



KEAN

FULL SENATE MEETING MINUTES

7 APRIL 2026 3:20PM-4:20PM. Kean Hall Room 127 [In Person]

Full Senate Meetings: [Zoom Webinar Link](#) Meeting ID: 921 4068 6642; Passcode: 232451

I. Call to Order. CK called the meeting to order at 3:20 with a commendation to Jun Cheng, Ph.D., for the Bradley Brach storm-driven erosion project.

II. Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting.

A. Approval of Full Senate Minutes from 3/24/26. Motion to approve, KC; second JN. All approve.

III. Curriculum Items for Notification and/or Vote.

New Programs:

None

Revised Programs:

A. Biotechnology Science, M.S. [Dr. David Joiner] – program was approved at last UCC meeting, March 26, 2026. Chair CK read the program description for informational purposes.

IV. President's and/or Provost's Address to the Senate.

Neither able to be present.

V. Old Business.

A. Guidelines for Student Evaluations of Course Experiences: Process and Forms

[CK explained that the guidelines were returned to three committees for review: Assessment, Academic Standards and Policies, and Student Admission and Retention.

B. New Modalities [Synchronous Distributed Course] proposed for merged NJCU – modality approved for online only.

[Academic Technology and Multi-Media Committee provided a review of their findings, which included concerns and recommendations/solutions.

C. AI Guidance Documents (Student and Faculty)

[in Committee: Academic Standards and Policies Committee reviewing]

VI. New Business.

A. NJCU Merger – Departmental Curricular Issues/Concerns – Proposal for an Ad-Hoc Committee. Ck expressed that there are concerns being voiced across the campus about the lack of information, the numerous questions, logistics, etc. It was proposed by the Senate Exec that an Ad-Hoc Committee be formed to collect and seek answers to the assortment of questions that our faculty and staff have.

B. CK shared some limited answers to questions from the Merger FAQ page. HL shared a response heard from the CLA Dean concerning advisement – with NJCU faculty not being expected to advise, what will happen with those students when they arrive at Kean? It was explained that faculty coming to KU will be trained and expected to advise. DC shared the senate exec's discussion concerning the complexity and scope of the merger, with critical elements not yet being shared across the campus, allowing everyone to move in unison. Restating the Senate's charge as an advisory body to policy making. DC further explained the value of broad representation on the Ad-Hoc committee, to include



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the KFT, NJCU colleagues, etc. Acknowledging the time that remains, DC suggested that this committee might continue during the summer. Laura Baecher noted that there is a faculty Transition Team working at NJCU and that perhaps the Ad-Hoc committee might work with this team. BLee asked for more information about this team, wondering who is involved, what is happening, noting that this is the first time many are hearing about this group. BLee also noted the problem with major decisions being made during the summer months when most faculty are not under contract. GV affirmed that all seek to assure a smooth transition. She also asked how NJCU faculty will be trained in the COE, noting the particularities within the COE. JN suggested that advisement be supported via templates for each program, within the registration software. IK suggested that the departments be surveyed (at the College level) to collect a broad basket of concerns for the Ad-Hoc committee. JN recommended that chair and deans use traditional methods of communication to assure broader understanding. GS asked for clarification regarding the formation and operational plan of the Ad-Hoc committee. DC affirmed that the Ad-Hoc Committee is meant to complement the other efforts that are going on, not to usurp, but to have productive input and proactive participation.

- C. CK reviewed the resolutions provided to the senators - suggesting that these resolutions be brought to the senate for a vote April 21.
- Legacy transitional committee at NJCU
 - Released time for Senate Service (Exec and Committee Chairs)
 - DGEIS function – suggests that the unit be converted to a College
 - Restatement of Senate authority – constitutional limits and responsibilities

VII. Committee Reports.

None.

VIII. Notice(s) of Motion.

Motion to create an Ad-Hoc Committee for Faculty Merger Issues – to be convened by Dean Casale to elect a chair. Laura Baecher suggested the committee be a standing committee versus Ad-Hoc. It was determined that a standing committee would require constitutional change to add a new committee. JN moved, AG seconded. NG asked for confirmation that that Ad-Hoc Committee is focusing on faculty concerns versus staff concerns. She suggests the staff issues be part of a Staff Ad-Hoc Committee to be formed later. The Senate unanimously voted to approve the creation of this committee. A senator asked who would serve on the committee and CK advised interested parties to contact Dean Casale.

IX. Question/Discussion Period. Further Open Discussion on Agenda items. (Time Permitting)

CO asked about the released time resolution. CK explained that he is the only executive who receives release time, noting that released time might also provide incentive for senators to serve. CO suggests that senators receive 1 credit of released time.

X. Other Business Items [from Senate members]

XI. Adjournment. CK motions to adjourn, CA seconds. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm



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Upcoming Meetings.

1. Senate Executive Committee – 04/14/26 – In person J-302 + Zoom option. 3:20pm
2. Full Senate Meeting – 04/21/26 Kean Hall 127 & Zoom Webinar. 3:20pm
3. The complete meeting schedule for the spring semester is available at:
<https://www.kean.edu/offices/university-senate/meeting-schedule-2025-2026-executive-committee-and-full-senate>

Senators in attendance

1	Mukul Acharya [MA]	P
2	Craig Anderson [CA]	P
3	Denise Anderson [DA]	P
4	Billie Bailey [BB]	P
5	Norma Bowe [NB]	P
6	Dean Casale [DC]	P
7	Kathleen Curran [KC]	P
8	Gilda DelRisco [GDR]	P
9	Adam Eckart [AE]	P
10	Edward Farnum [EF]	P
11	Gabriel Fuentes [GF]	P
12	Aaron Gubi [AG]	P
13	Will Heyniger [WH]	P
14	Ipek Kocoglu [IK]	P
15	Craig Konyk [CK]	P
16	Barbara Lee [BLee]	P
17	Brenna Levine [BL]	P
18	Holly Logue [HL]	P
19	Patrick McManimon [PMcM]	P
20	Matthew Mongelli [MM]	E
21	Mahchid Namazi [MN] sub Sarah Patten	P
22	Julia Nevarez [JN]	P
23	Cailin O'Connor [CO]	P
24	Nicole Rodriguez [NR]	P
25	Benito Sanchez [BS]	P
26	Galia Shokry [GS]	P
27	Dawn Smith-Jeffries [DSJ]	P
28	Zakeeyah Speight [ZS] Megan Engels sub	P
29	Gail Verdi [CV]	P
30	Veysel Yucetepe [VY]	P

P = Present A =

* = Late **=Remotely

Absent E =Excused [] = Proxy



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Student Representatives:

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Guests: names gathered from sign in-sheet and webinar participant list*

1	Joy Moskowitz
2	Jonathan Mercantini
3	Laura Lorentzen
4	Mike Salvatore
5	Joe Gasparo
6	Brian Oakes
7	John Donellen
8	Claire Mulry
9	Laura Baecher*
10	A Diego*
11	Beth*
12	Dina Stoudmire*
13	Donna Piscopo*
14	Ijeoma Anyanwu*
15	Jeanne Beckner*
16	Katherine Calle B*
17	Raul Barrera*
18	Cynthia Atkins
19	Susan Ahern
20	Catricia Shaw
21	Dawn Worley

If others were present online, apologies for not capturing all names. If you wish to be noted, please send a request to senate@kean.edu