

MINUTES

Kelce Leadership Team
8:30 a.m. – Room #121
April 07, 2026

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

- I. Dean's Administrative Update
 - a. PAL Council – did not meet yesterday due to President Newsom's Investiture
 - b. University Leadership Team – met on Thursday; confirmation of loss of \$2.41M in legislative appropriations plus another \$2M contingent on compliance with DEI directives; 1% state employee salary raise provision – as usual, universities will need to pay ½ from self-generated funds; no legislative restrictions placed on tuition increases – “reasonably-sized” request to KBOR is likely; given constraints and rising costs (scholarships, utilities, benefits, etc.), cuts will be necessary to finalize a “challenging budget”; enrollment numbers still running ahead for fall – “Discover Pitt State” student recruiting event scheduled for this Saturday, April 11th
 1. KLT discussed opinions on raising tuition and still meeting enrollment goals; there are several constraints in place for budget cut as most of college budget is tied up in personnel
 - c. Gorilla Rising Coordination Task Force – met last Friday; when President Newsom learned that KCOB faculty were planning to move themselves and use students to assist, he instructed that the university hire movers to make it easier and asked VP Ball to find the money – Dean's Office will work on coordinating and working out logistical details; furniture arrival and installation plans provided by Scott Rice personnel (see attached) – starts only one month from now!; confirmation that 2 Gus Bus shuttles will be utilized with a third available if demand warrants; one floor of Hotel Besse now under contract with KCOB students as part of BARC living-learning community – 2 floors still available – need to encourage more students to consider; overall, Besse is now at 50% capacity for the fall
 - d. KBOA – save the date email sent to all board members last Friday; will be last KBOA meeting in current building; will be held on traditional “Monday after Spring Commencement” – May 18th
 - e. AACSB – next week 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
- II. New Building
 - a. All furniture and public computer requisitions are now submitted – computers set to arrive on April 20-21 and furniture is scheduled to start arriving on May 5 – see attached for projected delivery/installation schedule
 - b. Email notice of meeting on April 24th sent to all faculty and staff last Friday
 - c. Planned parking meeting about the mix of Blue and Brown parking spaces and other transportation issues was not held due to scheduling conflicts – rescheduled for later today
 - d. KCOB Administrative Assistants and student artist taking a walk-through of new building on Friday; Abby and print shop personnel joining to evaluate signage spaces; Stu joining to evaluate security
- III. Administrative Area Updates
 - a. FC – Alex: CTLT has spots available for the teaching online courses series of workshops – we've had 3 volunteer to apply – recommendation needed from the chair; he will report for jury duty in federal court on April 30; we have 4 new courses (sales & accounting) for next year going through faculty senate for approval; students start pre-enrolling next Sunday for the fall semester
 - b. ADGPB – Chelsey: catalog changes for graduate programs – changing the MBA quantitative course to new QBA 826 description – also minor updates to curriculum for MPAcc – with a few other small changes; still advising traditional MBA students; GA's – working on new hires for fall – two current GAs returning for one semester; met with HRD faculty (with Grimes & Binder) – good, productive meeting – moving ahead with transitioning the online MSHRD to Risepoint model; online store for purchasing stoles is now available; summer business camp in Taiwan with sister university in Taipei – had 5 students apply and have selected 4 – accepted students receive full-ride

- c. DSES – Holly: Business Studies/Business Education track – contacted Gene Dockers – will need to meet and revise assessments to make sure we’re aligned with state standards; Internship reception is April 23 – starts at 11:00 with poster presentations at 11:45; reached out to Abby about banner for old building that announces we have moved – need to have it ready for summer; Holly will be in Pittsburg next week – Monday and Tuesday: all 14 enrolled students have paid-up for Study Abroad trip – next meeting coming up in person – will be traveling with another university (Polk State College in Lakeland, FL)
- d. ADUSB – Lynn: April 24th is last Kelce visit day; BGS registrations are coming in – May 14 is date for reception
- e. ADMIN – Mimi: working on program for awards reception – will distribute to KLT to review

IV. Personnel Updates – Positions Open/Vacant

- a. Forecasting Director – Provost Bon granted go ahead for a TE Economics position with some duties attached to BERC; Alex starting paperwork this week; Provost’s office is creating a new salary line for position – working on position description
- b. Data Technician – 2 campus interviews completed after the third dropped out; offer forthcoming – still waiting for approval from Jamie Lynn in EEO
- c. Economics (Tenure Earning) – see a. above

V. Old or New Business - none

VI. Adjourn – 9:55 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 23 – Internship Reception in OSC – starts at 11:00 a.m.
 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 College Meeting – 2:30 p.m., location TBD
 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