KEAN

UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING

MINUTES

October 20, 2026, 2:15 – 3:30 pm

Kean Hall Room 127 [In Person]

Zoom webinar link, Meeting ID: 945 4407 0581; Passcode: 028054

I. **Call to order**
Chair SA calls the meeting to order at 2:20 pm followed by a moment of silence for Dr. Regal

II. **Approval of Minutes** – October 6, 2026, meeting. SA seeks a motion to approve the meeting minutes; KC moves to approve, EF seconds. Minutes unanimously approved.

III. **Curriculum Items for Notification and/or Vote**
None

IV. **President and/or Provost Remarks**

V. **Announcements**

VI. **Standing/Ad hoc Committee Reports**
None

VII. **Old Business**

a. Resolution 2026-05 regarding ARTP Standards – Universal and Departmental (~2:40 – 2:55)
SA summarized the history of the development of the above standards prior to a vote. NGC moved to end the discussion. Second by BS. Senate unanimously voted to end the discussion and proceed with the vote. NR commented that the word ”joint” resolution was written on the ballot. SA noted that it was an error and that it is a Senate resolution. MM collected ballots and counted them; GS confirmed the votes: **22 YES, 2 ABSTAIN**. The resolution is approved. SA announced it will be forwarded to the president and provost.

b. Resolution 2026-06 creating a Senate Subcommittee on Teaching & Learning (~2:55 – 3:10)
SA summarized the content and purpose of the resolution. The committee will consist of 2 members from each college. With no further comments, a motion was entertained to end the discussion and proceed to the vote. DA moved to end the discussion. Second by MM. Senate unanimously voted to end the discussion and proceed with the vote. MM collected the paper ballots and tallied them; GS confirmed the votes: **21 YES, 3 NO**.

c. Resolution 2026-07 to pause new distance learning courses and programs pending an audit of current offerings, including a student and faculty survey to assess student learning, was brought for discussion.

SA summarized the resolution and noted that it was discussed at the last full senate

meeting and extensively during two executive senate meetings. Senate executive members also received communication from Dr. Youngblood outlining the position of Kean Global. In the email exchange, Dr. Salvatore proposed tabling the resolution for now and working with the DL committee and others first.

Comments solicited by SA from the senators: BS commented that students need to learn how to learn. We have a big problem in higher education, and it is called AI. The impact of AI and online learning is that Kean's reputation will deteriorate as students have not learned/internalized the knowledge. We need to ensure that students learning online get the same quality as those in F2F classes.

Another senator commented that AI checker is no longer in use. Suggested that online students complete a residency and include live lectures. Another senator interjected that lectures are recorded, and any student can access them. Another commented that they would teach a hybrid course but likely not an online course; would like to see us pause online for now.

Another senator offered the College of Education's perspective. Their department has had a working relationship with Kean Global. For the graduate level, their enrollment would be in single digits without the online component. Consider growth in enrollment and student interest as well.

Another senator commented that the 8-week courses don't work for all classes. Students are not engaged and did not respond even in the chat. Expressed reservations about several online courses in our department that were developed by adjunct, non-tenured faculty. Kean students need to be in the classroom, learn to engage in conversation, and understand the content before going out into the world to apply it.

It was also suggested that, based on brain research, students cannot multitask. She noted that students are cooking or out for a walk during an online class when asked to turn on the camera.

Another senator commented on her positive experience as a product of online education. They completed their education as an adult online student. Adult students especially need the online modality.

Senator also asserted that quality matters. There should be a limit/cap on the number of online courses at different levels, for example, no online courses for freshmen.

JOC from Kean Online commented that Kean Global manages the online modality, but faculty develop the courses and department chairpersons select the course developpers. Periodic review and feedback from faculty is solicited. In the modern era, there are some checks and balances. There are several programs that have synchronous components. Kean offers a fraction of the courses Rutgers, WP, and Montclair offer per regional standards. The average student is a working adult around 28-29. Agrees that a freshman student should not be in an online class. Some gating is needed. For example, a certain age or amount of work experience for finance courses. We need to develop a partnership with faculty who control the curriculum.

SA solicited further comments; as there were no comments, a motion was entertained to end the discussion and proceed with the vote. GR moved to end the discussion. Second by COC. Senate unanimously voted to end the discussion.

SA tabled the resolution to allow further discussions with the administration and work by

the Distance Learning Committee. SA proposed to table the vote on resolution 2026-07.

VIII. New Business

a. New Course schedule: Robyn Roebuck and Scott Snowden
RR introduced the course schedule. To inform the new schedule, focus groups were held from a variety of programs and included staff, faculty, and students. RR informed that they sent survey was sent to over 2,000 students. Registrar and VPAA's office made a presentation to the Senate at the December 16 Senate meeting, but there was not enough time to discuss the schedule in more detail. The committee considered several factors while developing the new schedule. RR asserts that academic departments continue to have autonomy with respect to scheduling.

SS presented the master schedule and the various formats. Evening options were needed for adults who are returning to graduate school.

SA proposed continuing this discussion in the future. SA presented a summary results of the a survey sent to faculty, including verbatim responses to open-ended questions. SS expressed openness to further conversations at future senate meetings and interest in collaboration.

IX. Question/Discussion Period

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn entertained. DAH seconded motion. Unanimous approval to adjourn at 3:35

Upcoming Meetings

A. Senate Executive Committee – 10/27/2026 In Person; Room J-302 2:15 pm
B. Full Senate Meeting – 11/11/2026 Kean Hall 127 & Zoom Webinar. 2:15 pm
The complete meeting schedule for 2026-2027 is available at:
https://www.kean.edu/offices/university-senate/meeting-schedule-2026-2027

Senators

1.	Dawn Adams-Harmon [DAH]	P
2.	Sucheta Ahlawat [SA]	P
3.	Denise Anderson [DA]	P
4.	Billie Bailey [BB]	**
5.	Norma Bowe [NB]	P
6.	Nira Gupta-Casale [NGC]	P
7.	Kathleen Curran [KC]	P
8.	Gilda DelRisco [GDR]	P
9.	Edward Farnum [EF]	P
10.	Will Heyniger [WH]	P
11.	Ipek Kocoglu [IK]	**
12.	Craig Konyk [CK]	P
13.	John Lee [JL]	**
14.	Brenna Levine [BL]	P
15.	Patrick McManimon [PMcM]	P

16.	Matthew Mongelli [MM]	P
17.	Reenat Munshi [RM]	P
18.	Mahchid Namazi [MN]	P
19.	Julia Nevarez [JN]	A
20.	Eunice Nkansah [EN]	E
21.	Cailin O'Connor [COC]	P
22.	Nicole Rodriguez [NR]	P
23.	Dina Rosen [DR]	**
24.	Benito Sanchez [BS]	P
25.	Gaila Shokry [GS]	P
26.	Zakeeyah Speight [ZS]	**
27.	Dawn Smith-Jeffries [DSJ]	P
28.	Gail Verdi [GV]	P
29.	Shuo Yang [SY]	P
30.	Veysel Yucetepe [VY]	P

P = Present A = Absent E = Excused [ ] = Proxy * = Late **=Remote

KJC Executive Members

1.	John Donnellan (JD)	P
2.	Hanae Haouari (HH)	P
3.	EunSu Lee (EL)	P
4.	Christopher Shamburg (CS)	P
5.	Joyce Wright (JW)	P

Guests in Attendance

Laura Baecher	
Jay O'Callaghan	
Charles Campbell	
Joy Moskovitz	
Robyn Roebuck	
Scott Snowden	
Joseph Youngblood	

Guests on Zoom Webinar

MH	Shuting Liu
Allison	Victor Tuazon
Ally Spears	Weichun Zhu
Brid Nicholson	Zakeeyah Speight
Chris Cunningham (he/him)	Joyce Wright
Daphna El Roy	Mike Rodruigez
Dawn Marie Dowd	Yufeng Wei
Ellen Burke	Camille
Harriet Phillip	
Jacqueline Keli	
Keri Giordano	
Lauren Pinkard	
Mansi Brat	
Maria Shumskaya	
Maureen Byrne	
Melissa Henry	
Nicole Schroeder	