

KEAN

FULL SENATE MEETING
MINUTES

May 18, 2022
2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Senators in attendance:

•Ahlawat, •Anderson, •Boateng, •Brandwein, •Connors, •DiVirgilio, •Donovan, •Dowdell, •Evans, •Farrokh, •Filardo, •Glover, •Gubi, •Halper, •Logue, •Mack, •Marks, •Martinez, •Mayhall, •Moran, •Mulry, •Pintado-Casas, •Roebuck, •Rosen, •Sanchez, •Sargent, •Webber, •Wetzel, •White, •Yucetepe

Student Representative:

Vacant

Guests:

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Meeting called to order by Chairperson Donovan at 11:15, in Kean Hall and via Zoom

I. Minutes – 18 May 2022
A. Motion:
B. Second:
C. Approved
II. Curriculum Items for Notification-Notification and Vote or None
A. None
B.
C.
III. Old Business- None
A.
B.
C.
IV. New Business- Senate Reorganization
A. Farewells and forthcoming items; comments and questions

- B. Chair: last meeting of the current Senate; at the end will be the reorganization meeting and a quick meeting of the new senators who will then select officers and executive council for next year
- C. Review of the minutes – senator wants comments to reflect the tone that 20 senators since 2019 worked to do the self-study and needs to be reflected in the minutes.
- D. Chair – GE task force update from Sen. Roebuck
- E. Roebuck – met with the task force, Don Marks and Robyn Roebuck are the Senate reps; they were given the charge from Hargis and the provost – what GE can be and how to get there. 19 people met Friday, faculty, staff, and students. Key points – a distinctive, vibrant program with questions to engage students. Shared education for BA and BS students to get the same GE prep for majors as well as being interdisciplinary also. Overall, legible and linear, a place to start their education. Will be 45-51 credits, right now some programs have more than 3-6 additional credits but that's the limit. Fall 2023 is the ambitious deadline for the new GE program, but no later than Fall 2024. Models used include Carnegie Mellon, UCSD. Next meeting is scheduled to be before 1 June and we will update the Senate in the fall.
- F. Senator – suggestions for GE program: how to communicate race, class, gender, needs a diversity component and guidance on how to teach it.
- G. Roebuck – we did talk about it in terms of problems plaguing students and preparing them for the future, which includes understanding diversity, race, gender, class. Lots of different people from the university are on the committee.
- H. Marks: huge priority to build the curriculum but it needs opportunities for people to make it their own. We have lots of senators on there, including Rachel Evans and Andrea Rosa.
- I. Senator – finance always is an issue; costs money to bring people in for training, university should think about that.
- J. Chair – another quick item – department chair implementation task force (DCI) had first meeting and received its charge from the provost. There is a working group to look at the nuts and bolts; people participating at the program level. Will be meeting later in May/June, will funnel info through Don Marks.
- K. Next item – forthcoming. Constitution committee, Sucheta Ahlawat chair, all doing excellent job looking at other schools and have put together a solid and robust constitution based on these models. It has been sent to the campus community and administrators and we will work with the president and administration to have it ready for the fall with comments.
- L. Last item: farewells to Senators whose terms are up. Chair regretted having to have meetings on zoom when face to face works so much better for relationship building. COVID stole that from us. One year + online, now hybrid format. It's just not the same online. But now the meetings will be hybrid forever, perhaps, so meeting face to face may be gone forever. Chair urges people to come to live meetings when they can.
- M. One other thing – each chair has their own tone, their own style, their own approach, also affected by the situation – remove versus face to face makes it difficult. Chair said he ran for mayor of his town pre-Covid and the election was very different a year later, even with the same candidates. Apologizes to Senators White and Roebuck for his online presence, mentions his tinnitus as making it hard for him to hear online. He never meant to be rude or cut people off.
- N. As the last meeting of the year it's like the last class of the semester, which can be one of the best as we celebrate being together for the semester, or you can shuffle out

or don't come to class at all. Our Senators did not have that last year, and he has regretted that. Thanks people who ran and served for their work, commitment, time, energy, and effort. This is a voluntary job, and people who do it should be recognized. So he created memorial plaques this year for Senate people.

- O. Remarks by various senators recognizing departing senators.
- P. Clair Mulry recognizes Barry Mascari's death anniversary and thanks Jane Webber for serving on the Senate.
- Q. Don Marks thanks Craig Donovan. Remarks by Craig Donovan.
- R. Motion to adjourn
- S. 2021-2022 Senate adjourned

- T. Craig Donovan begins the reorganization meeting of the 2022-2023 Senate, welcomes new senators and states the purpose of the meeting: to select the leadership team of the senate – chair, vice chair, Board of Trustees rep, secretary; and then each class elects 3 members to join the executive committee
- U. Nominations: Don Marks nominated by Donovan and Roebuck, by acclamation
- V. Vice chair: Marks nominates Ahlawat, seconded by Donovan; Roebuck and Dowdell nominate Farrokh, who declines and Ahlawat is elected by acclamation
- W. Secretary: Mulry nominates Verdi, Ahlawat nominates Mayhall; vote taken: Mayhall 15, Verdi 14
- X. BoT rep: Mayhall nominates Anderson, Evans nominated by Roebuck and Dowdell; Anderson declines, Evans elected by acclamation
- Y. Cohorts for executive committee:
- Z. 2020: Craig Donovan, Dave Farrokh, Jack Sargent
- AA. 2021: Ron Dowdell, Benito Sanchez, Dina Rosen
- BB. 2022: Judy Pena, Andrea Rosa, Nicole Rodriguez
- CC. Meeting adjourned. Senate adjourned for AY 2021-2022.

V. Next Meetings

- A. Executive Committee Meeting – September TBD
- B. Full Senate Meeting – September TBD