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FULL SENATE MEETING MINUTES 27 February 2024 3:15PM-4:15PM. Miron Student Center MSC Room 228 [In Person]

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Meeting ID: 963 4711 0669 Passcode: 682396

Ch-SA called the Meeting to order at 3:17PM.

I. Approval of the 02/13/24 Full Senate Meeting Minutes.

Ch-SA requested a motion to approve the previous Full Senate Minutes.

CBoni noted Dr. George Johnson's name was incorrectly listed on page 3 of the Minutes. CK will correct for the record. HL made a motion to approve the Minutes. BL seconded the motion.

All were in Favor – **Minutes approved by a vote of 18 to 0 of those Senators present** [via Zoom].

II. Curriculum Items for Notification and/or Vote.

None.

III. Academic Standards & Policy Committee: Credit Load Expectations for Full- and Half-Term Courses Policy
[Not Reported due to Attendance Conflict with Chair of Committee Dr. Donald Marks. To be Rescheduled.]

IV. Old Business

A. General Education – Update on meeting with the President, Provost and cabinet members.

Ch-SA reported on her and Senate Secretary CK's meeting with Dr. Repollet, Dr. Birdsell and his cabinet [VP Michael Salvatore, CFO Andrew Brannen and Secretary to the Board, Audrey Kelly]. Ch-SA reported that she explained the Senate's position on the Gen Ed curricular revisions, and that while there was Senate support for revising the GE curriculum, questions about the process of how that is being initiated exist. Dr. Repollet expressed his desire for a collegial working relationship with the Senate and offered to meet with the Senate Chair and officers every six weeks to keep an open dialogue going.

V. New Business

A. Ad hoc Committee on Research Report – Dr. Christopher Bellitto

Ch-SA invited Dr. Bellitto Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Research & Scholarship to make a report to the Senate. Dr. Bellitto stated that the committee began its work in March, April and May of 2023 looking at best practice examples, such as TCNJ as well as others, but settled on a NSF report on the University of Maryland, which was instructive and illuminating for Kean's purposes. The appeal lies in the combination of metrics for both the hard sciences and the creative arts and everything in between. What has been compiled is a selection of some 39 to 40 programs with various formats and metrics; some in data spreadsheets and some delivered as prose. Dr. Bellitto recommended resisting changes to the document in the interest of being accurate, as each college had created



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information in its own image and likeness. He left the Senate with the following summary comments and questions:

1. Do departments within colleges want to revise their document upon seeing a comparison with other department's documents?
2. Should these be updated on a regular basis (5 or 7 years?) to reflect revised thinking?
3. After Chairing the P/T University Committee, Dr. Bellitto asks if there are a percentage metric that allows a uniform comparative measure so that faculty are evaluated consistently?
4. The committee forwarded submissions by departments and Chair's report to Ch-SA for her upcoming meeting with Dr. Birdsell and Dr. Baecher on March 5th.

Dr. Bellitto thanked the members of the Ad Hoc committee [especially Dr. Benito Sanchez, who chaired the CBPM research committee last year and played a key role in getting this task started].

Ch-SA thanked Dr. Bellitto and the Committee for the report and will relay back to the Senate the outcomes from her upcoming meeting with Dr. Birdsell and Dr. Baecher on March 5th at the next Full Senate Meeting.

B. Nancy Thompson Library Learning Commons Committee Update – Dr. Yixun Zhou

Ch-SA invited Committee co-Chair Dr. Yixun Zhou to make a committee report to the Senate. Dr. Zhou reported the progress on the creation of a university wide survey of usage needs and interaction frequency of the NTLC. He inquired about Senate assistance with the review and distribution of the survey. Both Ch-SA and CA offered to help facilitate the distribution with Senate list-serves to get this out to the university community.

Ch-SA thanked Dr. Zhou and the Committee for their report.

C. Dr. Laura Baecher, Associate Provost for Faculty Development

Next, Ch-SA invited Dr. Laura Baecher to address the Senate. Dr. Baecher shared the results of a faculty survey recently completed. The survey measured 4 key areas of Scholarship/Research, Teaching, Service and one she feels is utmost, Belonging. Dr. Baecher will share these results as well with the larger university community, as there are some actionable insights contained within the results.

Dr. Baecher also encouraged fuller faculty participation in the Center for Teaching and Learning's workshops, as a way to strengthen best practices and our community of learning.

Ch-SA thanked Dr. Baecher for her presentation.

D. Google Drive Limitations

Ch-SA next invited discussion of the cloud data storage restrictions newly imposed by Google on faculty drives. She has heard that although One Drive might have certain advantages, it is not the replacement solution for Google



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Drive. She will reach out to Greg Bellotti, Vice President of IT & Chief Information Security Officer at OCIS. He is looking into options for this and will advise Ch-SA and Senate in about two weeks. Ch-SA ask him to come to discuss recommendations to the Senate and will advise once that has been established. DR offered that faculty and Senate are invited to participate in the Tech survey that the Ad Hoc Technology Committee is preparing, to address such issues such as this amongst the faculty. One of the goals of the committee is to discover obsolete technology that is being supported in order to reassign technology resources towards more in need areas.

VI. Future Items for Discussion

- A. Distance Learning Committee
- B. Student Advisement

Motion to Adjourn

Ch-SA requests a motion to adjourn the meeting. KC made a motion to adjourn. CBoni seconded the motion.

All in Favor - Meeting adjourned at 4:22pm

VII. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Executive Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 5, 2024 – **Zoom**, 3:15 p.m.
- B. Full Senate Meeting – Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 3:15 p.m. – **In-person** with live Zoom feed for attendees.
- C. Complete meeting schedule for Spring semester:

<https://www.kean.edu/offices/university-senate/meeting-schedules-executive-committee-and-full-senate>



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Senators in attendance:

1	Mukul Acharya [MA]	E
2	Sucheta Ahlawat [Ch-SA]	P
3	Craig Anderson [CA]	P
4	Stephanie Baker [SB]	P
5	Charles Boateng [CBoat]	P
6	Consuelo Bonillas [CBoni]	P
7	Sharon Boyd-Jackson [SBJ]	P
8	Dean Casale [DC]	P
9	Kathleen Curran [KC]	P
10	Gilda DelRisco [GDR]	P
11	Ronald Dowdell [RD] <i>[retired]</i>	--
12	Rachel Evans [RE]	P
13	Daniel Gover [DG]	A
14	Aaron Gubi [AG]	A
15	Matthew Halper [MH] Teresa Choate substituting	E
16	Maria Ingelmo [MI]	A
17	George Kolodiy [GK]	P
18	Craig Konyk [CK]	P
19	Barbara Lee [BL]	P
20	Holly Logue [HL]	P
21	Mahshid Namazi [MN]	E
22	Don Marks [DM]	E
23	Marguerite Mayhall [MM] <i>[on Sabbatical]</i> <i>Brid Nicholson attending</i>	E
24	Judy Pena [JP]	A
25	Nicole Rodriguez [NR]	P
26	Andrea Rosa [AR]	E
27	Dina Rosen [DR]	P
28	Benito Sanchez [BS]	P
29	Gail Verdi [GV]	A
30	Jane Webber [JW]	E

P = Present A = Absent E = Excused



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Student Representatives:

1	Glynnis Tan
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Guests:

1	Dr. Michael Salvatore, Senior VP of Admin
2	Joy Moskovitz – A.VPAA
3	Dr. Jonathan Mercantini – A.VPAA
4	Dr. Laura Baecher – A.VPAA
5	Dr. Christopher Bellitto
6	Dr. Muhammed Hassan - NTLC
7	Dr. Yixun Zhou
8	Dr. James Castiglione – KFT Pres.
9	Megan Engels
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