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## FULL SENATE MEETING AGENDA

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

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**I. Call to Order.** Chair Konyk called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm. The Chair acknowledged the broad showcase of research across the campus during the annual Research Days. Congratulations were offered to Reenat Munshi and her team. He also acknowledged Dr. Chris Bellitto for his role and presence as a papal scholar.

**II. Approval of Full Senate Minutes** from 04/07/26. Motion to approve was made by EF seconded by JN and unanimously approved.

### **III. Curriculum Items for Notification and/or Vote.**

#### New Program:

1. Minor in Linguistics. [Dr. Iyad Ghanim] was unable to attend but provided text for the Chair to read, which he did. This program was approved by the UCC.

#### Revised Program:

1. Genetic Counseling, M.S. [Dr. Jill Fischer] This program was also approved by the UCC.

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

None scheduled.

### **V. Old Business**

- A. **NJCU Senate Merger – Joint Resolution Update.** Senate Executive Committee [SEC] members from NJCU, John Donellen, Hanae Haouari and Joyce Wright, were present and acknowledged.
- B. **Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on Faculty Merger Issues** – Organizational Meeting will be held Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 3:20pm in Hutchinson Hall J-302.

### **VI. New Business:**

- A. **Senate Election Results** – Matt Mongelli shared the top 8 vote getters who, with the non-unit manager candidate, Reenat Munshi, will compose the Senate Class of 2029. Full results for Senate and Committees with vote tallies will be posted on the Senate website and blasted to all fac/staff. The Senate re-organizational meeting will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> for the installation of the new Senators and the election of Officers and new Exec Comm members.

### **VII. Committee Report:**

- A. **Academic Technology & Media Committee** – Recommendation Report on Synchronous Distributed Course Modality was shared with acknowledgement of the work of the committee. The report is also on the Senate Website under Committee Reports.



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### VIII. Notice(s) of Motion:

**A. Motion to approve Senate RESOLUTION #2026-01:** UNIVERSITY SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION - Interim Organizational Structure for Kean Jersey City Senate. CK and JD indicated that the NJCU Senate has already approved this resolution for the interim organizational structure. JN made a motion to vote. MA seconded. No discussion followed.

**Vote tally = 27 Yes, 1 No, 0 abstention.** Resolution #2026-01 was officially signed by Craig Konyk and John Donellen in the presence of the Full Senate and guests of the Senate.

**B. Motion to approve Senate RESOLUTION #2026-02:** UNIVERSITY SENATE RESOLUTION - Release Time for Serving on the Senate. DA made a motion to approve, JN seconded. During discussion, HL expressed an understanding that faculty /staff may need incentives to serve on the Senate. She also noted that her work as secretary had been what she considered her University Service. BLee expressed similar feelings and provided some historical context while acknowledging the expansion of expectations of faculty at this time. DSJ noted that staff do not receive released time, asking whether there is an equivalent. NR noted that comp time would be the equivalent. CO expressed appreciation for the attempt to provide some release for the committee work. MA mentioned an idea of having elections processed by Campus Labs, which might make the process more efficient, addressing the low voter turnout and labor-intensive process. He also noted that the Senate is not for everyone; that folks who wish to take part in the Senate need to understand the expectation and spirit of true service. MA questioned how the assignment of released time would be determined. MM affirmed that certain positions (noting secretary position in particular) do extra work, and that Vice Chair work is heavier in the Spring semester (which can take time away from research) but in Fall there is little extra work. He concluded by suggesting that if we do provide released time, that expectations of committee chairs and secretaries be explicit and clear, and that committee meeting notes be provided on a regular basis. DC noted that released time gives this work tangible value, sending a message that this service is important. With the erosion of shared governance there appears to be a collective attitude towards this work - "to what purpose?" - He suggested that going forward further discussion can be had to determine mechanisms for the assignment. Manny from the webinar asked whether it is a conflict of interest for the Senate to recommend released time for the executives? IK commented about the R2 status and its effect on the timing of this resolution, considering where we are headed at Kean strategically.

**Vote tally = 21 Yes, 4 No, 2 Abstain.** Resolution #2026-02 is Approved.



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~~C. Motion to approve Senate RESOLUTION #2026-03: UNIVERSITY SENATE RESOLUTION—Change of the Organizational Structure for the Newly Formed Division of General Education and Interdisciplinary Studies [DGEIS]. [NOTE: Under KFT Review]~~

D. Motion to approve Senate RESOLUTION #2026-04: UNIVERSITY SENATE RESOLUTION - Reaffirmation of Senate Authority. Motion to approve was made by EF, seconded by BB. IK asked how we assure the Senate Authority Reaffirmation is put into practice? BS asked why we needed this affirmation? JN asked that CK provide some context for the need to restate the Senate's authority. CA noted that there have been actions taken by the administration that seemed to overlook this authority.

**Vote tally = 25 Yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions.** Resolution #2026-04 is Approved.

### IX. Question/Discussion Period [30 Min.]

DC pitched the Ad-Hoc Task Force for the NJCU KU merger. He is hopeful that the Ad-Hoc committee will function and go forward, noting that efforts akin to this in the past have been very successful (citing the example of the evaluation of Blackboard as an LMS) as an example of participatory shared governance. JN shared that, at a the NJCU Faculty Meeting of yesterday, she learned that textbooks are included in the tuition costs. There was agreement that this would be something to consider adopting at KU. DA indicated that, since our last Full Senate meeting, there have been notable efforts made to provide a transition for students, but there are still holes in the process, and a lack of information persists. She expressed concern about how this process reflects on KU as an institution.

### X. Other Business/ Items (from Senate Members)

A website participant asked whether the Senate has a position on whether NJCU chairs can become coordinators at KU? If not, there are workload implications, CK suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee take up this topic. BLee asked KFT President, James Castiglione whether there is a process in place for this, or a LOA in terms of when a JC member of the faculty could run for chair, JC responded that once the merger is effective, NJCU faculty would be a member of the department and if they have tenure and rank, they could run. He also shared that he wouldn't know the compensation for the additional workload quite yet. There is a proposal under discussion that JC chairs become associate chairs at KU. There would not be a separate chair at the JC campus but having representation there is necessary. Chairs normally receive 6 credits release per semester, and that associate or vice chairs normally receive 3 credits. BLee asked whether any of the JC faculty would be coming over as chair. NJCU rep expressed that this is still under discussion but that it is not expected that there will be co-chairs (or 2 chairs).



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**XI. Adjournment** Motion to adjourn was made by IK and seconded by JN. All approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:23pm

### Upcoming Meetings:

1. Final Senate Executive Committee of AY 25/26 – 04/28/26 – In person J-302 + Zoom option. 3:20pm
2. Final Full Senate Meeting of AY 25/26 – 05/05/26 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>



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	SENATORS PRESENT	
1	Mukul Acharya	P
2	Craig Anderson	P
3	Denise Anderson	P
4	Billie Bailey	P
5	Norma Bowe	P
6	Dean Casale	P
7	Kathleen Curran	P
8	Gilda DelRisco	P
9	Adam Eckart	P
10	Edward Farnum	P
11	Gabrie Fuentes	P
12	Aaron Gubi	A
13	Will Heyniger	P
14	Ipek Kocoglu	P
15	Craig Konyk	P
16	Barbara Lee	P
17	Brenna Levine	P
18	Holly Logue	P
19	Patrick McManimon	A
20	Matt Mongelli	P
21	Mahchid Namazi	P
22	Julia Nevarez	P
23	Cailin O'Connor	P
24	Nicole Rodriguez	P
25	Benito Sanchez	P
26	Galia Shokry	P
27	Dawn Smith-Jeffries	P
28	Zakeeyah Speight	P
29	Gail Verdi	P
30	Veysel Yucatepe	P



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	GUESTS PRESENT	
1	Joy Moskovitz	
2	Joyce Wright - NJCU	
3	John Donellen - NJCU	
4	Hanae Haouari - NJCU	
5	Joe Gasparo	
6	Jonathan Mercantini	
7	Beatrice Contreras	
8	Shuting Liu	