KEAN

FULL SENATE MEETING MINUTES

20 JANUARY 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, celebrated Darlene Repollet for her new podcast; a conversation with Sara Peña, an alumnus success story, and welcomed our guests from the NJCU Senate.

II. **Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting.**

1. Approval of Full Senate Minutes from 12/16/25. Motion to approve: KC; Second: BB
   Unanimous vote to approve

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

New Programs presented with supplemental materials in the Senate folder distributed by Chair Konyk:

1. Emergency Services Minor [Prof. *Kathleen Curran*] With the increase in public health crises, the minor is designed to help students with the knowledge and skills to serve in public health and emergency management and services. Courses are in development.
2. B.A. in Criminal Justice – General Option [*Dr. Patrick McManimon*] The Criminal Justice program has concentrations that are being converted to options, which helps students to demonstrate their study and expertise in the respective areas of emphasis, and which will appear on the student transcript. Otherwise, there is no curricular change to the CJ concentrations.
3. B.A. in Criminal Justice - Corrections Option [*Dr. Patrick McManimon*]
4. B.A. in Criminal Justice – Cyber-Security Option [*Dr. Patrick McManimon*]
5. B.A. in Criminal Justice - Investigations Option [*Dr. Patrick McManimon*]
6. B.A. in Criminal Justice - Law Option [*Dr. Patrick McManimon*]
7. B.A. in Criminal Justice - Policing Option [*Dr. Patrick McManimon*]
8. Early Childhood Education, Preschool through Third Grade (P-3), Certification
   [*Prof. B. Lee*] Program put thru the curriculum process last year, but the DOE shared new requirements that resulted in a shift to the program.

Revised Programs – approved but provided for notification:

1. Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Nursing Leadership [*Prof. Chrysanthe Patestos*]
2. P-3 Modified Alternate Route, Non-Degree Certification Program [*Prof. B. Lee*]

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

None.

V. **Old Business.**

1. Draft Academic Integrity and AI Expectations Kean University – Senate feedback requested under item IX. See below.
2. NJCU Curriculum Integration and Related Issues.
   a. Additional Resources for enlarged Student Populations. Some of the integration work falls disproportionately on some faculty. CK reported that the President is considering a chair and/or associate chair on the NJCU campus to assist in the management of units in need.
3. FA26 Scheduling Issues – designed to assist with the combined NJCU/KU curricula, but CK noted that there is flexibility in the schedule to accommodate unique labs, outside courses, courses that occur in dedicated classrooms – but reminds all that students need to be able to take courses within the new schedule as well. An adjunct guest attendee asked about the schedule and was told that he could check with his chair for further information. Chair of the NJCU senate also spoke about the NJCU efforts to align with this schedule. He also noted that sometimes Kean emails go to NJCU spam, and NJCU's IT is working on that problem.

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VI. New Business.

1. Continuing Kean IT Issues: The President assured the exec committee that all items are being addressed but some faster than others. There is a new group being led by Dr. Keith Bostian to troubleshoot research technology issues. This group will be most productive if each department has faculty representation to relay information concerning the unique difficulties occurring in each department.
2. Deletion of Kean Alumni kean.edu e-mail accounts – Alumni are expressing much consternation about the deletion of their kean.edu accounts, after they were promised they would remain theirs in perpetuity. SVP Bellotti originally explained that over 50% of the IT email resources were spent on alumni accounts which he noted was unsustainable. NB affirms that alumni are talking about it online and are deeply upset. CK questions if this is a wise policy to disenfranchise alumni, given their potential to give back to Kean generously. One alumnus added this to the Senate suggestion box: "The University has decided to discontinue alumni email accounts. This is a very disappointing and detrimental decision to alumni like myself. So many of us have relied on the promise that the University made years ago that we would have these accounts forever and therefore have used this email for important life communications. The IT department has described the core decision as one of resource allocation and how to best utilize limited IT funding and staffing capabilities."
3. Inconsistent student records in Navigate – records are continuing to be updated, but some still lag behind.
4. Senate Meeting Attendance – Chair CK reminded all senators about the two-absence rule. If you are unable to attend, please send a delegate and you will not be considered absent. NR asks about staff members. CK indicates that any delegate is acceptable in that instance. CK acknowledged Raza Rafique's departure from the senate and thanked him for his service. Cailin O'Connor will serve in his stead.

VII. Committee Reports.

1. Distance Learning Committee, Co-Chairs Cailin O'Connor & Halyna Testerman – 4 meetings held, no new curriculum to approve. Most of the discussion revolved around AI and on-line learning. Faculty support requested for development of the AI policy, e.g. online AI detection *needed* for online only courses, but Kean has suggested that AI detection would be removed from Canvas for all course modalities. UCC manual suggestions were forwarded to the UCC committee for AI updates. More training for online faculty is requested. Asynchronous online is especially difficult, because faculty are not provided with the opportunity to assess the baseline for each student to determine whether the assignments submitted sound like their "voice." HT described frustration with students not responding to comments in Canvas assignments. She was told to email the students instead, but this adds an extra step. Could the students be given better information on how to use Canvas effectively?
2. Academic Technology & Multimedia Committee – Chair Cecil [Jake] Saunders – CS reported on the friction that is occurring between faculty and IT, pointing to the grass roots survey; impacts of monitoring threatlocker (end point monitoring system for large companies with a single goal, such as a manufacturing company, with employees doing the same thing – whereas faculty are doing their own customized research.) Thus, this system doesn't appropriately support the researchers. Many faculty are having to wait months and months for off the shelf equipment. Delays in purchasing and processing the equipment are excessive. Communication for specialized support (tickets to IT) failing when the IT support person is not familiar with the issue and lacks the ability to solve or direct or triage the ticket. A research concierge in IT is suggested – someone to direct the tickets to someone who is better equipped to answer. Procurement of soft and hardware needs to be fast tracked. Faculty cannot wait 6-12 months for these problems to be solved. Some faculty are purchasing their own equipment and software to move forward, but this is not the solution. AG noted that this is not an issue that impacts all faculty, but there are other technology matters that do impact the larger population.

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All needs should be addressed. The road map to get to R2 was clear, but the next steps seem prone to difficulties. Jake noted that there is a dedicated IT person now attending the committee meetings and the committee would like updates from IT about the efforts underway to solve the problems. Dr. Bostian noted that he is the point of contact to address these research technology-related issues. All is well documented, and his conclusion is that (with Pat Morreale assisting) IT is truly working hard to address the issues. He feels that progress has been made to address these concerns. Faculty will be allowed to have an admin computer, a research computer, or a PI owned computer (purchased by university or by a grant). There is an issue tracker online and IT is responsive. Question is asked by Dr. Maria Shumskaya in the Zoom Q&A about how is the system of 2 computers, research and admin, would work if we are both researchers and advisors and teachers? We switch gears every 20 min. This is not the same at MIT, National Labs etc, we cannot compare to them. There, they have researchers and administration separately. We must be compared to other R2. They do not have 2 computers. Reference: https://helpdesk.kean.edu/support/solutions/articles/15000124728 Dr. Morreale affirms that the twice weekly meetings are helpful but there is a systemic problem whereby the effort for assured cyber security collides with the research needs. Faculty who needs to get the hardware and software need to provide feedback to the committee. VP Bellotti spoke about the significance of the funding for software requests, noting that determining funding sources has sometimes contributes to the delay. DA expressed that all software budget lines were removed from departments. SVP GB clarifies that it was only hardware budgets – and IT took ownership of the refresh cycle for all regular campus computers. DA underlined the importance of technology needs to execute the R2 expectations.

VIII. Notice(s) of Motion.

None.

IX. Question/Discussion Period.

Further Open Discussion on Agenda items. (Time Permitting)

Jonathan Mercantini directed the senators to the AI policy, noting that the turn off of the AI detector in Turnitin was due to the detectors making false positives. Too many false positives, contribute to a lack of trust, and mental health issues for students, etc. JM reminds all of the flexibility of the development of individual AI policies. Senators still feel there is a distinction with the online only student work. JM suggests a re-do of assignments to provide for meaningful assignments that will not open the door to AI resources. Suggests that we embrace it and learn how to use it.

X. Adjournment. BL moves to adjourn, EF second. Unanimous approval. Adjournment @ 4:22PM

XI. **Upcoming Meetings.**

1. Senate Executive Committee – 01/27/26 – In person J-302 + Zoom option. 3:20pm
2. Full Senate Meeting – 02/03/26 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 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]	A
14	Ipek Kocoglu [IK]	A
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]	**
23	Raza Rafique [RR] Cailin O'Connor (sub)	P
24	Nicole Rodriguez [NR]	P
25	Benito Sanchez [BS]	P
26	Galia Shokry [GS] Shiuting Lui (sub)	E
27	Dawn Smith-Jeffries [DSJ]	E
28	Zakeeyah Speight [ZS]	P
29	Gail Verdi [CV]	P
30	Veysel Yucetepe [VY]	P

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

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Student Representatives:

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Guests:

1	Joy Moskovitz
2	Jonathan Mercantini
3	Megan Engels
4	Joe Capasso
5	Elizabeth Hyde **
6	Jennifer Van Dyk
7	Andrea Rosa **
8	Avt iPhone **
9	Chris Pazienza **
10	Claire Mulry **
11	Daphne El-Roy **
12	DPISCOPO **
13	Omara Cardoza **
14	Gillian Scott **
15	Jim **
16	Kathleen Rugh **
17	Maria Shumskaya **
18	Nurse lj **
19	Rachel Kahn **
20	Ren Pereira **
21	Sasmita Mishra **
22	Susan Ahern **
23	Scott Snowden