

- I. Call to Order: 12:17pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of October 1, 2014 Minutes - Approved
- IV. Executive Board Reports

A. **Executive Chair** – Alexandria Lesak – alesak@kent.edu

1. Faculty Senate Report – September Meeting
 - a. Dr. Crawford – Assistant Provost for Accreditation, Assessment, and Learning – spoke about surveys that go out from the university and a process going forward to reevaluate university surveys.
2. Kent Student Center Office Hours
 - a. The executive board will continue to hold office hours in our newly remodeled offices in the Kent Student Center, 120 L-M.
 - b. Schedule:
 - i. Monday 10:00am-12:00pm – Gordon Cromley
 - ii. Monday 1:00-3:00pm – Mark Rhodes
 - iii. Tuesday 1:00-3:00pm – Alex Lesak
 - iv. Wednesday 1:30-2:30 – Andrea Meluch
 - v. Thursday 11:00-12:00 – Fritz Yarrison
 - vi. Thursday 2:30-3:30 – Scout McCully
3. Administrative Assistant Chair Update
 - a. We would like to welcome Yeo Jung Yoon as the new Administrative Assistant Chair for the 14-15 academic year. She is a fourth year doctoral student in Political Science.
 - b. Please allow for additional time to process reimbursements as we begin transitioning between Administrative Chairs.

B. **Executive Vice Chair** – Fritz Yarrison – fyarriso@kent.edu

1. Educational Policies Council Report
 - a. The council voted to approve to see a proposal for a Master's of Science in Business Analytics.
 - b. Currently undergraduate students can retake a course as many times as they want. A new limit has been set at 3 attempts in any course.
2. Student Media Policy Committee Report
 - a. They are searching for a Director of Media and will begin interviewing soon.
 - b. The Kent State University Independent Films is vying to become part of Student Media Policy Committee.
3. Graduate Student Teaching Awards
 - a. In the past we have attempted to give out these awards in many different instances and attempts were always ended due to lack of interest.
 - b. Comments from the floor about GSS reinstating a teaching award

- i. There doesn't need to be a monetary value, but if there is one there is concern about it affecting the budget.
 - ii. There was a point made that a monetary value would be good but the award should encompass both research and teaching.
 - iii. There was counter concern that the goal of this award should focus on teaching because it fills in the gap that currently exists in the attention that GSS and the university shows towards graduate teaching.
 - iv. Information dissemination is a key component to the process.
- c. Anyone interested in sitting on a committee to discuss and plan a graduate student award, please contact Fritz

C. Finance Chair - Gordon Cromley – gcromle2@kent.edu

1. Domestic Travel Award Committee Update

- a. There have been 2 meetings thus far and the committee will continue to meet in order to present a number of options at the December Meeting.
- b. Some of the ideas and focuses of the meetings:
 - i. Should there be simply a processing fix for the Spring and then focus on a bigger change in fall?
 - ii. How does the selection process function?
 - iii. How should reimbursement processes work?
 - iv. What should the levels of funding be?
- c. Overall we are focusing on simplifying and steam-lining the process so that we can generate the highest possible impact.
- d. Please email Gordon with any other suggestions or questions.

C. Advocacy Chair – Andrea Meluch – ameluch1@kent.edu

1. Women's Center Goods Drive

- a. We are still collecting non-perishable items Women's Center pantry. There is a specific need for goods for moms on campus. Items would include diapers, wipes, juice boxes, after school snacks, etc. We will be collecting them at the November 7th GradFest.

2. Volleyball and Future Athletics Socials

- a. Women's Volleyball Game October 25th Sat. 7:00pm in the MAC was a great event between the Division of Graduate Studies and GSS. We were able to collect goods for the Women's Center Pantry during the game, as well.
- b. There will be another Athletic Social coupled with a philanthropic component again in the Spring

3. Spring 2015 Research Award

- a. Deadline: 11:59pm Jan 19th, 2015.

- b. Please email Andrea or visit her during office hours for any questions about application procedures or the Research Award.
 - i. Blind applications written to a general audience are necessary to receive funding.
 - ii. You must have IRB approval prior to applying for the Research Award.
 - iii. The Research Award is up and active on the website.
 - iv. Software and other permanent materials, such as laptops, can be applied for, but the committee may require that those items funded by GSS remain within the university or a specific department
 - v. We will no longer be funding conference travel with the Research Award. Those interested in conference travel funding please apply for the ITA or DTA. Note: You can still use the Research Award for research-related travel, such as going to a site to collect field research.
 - vi. If you are interesting in research funding for Summer 2015, please apply for the Spring 2015 Research Award.

D. Research Symposium Chair – Scout McCully – smccull5@kent.edu

1. Spring 2015 International Travel Award
 - a. For travel outside of US, Canada, and Mexico
 - b. Deadline: 11:59pm Monday December 1st
 - c. The International Travel Award is a highly competitive award. Please read carefully through the guidelines and rubric available on the GSS website prior to drafting your application.
 - d. Please email or visit Scout during office hours with any questions.
2. 30th Annual Graduate Research Symposium - April 3, 2015
 - a. Registration opens Dec 1st – Feb 13th

E. Information Services Chair – Mark Rhodes – mrhode21@kent.edu

1. Senator Updates
 - a. Please email Mark mrhode21@kent.edu or gss.info@gmail.com with any senator or alternate senator updates or if you are not receiving emails.
2. Social Media
 - a. Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on Twitter ([@ksugss](#)) for news!
3. Graduate Student Funding Database
 - a. The Executive Board under suggestion from the Domestic Travel Award Committee has decided that GSS should comprise a list of alternative funding sources at all levels for travel, research, and professional development purposes.
 - b. The only way this database may become functional is through senator input.

- i. Please email Mark with any information you have about funding opportunities for graduate students at departmental, school, college, and university level.
- ii. Also add any external sources of funding that you think would be useful to this database.

V. New Business

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VI. Announcements

A. General Senate Meetings – Fall 2014

1. Wednesday, December 3rd from 11:00am – 1:00pm KSC Room 317

B. GradFest: Friday, November 5th from 6:00pm-8:00pm – 157 Lounge

C. Graduate Studies Social: Wednesday November 12th from 5:00pm-8:00pm – Cartwright Hall – RSPV Here

D. There is new Fashion Graduate Organization and they look forward to working with other organizations across campus.

VII. Adjournment 12:59 – Motion: Chemistry and Biochemistry; Seconded: Applied Engineering, Sustainability, and Technology