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## FULL SENATE MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2023, 3:15 PM-4:15 PM. CAS Room 106 [In Person]

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**Meeting ID:** 963 4711 0669 **Passcode:** 682396

Ch-SA called the Meeting to order at 3:22 PM. She apologized in advance for any A/V issues with the room, and the Senate is investigating the availability of the conference room on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of GLAB for the next Full Senate Meeting.

### **I. Approval of the 10/03/23 Full Senate Meeting Minutes.**

CK relayed that there was a date error on the Minutes, and he will make that correction for the record. KC made a motion to approve with the revisions stated above. GV seconded the motion. All were in Favor – **Minutes approved by a vote of 24 to 0 of those Senators present.**

### **II. Curriculum Items for Notification and/or Vote - Minor in Global Studies – 15 credits**

Ch-SA stated that the Senate has received the correct submission for the Minor in Global Studies, and this will now move forward.

Ch-SA asked DM to comment on general concerns about submissions for approval. DM stated that certain proposals have been somewhat vague in detail and that this perhaps was something to discuss with the UCC and its Chair and perhaps is a larger topic for discussion of standards for program proposals, especially regarding the necessity of requesting additional resources for the new programs proposed.

### **III. Old Business**

#### **A. Update on Jumbo Classes, Course Caps, and Recitation.**

Ch-SA relayed that she has distributed the draft minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting of the Senate with Dr. Birdsell, dated 10/10/23, for information on issues addressed in the Meeting. Ch-SA reiterated that the discussion was about the Jumbo courses (ECO 1020, ECO 1021, ES 1000, ES1010) being taught outside of the requirements of LOA 158. In addition, a second worrisome issue for Ch-SA is that these courses are also being taught outside of the approved course capacities as they appear in the course outlines. JM relayed that these courses were a Dean and faculty agreed upon an exception to the Jumbo course requirements. DC asked if the Senate could request a list of exempt courses and noted that there is a curricular approval process to approve changes to course sizes over established course caps. A question from the floor asked about the impact of Course Evaluations of such large classes on tenure-track faculty teaching these courses. [It was later relayed by SBJ that, in reality, these courses are being taught only by Lecturers]. GV asked about



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the logistics of dividing a class of 150 students into smaller pods within the same classroom. [MS later confirmed that these recitations occur in smaller rooms and sometimes on different days.]

As a point of clarification, MS offered that the ECO 1020/1021 & ES 1000/1010 courses were a form of team teaching that predated the introduction of the piloting of the Jumbo courses in PSY and, as such, were not considered Jumbo courses with regards to LOA 158. Both Ch-SA and DM offered that this was the first time they had been given this information, which differed from what they had been told.

After some refinement discussion, MH proposed a motion to:

*“Create a Senate Ad-Hoc Committee to research best practices at other institutions and advise the Senate on the effective ways to proceed with super over-enrolled course planning as well as course capacities.”*

CBoni seconded this Motion. The vote tally was 14 FOR/0 AGAINST/10 ABSTAIN

**The Motion Carries.**

#### IV. New Business

##### 1. Course Outline Revisions and Program Review (Resolution 2023-03)

Ch-SA was pleased to report on a meeting with Dr. Birdsell regarding Course Outline Revisions and Program Reviews. The Senate last year requested the Provost to revisit the policy on course outline revision policy via resolution 2023-03. Dr. Birdsell relayed that any program with an outside accrediting body is guided by that accrediting body’s requirements for Program Review and Revisions. Programs without accrediting body oversight would revise courses, as necessary, as part of their program review every five years. A visit from an external reviewer would follow this. The faculty would act on revisions recommended by the reviewer.

##### 2. Enrollments, Demographic Cliff, and Value (see recent [NY Times Article](#) and [Wall Street Journal Article](#))

Ch-SA moved to open the discussion on enrollment and the “value proposition” for our students to be enrolled here at Kean University in light of the NY Times article stating fewer students in the United States feel that a college education is worthwhile. MA discussed the “perception gap” between the skills expected of our graduates versus the industry’s expectations. Ch-SA wondered if the University needed to explore more Certifications in specific areas to address the perception of lacking tangible skills.



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Dr. Dawn Adams-Harmon noted from the floor, “ROI and getting jobs in their fields is essential to the reputation of Kean.” Dr. Bellitto remarked that small class sizes can set Kean apart. It was noted that cost is a significant factor, as Rutgers’s tuition is twice that of Kean. CBoni said ‘affordability’ is the most often mentioned when she asks her students why they chose Kean.

MS appreciated. This discussion at the Senate level is timely, as he feels it is an urgent discussion amongst all University stakeholders. He stated that 117,000 High School graduates are currently in the State of New Jersey and are expected to decline by 18% over the next ten years. Of that number, only 72% plan to attend college. How do we entice them to stay in NJ for College?

CBoni relayed that “it takes a village” and that we need to help them be college students, as many are working night shifts, etc., just to be here. She felt this needs to be part of this discussion as well.

**3. Items from the floor** [None, due to time constraints.]

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Ch-SA requests a motion to adjourn the meeting. CBoni made a motion to adjourn. BS seconded the motion. **The meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm**

### **V. Upcoming Meetings**

1. Executive Committee Meeting – Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – Zoom, 3:15 p.m.
2. Full Senate Meeting – Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 3:15 p.m. – in-person with live Zoom feed for attendees
3. Complete meeting schedule for fall 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]	P
2	Sucheta Ahlawat [Ch-SA]	P
3	Craig Anderson[CA]	E
4	Stephanie Baker [SB]	P
5	Charles Boateng [CBoat]	P
6	Consuelo Bonillas [CBoni]	P
7	SharonBoyd-Jackson[SBJ]	P
8	Dean Casale [DC]	P
9	Kathleen Curran [KC]	P
10	Gilda DelRisco [GDR]	P
11	Ronald Dowdell[RD]	P
12	Rachel Evans[RE]	P
13	Daniel Gover [DG]	P
14	Aaron Gubi [AG]	A
15	Matthew Halper [MH]	P
16	Maria Ingelmo [MI]	A
17	George Kolodiy[GK]	A
18	Craig Konyk [CK]	P
19	Barbara Lee [BL]	P
20	Holly Logue [HL]	P
21	Walter Mack (retired)	E
22	Don Marks [DM]	P
23	Marguerite Mayhall [MM]	P
24	Judy Pena [JP]	P
25	Nicole Rodriguez [NR]	E
26	Andrea Rosa [AR]	P
27	Dina Rosen [DR]	P
28	Benito Sanchez [BS]	P
29	Gail Verdi [GV]	P
30	Jane Webber [JW]	P

P = Present

A = Absent

E = Excused



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### Student Representatives:

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### Guests:

1	Dr. Michael Salvatore – Senior VP [MS]
2	Joy Moskovitz – Assoc. VPAA [JM]
3	Robyn Roebuck – VPAA Off. [RR]
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