KEAN

Academic Standards and Policies Committee
Meeting Minutes
Date: October 19, 2026

Voting members present: Ensela Mema, Sahand Abassi, Craig Konyk, Yu Shun Cheung, Cailin O'Connor, Henry Stankiewicz, Chenyi Ma, Kwanghyuk Yoo, Saran Nurse, Madji Fall, Pragya Sharma Chimire, Quiju Tian

Non-voting members present: Aaron Gubi, Joy Moskovitz, Charles Campbell

Guests: KwangJoo Koo

I. Call to Order

- CK called the meeting to order at 3:52.

II. Approval of Minutes

- No minutes to approve

III. **Chair Report/Announcement/Update**

- None

IV. Actions Items

- Grade inflation and related policies

  - Grade inflation impacts the honors college/honors program, reducing its meaning potentially "watering down" honors

    - Too many students qualify for honors

    - JM noted the criteria for honors were being adjusted, especially given the merger with Jersey City, and that she would get us more information and current criteria

  - Article circulated regarding how Harvard is limiting A's to 10% of grades given in each class; this does not include A- grades

- CO notes concerns that this leads to competitive grading, meaning a student's grade would be different if they were in the class with motivated students versus lower-achieving students

- AG mentioned this could become an academic freedom issue and that a grade cap could lower student motivation for success because the grade is an extrinsic focus while students should be internally motivated

- JM noted she presented grade distribution data to the senate executive committee in 2025 but will find it again to distribute to our group

- MF mentioned that evaluations are different for different types of students; another in-person member of the committee noted lab components are important for some disciplines

- CM mentioned competency-based assessments and that evaluations should be per syllabus outcomes; if a student has met the CLO's fully, why would they not get an A

- Proposed updated student feedback form

  - Finalized (?) April 28, 2026, created by an ad hoc committee on faculty affairs

  - Presented to senate on May 12, 2026, for commentary

  - A draft and ASP committee feedback/opinions distributed to current ASP; some members were fine with it as it, some wanted minor changes, four wanted significant changes

  - JM noted the Chair of ASP was changed suddenly at the end of the spring 2026 semester and so progress on this topic was stalled; she also suggested the current committee is at a disadvantage to not be able to hear from the previous committee and few people are the same this term.

  - Cailin noted there was a lengthy discussion in the Senate with a lot of great feedback; she remembered feedback including:

    - Adding a N/A option

    - Combining some similar metrics/questions

    - Making the options 5 (best) to 1 (worst) instead of the opposite

    - Making the wording easy to understand for students; currently, wording is confusing for many of our students

  - CK noted he would find the senate minutes from that discussion to fully represent senate feedback on the presented form

V. New Business/Informational/Discussion Items

- None

VI. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 4:21pm

Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting of the ASP scheduled for Monday, 11/16/2026 at 3:45-5:00.