

I. Statistical Consulting

- A. Help with data analysis software
- B. Our website is <http://library.kent.edu/statconsulting>, and has information about all of the services we offer. All consulting and instruction is free of charge, and is open to all current Kent State students, faculty, staff.
- C. You can register for a consulting appointment through the scheduler: http://apps.library.kent.edu/scheduler/scheduler_event_schedule_calendar_view_weekly.php?eventTypeDisplayLimit=7
- D. We also maintain a list of all statistical and qualitative data analysis software that is available to Kent State students for free or at a discount: <http://libguides.library.kent.edu/statconsulting/access-to-software>
- E. Lastly, we have online tutorials for SAS, SPSS, and Qualtrics. We're always looking for ways to expand and improve the tutorials, so we welcome suggestions from students and instructors about what kinds of topics or examples would be helpful.
 1. SPSS: libguides.library.kent.edu/SPSS
 2. SAS: libguides.library.kent.edu/SAS
 3. Qualtrics: libguides.library.kent.edu/qualtrics
- F. Email: statconsulting@kent.edu

II. Call to Order 12:34 pm

III. Roll Call

IV. Approval of November 1, 2016 Minutes: Approved

V. Executive Board Reports

A. **Executive Chair** – Fritz Yarrison – fyarriso@kent.edu

1. Bylaw Changes

- Communication Department
 - Majority of graduate students are online
 - Wants to condense 3 communication Units into Communication and Information
 - I. Journalism and Mass Communication
 - II. Visual Communication Design
 - III. Library and Information Science
 - Motioned by Chemistry and Biochemistry, Seconded by Sociology
 - Approved (Unanimous)
- Ineligibility of Academic Units
 - Currently: Missing more than 1 meeting will result in the entire department losing GSS funding for the academic year
 - Proposed change: If a Senator misses 2 meetings in the Fall, the respective department loses GSS funding eligibility for the Spring and Summer semester
 - I. Can become re-eligible for Summer funding if Senator attends 3 of 4 meetings in the Spring
 - II. Missing 2 meetings during the Spring semester will cause department to lose Fall

funding

- Senator contract
 - I. Executive Board will draft a contract clearly stating the duties of Senators with emphasis on the above-mentioned Bylaw
 - II. Contract will be signed by the Senator, Departmental Chair, Graduate Coordinator, and GSS Advisor at beginning of each semester
- Funding Applications
 - I. To prevent students from ineligible departments from applying for GSS funding, eligible departments will be listed on the website
 - II. The Qualtrics application process will also be limited to students from eligible departments by requiring department declaration at the beginning of application process
- Motion to change Bylaw: Sociology, Seconded by Philosophy
 - I. Change will be enacted Spring 2017
 - II. Approved 26 to 1 (Geology)

2. Tedx Kent State

- Event will occur on Saturday, February 18, 2017
- Designed to help communities, organizations and individuals to spark conversation and connection through local TED-like experiences
- Those interested in participating in the event should visit: www.kentstateusg.com

B. Executive Vice Chair – Mark Rhodes – mrhode21@kent.edu

1. ITA Update

- 13 applicants
- 7 applications going to committee
- Left over money will be used for Summer 2017 ITA

2. Advisory Committee on Academic Assessment

- Met Sep. 6th, Oct. 4th, Nov. 1st
 - Higher Learning Commission criteria for accreditation
 - I. Looking at university's accreditation and our internal assessments
 - II. Some of this information can be found on the Accreditation, Assessment, and Learning website: <https://www.kent.edu/provost/aal>

3. Public Safety Advisory Committee

- Kent State Police Department working closely with Portage County Health Department
 - More heroine deaths recently than traffic deaths
 - Arrests during Halloween weekend down from last year
- 2 dispatchers at Kent State Police Department always available
- Discussed active threat situation plan
 - Last rehearsed in May
 - 7 agencies across Kent included in the plan
- 140 parking spaces added to C. Science building
- Phase 2 of Summit Street construction is underway
- Parking Serviced is developing an app

4. Educational Policies Council
 - School of Digital Sciences will move into the College of Communication and Information
 - Dedicated Faculty will be hired for the School of Digital Sciences
 - A policy regarding online Accessibility will be enacted Spring 2017
 - Online material must be accessible
 - Communication and Information Sciences developing Health Informatics Master's program
 - Botany Masters of Science and Ph.D. will temporarily be suspended
 - Biology is suspending Masters of Science degree
 - Still has Masters of Arts degree
5. Presidents' Lunch
 - Campus Health Initiative
 - Smoke free campus by July 1, 2017
 - Role of Mental Health Facilities
 - Administration is aware of a lack of mental health resources
 - Increasing both staff and hours to accommodate
 - Mental health first aid training program
 - I. 8-hour course through Kent Step Up Speak Out program
 - II. More information at www.kent.edu/cpph

C. Finance Chair – Suparna Navale – snavale1@kent.edu

1. Extra \$200 funding still in progress
2. Spring DTA
 - Due January 30th at 11:59 pm
 - \$65,000 budgeted
 - Students must be registered for semester in which they are applying

D. Advocacy Chair – Kathryn Klonowski – kklonows@kent.edu

1. Research Award Update
 - \$40,000 budgeted for year (\$20,000 per Fall and Spring semester)
 - 30 applications completed
 - 22 applications met blinding requirements
 - 13 applicants funded
 - Awarded \$19,610
 - Granted \$18,760
2. Spring ITA Deadline: March 6, 2017
3. GA Task Force
 - 4 committees
 - I. Survey analysis
 - II. Stipends and funding
 - III. Conditions of Graduate Students
 - IV. Medical benefits, particularly for International students
4. Philanthropy
 - International Institute of Akron [http://iiakron.org/material-donation/?](http://iiakron.org/material-donation/)
 - Need Men's steel toe work boots sizes 8 - 9
 - Other items needed:
 - Alarm Clocks
 - Trash Cans

- New Mops & Buckets
- New Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Lamps & Light Bulbs
- Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Blankets & Twin Sheets
- Wash Cloths
- Handheld Can Openers
- Pots & Pans
- Shower Curtains & Hooks
- Curtains & Hooks
- Silverware
- Glasses, Cups, & Bowls
- Cooking Utensils & Serving Dishes
- Bicycles
- Call before donating:
 - Seasonal clothing
 - Shoes
 - Furniture
- Send ideas for next semesters philanthropy project to kklonows@kent.edu

E. Research Symposium Chair – Brooke Long – blong21@kent.edu

1. Symposium Update

- Symposium Date: April 21, 2017
- Deadline to apply: February 27, 2017
- Application is now open: Link: https://kent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cAPIHychYVdKrm5
- Symposium will run from: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
 - Extended for additional session
- Keynote speaker will be brought in from outside Kent State
- Awards banquet from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 - To receive Award, recipient must be at the banquet or provide excuse prior to symposium
- Creating 5 interdisciplinary thematic sessions
 - Brain Health
 - Environmental Science and Design
 - Global Understanding
 - Healthy Communities
 - Advanced Materials

2. Conference Presentation Workshop

- Create a relationship between undergraduate and graduate students
- Thursday, January 19th from 6pm-8pm in quiet study area on 1st floor of Library
 - Winners of 3-minute thesis will present their thesis
 - Q&A panel
 - I. Submit questions for Q&A to blong21@kent.edu
- Need people to:
 - Help spread awareness of event
 - Assist with the event
 - Present posters

F. Info Services Chair – Tyler Smith – gss.info@gmail.com/esmit149@kent.edu

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2. Check Your Spam Folder for gss.info@gmail.com

V. New Business

A. Acting Chair – Mark Rhodes

VI. Announcements

VII. Spring 2017 General Senate Meetings:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 30th	1:30-3:30pm	KSC 310 AB
February 27th	1:30-3:30pm	KSC 310 AB
April 3rd	1:30-3:30pm	KSC 310 AB
May 1st	1:30-3:30pm	KSC 310 AB

VIII. Adjournment 2:00pm: Motioned Anthropology, Seconded Biological Sciences