



## FULL SENATE MEETING MINUTES

**14 OCTOBER 2025 3:20PM-4:20PM. MSC 228 [In Person]**

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### I. Call to Order.

Chair CK Called the meeting to order at 3:23 with an acknowledgement of Kean's first Endowed Professorship to honor Betty C. Elrod Cobb of the COE.

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

Minutes of 9/30/25 [copy enclosed].

Motion to approve BL, AE second. Unanimous approval of the 9/30/25 Minutes.

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

A. Yoga Teacher Certification Program Revisions – was approved earlier by UCC.

B. Yoga Studies Minor – Revisions to the Minor were approved earlier by UCC.

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

(At the President's/Provost's discretion.)

None – [Both President and Provost are away this week.]

### V. Old Business.

A. GE Restructuring Proposal – Next Steps in the Process post-Open Hearings. The 3 scheduled Open Hearings have been completed the last occurring on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Recommendations were submitted to the Senate suggestion box, deadline of Oct. 10th. CK asks the Senate to review the Open Hearing Minutes (as provided by Sec. HL, and thanks her for the documentation of them) and the submitted Recommendations so as to be prepared and conversant with the same information that has been submitted to the GE Task Force. The GE Task Force will submit a revised document as final to be provided to the Senate prior to final vote for approval.  
[from UCC Manual, p.47, Article IV A.5].

B. Absences from Senate & Committee Meetings (Article 3.9.20 in Constitution). CK called to the Senators attention the policy on absence/attendance, as per the Senate Constitution. Please assign a designee for Senate and committee meetings if needing to miss a meeting. Missing two meetings in a semester, or three in a year, results in an automatic removal from the Senate. Please be sure to notify the chair and secretary of expected attendance issues in advance of any meeting. Same policy applies to Senate Committee members

C. Voting via Qualtrics (Article 3.9.14.2 in Constitution) outside of Full Senate Meeting (use of meetings for discussion and to move an issue forward for electronic ballot post-meeting). Results of ballot are published on Senate website and next Minutes. CK reviewed the established voting procedure as per the Senate Constitution that mandates secret ballot voting electronically. CK proposes these votes occur after each Full Senate meeting when a successful motion to end discussion on a matter occurs, moving the item to be deemed ready for a Full Senate vote.

D. Community Engaged Learning Designations for Courses- Dr. Richard Conti, Chair of the Academic Standards & Policy Committee. CK invited Dr. Conti to address the Senate. Dr. Conti reminded all about the thorough discussion that took place in committee last Spring. He shared positive elements of the CEL



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designation; CEL courses might serve as a prelude to an internship. Ten hours of community engagement seems appropriate. MM asked about the process of designating a CEL course. Dr. Conti explained that it would be course specific, suggested by the course author. DA asked about a potentially bigger issue about adding yet another special designation, wondering whether “types” of courses might eventually be required. GS asked about whether the designation could be section-based so that not all who teach a particular course would need to include the CEL experience. Dr. Conti agreed that this was the intention of the designation. Guest Dr. Roseanne Mirabella offered support for CEL. Daniella Shebitz expressed enthusiasm for the CEL, noting the mutual benefits for students and organizations served. MA confirmed the value, noting the resume credential that might be an enhancement for students applying for work or graduate school. CK reminded the Senators that the CEL designation was approved in the Academic Standards & Policy Committee last April. Move to close discussion KC, second GV. Vote to close discussion - unanimous.

### VI. New Business.

A. Campus Security Update - Chief Jerome Hatfield. CK introduced the Kean Campus Police Chief [JH]. Chief Hatfield shared the protocols whereby campus police partners with Union County law enforcement. Over the last 18 months, risk assessment, threats, and mitigation has been a priority. Partnering with Dept of Homeland Security, NJ Office of Homeland Security and Union County law enforcement. Hosting the gubernatorial debates allowed Kean to review the complex challenges of assuring campus safety and security. Population protection for Kean Union and all Kean campuses is essential. In FA 25 focus is on training and awareness. Active attacker training to reduce vulnerabilities is being provided to the campus community. Evacuation, sheltering in place, blue phones on campus – in talking to students they don’t necessarily understand the use and purpose of the blue phones. Police escorts are also being provided for students and staff. 908-737-4800 is the number to call to request an escort. Locations on campus have been identified [Miron Center, GLAAB, NAAB and Harwood] as locations for tabling events to inform constituents about prevention, mitigation, recovery, etc. Addressing the incident on campus from a couple of weeks ago, the RAVE alert system that automatically notifies 19,000 or so persons is used for weather events, or other community notification matters. Chief Hatfield noted that, on Sep 16, an individual had been observed carrying a questionable item and the security force intervened to determine who the individual was and their purpose on campus. The presence of officers with loaded weapons, fingers on triggers, caused concern and spawned rumors. JN observed that, seeing armed police officers led her to wonder what she should do – duck, evacuate, or ignore. Law enforcement presence was enhanced but the incident did not rise to the occasion whereby a wide RAVE notification would be sent. However, moving forward the RAVE app will be extremely useful. Chief H recommends that all download the RAVE app to be able to use the guardian components of the system, and real time, proprietary educational information versus waiting for an alert from UR. NB asks which RAVE app from the App store. JH asks that we go to the UR site to find the app. RAVE Guardian. BLee asked about the recent weather notification, noting that she had not received



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the information but her daughter, who graduated ten years ago, did. JH suggests that this matter be brought to UR. Students and faculty are automatically entered into the database. A handful of other senators shared that they, too, had not received the notification. JN suggests that UR send the link to the app to all fac/staff. JH shared that the campus police is putting together a preparedness video, illustrating how public safety intersects with our daily activities. Some topics that will be included are: fire drill, medical assistance, active attacker. Hope to roll out the video in November. JH informed us that there will be outside forces present on campus (Hillside, Elizabeth, Union) for training purposes. CK offered commendations to the Chief for efforts to make the community feel safe.

### VII. Committee Reports.

- A. Report from the Student Admissions and Retention Committee – Prof. Joshua Guitar, Chair of the Student Admissions & Retention Committee. Prof G reported that grad admissions and retention became a priority for the committee in the wake of the R2 designation. The committee felt that graduate admission requirements could be more competitive. Working with Provost's office and departments, the committee is seeking ways to elevate graduate programs to better reflect R2 status, without losing sight of the fact that some of our graduate programs are not solely focused on research. Dr. Laura Baecher noted that Graduate Assistantships (GAs) are under her purview and offers to visit the committee. BLee affirmed that Kean needs to continue to offer hybrid or online programs to be competitive and asked that the department chairs be consulted. CK clarifies that there are no action items presented for the Senate vote yet, and that the report is an updating on committee discussions.
- B. Writing Emphasis Committee – Prof. Christopher Friend, and Lisa Sisler, Co-Chairs of the Writing Emphasis Committee. Prof. Friend spoke about the course designations not being assigned by section, but by course, for the course content requires a writing emphasis. The WE designation focuses attention on the significant role that writing places on the course as offered. The proposal presented is intended to define WE, the course designation criteria, and the application and approval process. MM asked whether the current WE courses are continuing or whether this is a re-start. CF noted that it is expected that this a pilot and there will be training for this newer iteration of WE courses, which may include revisions to former WE courses. MM asked about how the WE committee would review courses (akin to GE courses, ID courses). CF asserted that this is meant to be the way a course is designed versus an add-on to an existing course. GV offered her thanks and expressed her dismay at the earlier dismantling of the WE committee. She acknowledged the potential challenge inherent in the CMS course approval system. CF noted that WE is meant to be a designation for ONE course per major. DA reminded CF that years ago when a WE course was taught, there was supposed to be an assessment report submitted. CF shared that there is no current intention to return to this practice. BLee asked how this dovetails with the GE revision. CF confirmed that this committee is collaborating with the GE Task Force. BL asked about core criteria (6000 words, 25 pages) and how the word count is calculated in the revision process. CF explained



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that the word count is intended to be cumulative for all assignments. CK asked if the Full Senate was ready to close discussion. JN moves to close discussion. GS seconds. All voted to close discussion and a vote will follow electronically, as per V. item C., above.

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

Motions on Committee Designations and Reports.

*[These are the results of the 10/17/25/voting on the two Motions before the Senate (20 votes total, a quorum):*

**1/ WE Designation** - Majority (20 YES – 0 NO – 10 Abstaining) voted to continue discussions on Writing Emphasis Designations for Courses at our next Full Senate Meeting on Oct.28th Co-Chairs of Writing Emphasis Committee have agreed to return on that date.

**2/ CEL Designation** - 9/22/25 version of Community Engaged Learning Designations for Courses **APPROVED. (15 YES - 4 NO – 11 Abstaining).**

#### IX. Question/Discussion Period.

Open further discussion on Agenda items. (Time Permitting)

X. Adjournment KC moved to adjourn, GDR seconded. Unanimous approval for Adjournment. Meeting adjourns at 4:32pm

#### XI. Upcoming Meetings

A. Senate Executive Committee – 10/21/25 In Person; Room J-302 + Zoom. 3:20pm

B. Full Senate Meeting – 10/28/25 Kean Hall 127 & Zoom Webinar. 3:20pm

C. The complete meeting schedule for the fall 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

|    |                           |    |
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| 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]      | E  |
| 12 | Aaron Gubi [AG]           | E  |
| 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]  | A  |
| 20 | Matthew Mongelli [MM]     | P  |
| 21 | Mahchid Namazi [MN]       | ** |
| 22 | Julia Nevarez [JN]        | P  |
| 23 | Raza Rafique [RR]         | P  |
| 24 | Nicole Rodriguez [NR]     | E  |
| 25 | Benito Sanchez [BS]       | E  |
| 26 | Galia Shokry [GS]         | P  |
| 27 | Dawn Smith-Jeffries [DSJ] | P  |
| 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:

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| 1  | Joy Moskovitz       |
| 2  | Jonathan Mercantini |
| 3  | Roseanne Mirabella  |
| 4  | Charles Nelson      |
| 5  | Danielle Shebitz    |
| 6  | Richard Conti       |
| 7  | Jerome Hatfield     |
| 8  | Laura Baecher       |
| 9  | Lisa Sisler         |
| 10 | Chris Friend        |
| 11 | Robyn Roebuck       |
| 12 | Christina Mastoen   |
| 13 | Megan Engels        |
| 14 | Taylor Jaskula      |
| 15 | Alex Stribing       |