. Prepping to add an emphasis area in Leadership.
- Risepoint instructional designer and team will visit PSU to provide a workshop on course design.
- Jennifer with Risepoint will attend the December Graduation Reception on December 11 at 5:00 p.m.; commencement begins at 7:30 p.m.
- Second fall PMBA session has begun.
- Risepoint is conducting marketing analyses for Supply Chain, Sales, Finance, and Project Management programs.
- Beth Foster is seeking interest in advertising during the Kansas City football game; Risepoint has created a 30-second video ad for advertising at the football game.

ADMIN – Mimi

- The date for the Kelce Holiday party is December 7. Invitations will be sent soon.
- The date for the spring Kelce Awards Ceremony is Friday, April 16, 2027. More information to come.
- One-on-one meetings with all Kelce faculty/staff with the Dean are being set up.

ADUSB – Lynn

- Kelce Visit Day for Pittsburg High School students will be held October 29 and includes activities and major fairs.
- Meeting with Pittsburg High School faculty scheduled for December 10.
- Kelce has hosted 58 individual student visits this year.
- Student employees will be cross-trained to provide building tours.
- Canvas posting privileges have been removed and will be relaunched soon.
- Rumble in the Jungle is scheduled for November 7; faculty may volunteer to conduct tours from 8:00-9:30 a.m. Strong prospective student interest has been shown, with approximately 30+ high school students and family members expected. Academic Fair will be held as usual in the OSC Ballrooms; additional faculty support is needed.
- Discover Pitt State was held October 10 and had lower attendance than previous years.
- Our Kelce at the Weede scholarship giveaway at the basketball games is scheduled for December 5.
- Center logos are currently in development. Several options being considered.

DSES – Holly

- No report – on sick leave

Faculty Chair – Alex

- Spring enrollment begins next week.
- Closed-class requests should be directed to Academic Affairs.
- Classroom technology issues will be addressed by CTI during Thanksgiving Break.
- Program Review process revealed no concerns for Kelce programs.
- Teaching Effectiveness Task Force has met twice and plans to present a proposal to faculty soon, with a vote anticipated in December.
- Promotion and Advancement reminders will be distributed soon.
- Summer teaching budget is being developed with reduced funding resulting from last year's KNEA negotiation, resulting in fewer course offerings. (Note: KNEA requested a lower summer school budget with the money to be used for 9-month salary increase instead.)
- Work on the Fall 2027 schedule will begin soon, incorporating proposed new course times (see attached).

IV. Dean's Administrative Update
Major Topics from PAL and Academic Affairs Forums

Class Time Schedule

- Proposal to standardize class start times and increase passing time between classes to a standard 15 minutes on all days. (Currently 10 minutes on MWF and 15 minutes on TTH.)
- Target implementation date is Fall 2027.

Enrollment and Budget Considerations

- Concerns continue regarding declining enrollment and budget constraints.

Program Growth Goals

- Reviewed current KCOB major counts.
- Program Coordinators were asked to submit specific enrollment growth targets and plans for achieving those goals to Dr. Grimes.
- Reviewed Gus Classic enrollment report data for undergraduate and graduate programs in Kelce.

Graduate Salary Data

- Reviewed KBOR-reported five-year median salary data for KCOB graduates by major.

Kelce 50th Anniversary

- Planning is underway for Kelce's 50th Anniversary celebration.
- A task force will be appointed soon.

HLC Relocation Verification Visit

- Scheduled for Wednesday, November 4.
- Visitor: Dr. Ben Wolfe, Dean and CEO, K-State Olathe.
- Lunch with Program Coordinators, Outreach Coordinators, and AOL Committee Chairs will be held at noon in the Brock Boardroom.

V. Personnel Updates – Alex

- Search continues for an Economics faculty member (TE position with some BERC responsibilities).
- Search process is beginning for a Finance faculty member to replace Larry.

VI. Old and New Business

- Discussed holiday decorating plans.
- Kylie will be added to the council membership and future meeting communications.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **4:35 p.m.**

Dates to Remember

1. HLC remote site visit – Wednesday, November 4
2. Rumble in the Jungle – Saturday, November 7, optional tours of Kelce
3. Enrollment for spring begins – Sunday, November 8
4. University Authors Reception – Axe Library – Thursday, November 12
5. Internship Showcase – Thursday, November 12, Kelce Atrium
6. Last day of classes before Thanksgiving break – Friday, November 20
7. Last day to withdraw from semester – Wednesday, November 25
8. Thanksgiving Break, No Classes – November 25, 26, 27
9. Classes Resume/Dead Week Begins – Monday, November 30
10. 2+2 Agreement with Crowder College Signing – Friday, December 4
11. Kelce @ the Weed, Basketball Sponsorship – Saturday, December 5
12. Tentative date for Kelce holiday lunch – Monday, December 7
13. Finals begin – Monday, December 7
14. Semester closes – Friday, December 11
15. Graduate Business Programs Reception – Friday December 11
16. Commencement – Friday, December 11
17. Final grades due to Registrar – Tuesday, December 15