



# KEAN

## FULL SENATE MEETING MINUTES

**5 MAY 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 p.m. CK acknowledged the difficulties but wished to acknowledge the hard work done by Kean Administration in achieving the Middle States approval of the NJCU merger. He also celebrated the choice of former US poet laureate Amanda Gorman as commencement speaker.

**II. Approval of Full Senate Minutes from 04/21//26.** Motion to approve the minutes was made by DSJ and seconded by MA. Unanimous approval of the Minutes.

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

**1/ New Programs:** Chair Konyk shared the summary descriptions of the programs below:

1. Digital Marketing Minor  
Contact person: Valerie Vaccaro
2. Minor in Interdisciplinary Sports Studies  
Contact person: Suzanne Schwab

**2/ Revised Programs:**

1. See attached 5-page list of programs – programs in black have been approved, programs in green are pending. Programs in red are programs needing to be approved. CK suggested that the Senate conditionally approve all of these revised program guide sheets, and pending UCC review, have the final list submitted to the Senate for the record. There were no objections offered by the Senators to this proposal.

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

Dr. Repollet's schedule was very limited, but he had hoped to address the Senate at its final session of the year, but was not able to.

### **V. Old Business**

**A. Feedback Report from Academic Standards & Policies Committee on proposed Guidelines for Student Evaluations of Course Experiences:** Process and Forms. Chair Konyk thanks the Academic Standards and Policy Committee for producing a very detailed report on this, with helpful recommendations. Report can be found on the Senate website. This will be a priority for the next Senate to address.

**B. Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on Faculty Merger Issues** – Update provided to the Senate by DC. Committee met 4/23. Purpose was to define the scope, goals, and organizational structure of the committee and hear from attendees their concerns. Three major themes emerged 1: communication, 2: coordination and 3: more collaboration. The



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intent is for the committee to continue its work through the summer and next Academic Year. At the Senate reorganization meeting on May 13, chairs or co-chairs can be selected for the next AY26/27 Ad-Hoc Committee on the Merger, if decided upon.

### VI. New Business:

- A. Senate Reorganization will occur on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. MSC 228. New Senators will be installed, officers elected, and executive committee formed. Outgoing Senators are welcome, not required to attend.
- B. Incoming 56th Senate Retreat @ the Skylands, TBD.

### VII. Committee Report:

None scheduled but DA reported on the BoT meeting from May 4, 2026, sharing the Senate activity topics she addressed, which included: the senate merger, and the formation of an Ad-Hoc committee on faculty merger issues. She also shared that the President acknowledged the good work of all involved in the merger process; staff, faculty, and Chairs and Deans. Congratulations to Dr. Brian Regal, who was awarded the Professor Emeritus and Dr. Zandra Gra, who was awarded Professor Emerita.

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

None scheduled.

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

JN shared that she had seen a KJC graduate education program advertised online, commencing for the summer.

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

#### A. Senate Acknowledgements

Chair CK expressed his appreciation for the work of the departing senators: Mukul Acharya, Craig Anderson, Dean Casale, Kathleen Curran, Gilda DelRisco, Adam Eckert, Aaron Gubi, Nira Gupta-Casale, Barbara Lee, Holly Logue, Cailin O'Connor. Special acknowledgement went to the senate officers Anderson, Logue, Mongelli. And finally, CK acknowledged the very special work of Beatrice Contreras for her assistance with the website and organizing/planning the meetings.



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**XI. Adjournment:** JN motioned to adjourn, NB seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 3:52PM

### Upcoming Meetings:

Senate Reorganization – Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 10 AM MSC 228

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 in attendance

1	Mukul Acharya [MA]	P
2	Craig Anderson [CA]	E
3	Denise Anderson [DA]	P
4	Billie Bailey [BB]	A
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] [delegate – Darion Washington]	P
12	Aaron Gubi [AG]	A
13	Will Heyniger [WH]	P
14	Ipek Kocoglu [IK] [delegate - Dan Liu]	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]	P
21	Mahchid Namazi [MN]	P
22	Julia Nevarez [JN]	P
23	Cailin O'Connor [CO] [delegate - Joseph Sarnoski]	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] [delegate - Megan Engels]	P
P 29	Gail Verdi [CV]	P
30	Veysel Yucetepe [VY]	P

= Present A = Absent E =Excused [ ] = Proxy \* = Late \*\*=Remotely



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

1	Joy Moskowitz
2	Jonathan Mercantini
3	James Castiglione
4	Mike Salvatore
5	Joe Gasparo
6	Brian Oakes
7	John Donellen*
8	Bruce Waltuk
9	Cynthia Atkins
10	Neva Losado
11	Catricia Shaw
12	Andrea Rosa*
13	Bok Gyo Jeong*
14	Catherine Nicholson*
15	Daphna*
16	David Birdsell*
17	Hanae Haouari*
18	James Konopack*
19	Jesenia Cipolla*
20	Jessica Adams*
21	Joyce Wright*
22	JoAnn Pobuta*
23	Kalasia Ojeh*
24	Karla Rivera*
24	Kathleen Rugh*
25	Marian Gracia*
26	Marianne Gass*
27	Mingjing Sun*
28	Rachel Kahn
29	Renalison Pereira*
30	Rongsun Pu*
31	Sean Keegan-Landis*

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](mailto:senate@kean.edu)