

KEAN

FULL SENATE MEETING
MINUTES

4 October 2022
3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Senators in attendance:

•Ahlawat, •Anderson, •Boateng, •Bonillas, •Boyd-Jackson, •Brandwein, •DiVirgilio, •Donovan, Dowdell, •Evans, •Farrokh, •Gover, •Gubi, •Halper, •Mack, ex. Marks, ab. Martinez, ex. Mayhall, •Pena, •Pintado-Casas, •Roebuck, •Rodriguez, Rosa, Rosen, •Sanchez, •Sargent, •Verdi, •Webber, Wetzel, •Yucetepe

Student Representative: Glynnis Tan

Guests: Dr. Michael Salvatore, Joy Moskovitz, Dr. Dean Casale

[•=present; ex=Excused; absent=ab]

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ahlawat at 3:25 p.m.

I. Minutes – 4 October 2022
A. Motion:
B. Second:
II. Curriculum Items for Notification-Notification and Vote or None: NONE
III. Old Business- NONE
IV. New Business-
A. Vice Chair Chair: vacancy for Vice Chair for the university senate as Vice Chair assumed the Chair role in August. Chair put forward the name of Senator Craig Anderson. Chair asked for any other nominations from the floor. None offered. Craig Anderson was unanimously approved.
B. National Council of Faculty Senates Chair: There is a virtual gathering of the National Council of Faculty Senates to discuss Shared Governance in universities. The chair encouraged Senators to attend and provided a registration link.
C. Chair: Student advising is an issue discussed in the Senate in the past. There is a President's Task Force on Advising led by Drs. Youngblood and Peterson that is working to address advising processes and practices across the University. The task force consists of five subgroups to address various aspects of academic advising. Chair wondered if feedback will be sought from students and faculty on their advising experiences and challenges they encounter.

Senator Farrokh, the co-chair for the advising structure & model subgroup, shared that plans are underway to seek feedback through surveys.

Chair: The Senate will defer further deliberations on student advising until the spring semester and hopes the task force will be willing to share their preliminary thoughts and findings on their thoughts on the best way to proceed with this critical issue.

- D. Chair: invited Dean Casale to share plans for the 2022-2023 Faculty Seminar Series that Drs are co-chairing. Casale and Marks this year.

Guest Dean Casale: This is the 20th year of the faculty seminar series. It is the brainchild of Dennis Klein, who has worked with Don Marks on the series for the past 4-5 years. Klein is on sabbatical this year. This year's theme for the seminar is 'Authenticity and Care in the Contemporary Research University.' Responding to President Repollet's call to "reflect, reexamine, and reimagine" the urban research university, the seminar series focuses on 'authenticity' in our roles through research, teaching, and service activities to fulfill the University's mission. In addition, the seminar series seeks to engage faculty in thoughtful consideration of what public higher education in general, and more specifically to Kean University, should be in today's academic and cultural landscape. Would like the Senate to sponsor and participate in the seminar series.

Senator: shared experience from several years ago and his objection at that time opposing University's decision to offer an honorary degree to a politician. This authenticity issue is very relevant for an urban research university to consider. Do we practice what we preach?

Chair: called for a motion to support and sponsor the seminar series. Senator Gover motioned that the Senate support and sponsor the event. Senator Webber seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

- E. Chair: Welcomes Dr. Mike Salvatore to discuss the Strategic Analytics and Related Dashboards efforts to provide timely and accurate data to help improve decision making.

Guest Mike Salvatore: reason for this new division within Assessment and Accreditation is to provide current and timely information. Most of the work has been done by Institutional Research. Showed how SADI the site can be accessed. The site can be accessed [here](#). Demonstrated the type of data available. Can also submit data requests for specific needs. Working in coordination Cal State University on this project. Demonstrated student success dashboard.

Senator: Thanks for making the data visual and so beautiful. This data will be especially useful for program review.

Some issues with Power BI and OCIS is working on it.

Senator: Can we get data for OCIS?

Salvatore: yes, you can get data by home location and fill out data requests if it is a unique request.

- F. Chair: Revision of the course outlines revision every three years. A faculty member in Hennings College made request to revisit this policy. I have also referred the issue for UCC to consider.

Senator: maybe faculty within the departments make that decision but at least within a five-year period.

Senator: the impetus came from when many course outlines were not revised for years and some for 30 years.

Chair: One suggestion that during program review department faculty review and decide

which courses need revision.

Senator: in large departments such as Psychology the task of revising course outlines is onerous.

Senator: there is some value in having five year update; shows department has reviewed the outline showing that the department is reviewing and what we should be doing. Not inappropriate to have latest textbook reflected in the course outlines for courses that are not classics. Need to figure out less onerous way to accomplish this.

Chair: leave the issue to ponder more on this issue and await the UCC recommendations. Please talk to your colleagues about this issue

Chair: reading chat from Joy Moskowitz that course outlines inform the syllabus. The syllabi are not 15 years old. The Provost will be happy to receive a proposal from the Senate regarding new timelines and processes for course outlines.

Thanks Joy Moskowitz and will bring this issue back if this should be combined with program review or continue the three year timeline.

G. Chair: Provided link to group pictures and individual pictures.

Senator: really liked the idea of making the site personal.

H. Chair: An issue brought up by some Senators and administration members is the thought of having some meetings in person as something is lost in virtual meetings.

Senator: A bit more challenging for some members who are on other campuses.

Senator: Like the idea but also recognizes the challenge for some.

Senator: Consider having some meetings in person.

Senator: Student Government does hybrid meetings; those who can't come can join virtually.

Chair: We have had some more participation since we went virtual. Maybe look into the technology more to make sure the meeting is smooth.

Senator: We need to make sure attendees can join in virtually to see what we are doing in person.

Senator: All in person should have a virtual component so people can attend remotely

Senator Halper: Starting on November 1st meeting and then every other senate meeting in person with the provision there is a virtual option for Senators who cannot attend in-person as well as the attendees.

Senator Brandwein: seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

I. Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

V. Next Meetings

A. Executive Committee Meeting – 11 October, 2022 – Zoom at 3:15 p.m.

B. Full Senate Meeting – 18 October, 2022 – Zoom Webinar at 3:15 p.m.