Kelce Leadership Team

Minutes for week of October 26, 2026
(Updates Compiled via E-mail – No In Person Meeting due to KLC)

In lieu of an in-person meeting, KLT submitted updates/news electronically to be compiled together.

I. Dean's Administrative Update - from 10/26 PAL+ meeting . . . .

- Cabinet update: Susan's quote ". . . nothing happened at Cabinet."
- Student Information System: Melinda provided an update on SIS progress via a handout. As it requires some explanation, I will bring that to our next gathering for discussion; but work continues.
- Commencement Budget: running low; graduation fee for undergrads eliminated several years ago; funding now a share of the Student Access Fee; share is less than previous collections and Registrar has spent down balance; requires a request to increase share to cover costs after this year
- Classroom Inventory: update is forthcoming; Lindell will conduct
- HR/Conflict of Interest Forms: Adjunct instructors DO need to complete this form; discussion of better instructions needed; new form may be forthcoming
- HR/Appointment Letters: plan to phase out annual letter for everyone on a continuing contract (not needed); notice will be going out to affected parties of this change
- DEI Legislated Mandates: KBOR formed a working group of all provosts to determine a joint approach; KU and WSU moved forward w/o others!; need to review ALL syllabi for DEI language and adjust accordingly
- Summer Budget/Staffing: Susan's quote. . . . "hold the line on the schedule."; there is $1,105,463 to spend on instructional salaries; allocations forthcoming based on past 5-years of enrollment data

Remember that Risepoint will be here Thursday, 10/29 and our HLC visitor will be here a week from tomorrow – November 4.

All went very well this past weekend with John Lowe's visit to the building. We had a great group of alumni and friends in the skybox at the game. Guy's Celebration of Life was well attended and nicely done.

II. Administrative Area Updates

- Faculty Chair – Alex Binder
    - I am meeting with DSIS and QBA faculty on Wednesday 10/28 to discuss the DSIS and QBA Kelce Core courses, how they can coordinate learning objectives related to the five courses, and the potential for an artificial intelligence course to be added to the Core
    - The Teaching Effectiveness Task Force met and agreed to the dimensions to be considered for achieving the teaching effectiveness portion of the faculty qualification. We will meet again this week to discuss the evidence considered and benchmarks for each dimension.
    - Economics position has 31 new applicants for review
    - Finance position has 47 total applicants for review

- ADGPB – Chelsey Decker

        - Wrapping up Trad. MBA and MPAcc advising before enrollment opens on 11/8.
        - GA positions are live for SP27 – have 4 applicants already with 4 positions available.
        - Risepoint on campus Thursday – sent invite to KGSB online faculty for meet & greet. Blue Spoon catering pastries and coffee.
        - Update: Instructional Connections does not assist institutions in identifying or recruiting potential adjunct faculty for online programs. As a result, I need to identify alternative faculty members to teach a few Online MBA courses scheduled for Spring 2027.
        - Update: Liz Blankenship (KGSB/Engagement GA) is working on a downtown brochure for Kelce students – requested by Dr. Grimes.
        - Update on Internship position from Aaron Shockley: PD uploaded to Position Management Kait has been asked to start the search.
- DSES – Holly Kent – no report
- ADUSB – Lynn Murray
    - Kelce Visit Day
        - Friday, 10/30, 9-1 (earlier than expected)
        - 87 Students + 2 faculty have signed up
        - Ordered 100 lunches
        - Includes an activity fair and a majors fair
    - PHS Faculty Visit
        - Marketing, finance, and management faculty
        - Thursday, 12/10, time TBD
    - Internship Reception
        - Thursday, 11/12, 10:45am, Atrium
        - Poster presentations from fall interns; posters from summer interns included as are two from communications
        - Program at printers
        - Ordered foam boards
        - Creating packets for any employers that attend
    - Kelce Canvas Pages
        - Removed posting privileges from most
        - Will relaunch next week hopefully
    - Visits
        - since 8/19, 50 visits to Kelce have been made
        - Will schedule some cross-training for Kelce student employees soon
    - Kelce @ the Weede
        - Saturday, 12/5
        - Planning stages
    - Center Logos
- ADMIN – Mimi Morrison
    - Kelce Holiday lunch is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 7 – invitations to be emailed soon
    - Kelce Awards Ceremony – tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 16 (in Kelce)
    - Admins met with Dr. Grimes last week

Dates to Remember:

1. Wicked Problem Trade Show – Thursday, October 29, 12 noon, Kelce
2. Kelce Visit Day #2 – High Schools – Friday, October 30
3. Last day to drop a single course – Thursday, November 2
4. HLC remote site visit – Wednesday, November 4
5. Rumble in the Jungle – Saturday, November 7, optional tours of Kelce

6. Enrollment for spring begins – Sunday, November 8
7. University Authors Reception – Axe Library – Thursday, November 12
8. Internship Reception – Thursday, November 12, Kelce Atrium
9. Last day of classes before Thanksgiving break – Friday, November 20
10. Last day to withdraw from semester – Wednesday, November 25
11. Thanksgiving Break, No Classes – November 25, 26, 27
12. Classes Resume/Dead Week Begins – Monday, November 30
13. Tentative date for Kelce holiday lunch – Monday, December 7
14. Finals begin – Monday, December 7
15. Semester closes – Friday, December 11
16. Commencement – Friday, December 11
17. Final grades due to Registrar – Tuesday, December 15