



UNIVERSITY SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Interim Organizational Structure for Kean Jersey City Senate

SPRING 2026

2026-01

WHEREAS the Kean University Senate is the official representative body of the academic faculty and staff on academic matters; and

WHEREAS the purpose of this resolution is to clarify and establish procedures for the Senate for the Integration of the NJCU Senate with the Kean University Senate; and

WHEREAS, as the Senate Chair and the Senate Executive Committee's recommendation to the Senate implies that the recommendations are brought to the Senate for a vote; and

WHEREAS, given that the current Kean Senate term ends on May 14th, 2026 and the same timeline applies for the existing NJCU Senate, but since the actual date of the institutional merger is to be afterwards, on July 1st, 2026, and given the need for some sort of transitional organizational period post-merger date; that

BE IT RESOLVED, that on July 1st, 2026, NJCU's existing legacy Senate becomes an interim, transitional Kean Jersey City Transitional Governing Body [KJC-TGB], maintaining its governance structure, as an interim body. The KJC-TGB will continue to hold scheduled meetings at Kean Jersey City, to discuss and report on issues of importance to the Kean Jersey City faculty/staff as before; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that after July 1, 2026, KJC Faculty are welcome to serve on any Kean Senate Committee's as available openings permit; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Kean's newly elected Senate and Executive Committee remain the same with no change as the primary governing body of Kean University; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the legacy Executive Committee of the Kean Jersey City TCB and the newly elected Executive Committee of Kean's Senate will form a separate Kean Transitional Council [KTC]. This KTC will meet regularly during the Academic Year 26/27 to propose any new adaptations/amendments to the Kean Senate Constitution to accommodate the new Kean/Kean JC Senate; and

BE IT RESOLVED, in the absence of any agreed upon changes, the Kean Senate, in its present form, as per its Constitution, will remain, with both faculty and staff of Kean Jersey City eligible to run for the Class of 2027 Senate seats, as per Kean University's Senate Constitution of 2023, creating a single Senate body for AY '27/'28; and



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Therefore, the Kean University Senate approves the resolution proposed above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the successful conclusion of the regularly scheduled March 2027 Kean Senate Elections, both the Kean Jersey City Transitional Governing Body [KJC-TGB and the Kean Transitional Council [KTC] will cease to exist. Thus, this temporary interim condition will end with the May 2027 installation of the Officers and Executive Committee of the Kean University Faculty Senate, which will result in a single Kean University Faculty Senate.

On behalf of the Kean University Senate,

Craig Konyk – Chair, Kean University Senate

Yes: 27

No: 1

Abstain: 0

Date: 4/21/26

On behalf of the NJCU University Senate,

John Donnellan – President, NJCU University Senate

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Date: 4/21/26