

Kelce College of Business
General Faculty Meeting
Minutes
October 7, 2008, 4:00 pm

Present: Ms. Becky Casey, Dr. Jack Fay, Dr. Becky Heath, Dr. Kanthi Herath, Dr. David O'Bryan, Ms. Mary Polfer, Dr. Melvin Roush, Dr. Kailash Chandra, Dr. Maeve Cummings, Dr. Felix Dreher, Dr. James Harris, Dr. Wei Sha, Mr. Dwight Strong, Dr. Kevin Bracker, Dr. Dindo Cortes, Dr. Anil Lal, Mr. Mike McKinnis, Dr. Mike Muoghalu, Dr. Connie Shum, Dr. Mujtaba Ahsan, Dr. Don Baack, Dr. Thomas Box, Dr. Henry Crouch, Dr. Linden Dalecki, Dr. Chris Fogliasso, Dr. Eric Harris, Dr. Choong Lee, Ms. Kristen Maceli, Dr. Lynn Murray, Dr. Jay van Wyk, Dr. Richard Dearth, Ms. Robyn Hess. **Others Present:** Dr. Steve Scott, Ms. Mary Scimeca, Ms. Paula Palmer, Ms. Mimi Morrison, Ms. Jessica Hicks.

The Kelce College of Business faculty and staff met at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 in Room 224 Kelce. Dr. Dearth opened the meeting with the announcement that the Maintenance of Accreditation team had given the College of Business a positive recommendation with no exceptions or reservations. No formal announcement can be made until the matter is final. The accreditation team in Tampa can have a different opinion. The official written announcement will come from AACSB International in Tampa, Florida.

Dr. Dearth informed the faculty that the accreditation team members were very impressed with the high quality and committed faculty in the college. The team leader stated that this is the best visit she has been on with the most well equipped document room. The team stated that PSU and the College of Business had a very nice appearance. They were impressed with enrollment progression, with quality and productivity of faculty, and the rigor of AQ/PQ standards. They were particularly impressed with the MBA Program and the fact that MBA students in Kelce understand financial analysis. Additional areas that were received well from the team were: the high quality of the Journal of Managerial Issues; high demand for specialty areas; committed advisory boards; that teaching and assessment are part of the culture; the student leadership council; the appearance of the building; that 1/3 of Kelce faculty are international, the BIE grant, and the SIFE Team and their record. The team also informed Dr. Dearth that PSU and Kelce have creatively done the most they could with what there is to work with as far as the facility is concerned.

The only recommendations made were to continue with the assessment process but find ways to streamline that process; revise the format of the strategic plan (need more "action items"); display the Student Code of Ethics; and consider expanding the Mission Statement.

Dr. Dearth thanked Kelce custodial staff – Sue Ann Barnes & Randy Marietta for keeping the Kelce building clean and all of the extra work they did to prepare for the accreditation visit. He thanked the faculty for everything they have contributed. Additionally, he thanked Ms. Jessica Hicks, a student employee in the Dean's office, who organized and prepared the 12 volumes of faculty publications from 2003-2008 – the accreditation team was highly impressed with the amount of publishing that Kelce faculty are involved with. Dr. Dearth also thanked Ms. Mimi Morrison for all of her work on preparing documentation and taking care of the details of the

visit. He thanked the Chairs for their diligent hard work, Chris Fleury for his assistance with setting up computers and technology for the team, and Dr. Box for his continued assistance with assessment.

Dr. Dearth turned the meeting over to Dr. Steve Scott, Provost. Dr. Scott praised the faculty and staff of Kelce for their hard work and continuing efforts toward making the College and the University a high quality institution.

Dr. Henry Crouch thanked Dr. Dearth for his leadership while he has been Interim Dean, and with working so diligently toward maintaining accreditation.

The meeting dismissed at 4:30 pm

Richard C. Dearth, JD, Interim Dean