

- I. Dean Bracken – University Library (<http://libguides.library.kent.edu/poweruser>)
- II. LGBTQIAP Graduate Organization
- III. Research Award Survey
- IV. Call to Order: 10:48am
- V. Roll Call
- VI. Approval of February 3, 2014 Minutes - Approved
- VII. Executive Board Reports

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

1. Vice-President for Research Search Committee
 - a. No updates, but please feel free to forward your questions to Provost Diacon (provost@kent.edu).
2. Executive Board Elections
 - a. General Requirements for all positions
 - i. You must be a full or part-time Kent State graduate student
 - ii. There is one executive board meetings and one general meeting over the summer in addition to the 4 executive and 4 general senate meetings during each fall and spring semester
 - iii. Required to participate in monthly GradFest events
 - iv. Members may be required to serve on various committees
 - v. The board is required to be present at both the Fall and Spring Graduate Student Orientation (GSO)
 - vi. All members of the board contribute to the Graduate Research Symposium
 - vii. There is a small stipend associated with each position
 - viii. The time commitment varies between positions. By University standards, each position is contracted 5 hours per week. Students with a 20-hour assistantship, are still eligible to be on the Executive Board. If you have multiple positions, just keep in mind of the 28 hours per week University limit.
 - b. For specific information about each position, please see Section I of the bylaws (<https://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gss-bylaws>)
 - c. All executive board positions are open, regardless if a sitting board member elects to run again. Each of the current board members is developing a transition book, with information about recent discussion surrounding responsibilities of that respective position.
 - d. Nominations open today through Tuesday March 10th
 - i. Email any nominations to gss@kent.edu
 - e. Nominations from the floor
 - i. Morgan Chaney – self nomination for Symposium Chair
 - f. During the March 17th General Meeting all nominees will speak briefly and there will be a private ballot.

- i. Nominees will be contacted the week prior to elections, but the Senate will not know who has been nominated until March 17th
- ii. The election will be based off of a majority vote
- g. Dr. McAnulty- This is an important leadership opportunity and Graduate Studies very strongly supports all senators and constituents to consider running for these positions. Also, don't hesitate to contact any board member for more information.

E. Executive Vice Chair – Fritz Yarrison – fyarriso@kent.edu

- 1. Educational Policies Council Report
 - a. Department of Geography
 - i. New online Master's of GIS degree
 - ii. New online GIS Post-Bachelorette certificate
- 2. Faculty Senate
 - a. One-University Commission update
 - b. Shift from Folioweb to FlashFolio
 - c. Discussed core courses, specifically certain nursing courses.
- 3. Faculty Senate Budget Advisory Committee
 - a. Reviewing Responsibly Centered Management (RCM)
 - i. RCM eliminates the central administration ability to choose what proportion of the budget goes to what college. It is currently based upon college revenue.
 - ii. One of the main concerns of RCM is the transparency of funding and access

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

- 1. Spring 2015 Domestic Travel Award
 - a. We are currently handing Fall and Spring awards and preparing for Summer. Please send any questions or concerns you have to Gordon.
 - b. Please make sure you have an updated address in FlashLine so that there are no issues in the reimbursement process
- 2. Domestic Travel Award Committee
 - a. We are still encouraging anyone interested in sitting on the Domestic Travel Award Committee. The next meeting will take place next week, so please contact Gordon if you are interested. If you are considering running for the executive board or especially the Finance Chair this would be a great opportunity to get involved with GSS.

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

- 1. Miller Community House Goods Drive
 - a. We will be collecting goods until the March 20th GradFest.

- b. We are collecting: Food (non-perishables), Towels and washrags, toiletries (shampoos, conditioners, body wash, female sanitary products), bed sheets, and blankets.
 - c. See attached for the flyer
 - 2. Research Award Changes
 - a. Thank you for taking our survey. We'll let you know at the next meeting the results.
 - b. Paulet Washco, the director of the IRB, is supportive of moving to a mid-semester deadline for faculty PIs and faculty reviewers
 - c. We will consider a new Research Award Form this summer
 - 3. Rec Center
 - a. Currently working on a letter for the director of the center to engage in conversation for changing the center fees for graduate students in thesis and dissertation II.
 - 4. Grads Have Debt 2
 - a. An awareness campaign sponsored by the National Association for Profession and Graduate Students raising awareness of graduate student debt.
 - i. The event is Wed. Feb. 25th and they are asking for social media participation in the event and to write letters to your representatives.
 - ii. If you are interested, GSS will be sharing the links on social media, or you can go to their website here:
<http://nagps.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Grads-Have-Debt-2-Press-Release-2013-07-21.pdf>

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

- 1. 30th Annual Graduate Research Symposium
 - a. April 3, 2015 – Kent Student Center – 9:00am-2:00pm
<http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/research-symposium>
 - b. We have 311 presentations for the symposium. Last year we had a record high of 236.
 - c. There are 141 oral presentations and 170 poster presentations
 - d. There are 140 Master's presentations and 170 doctoral presentations
 - e. A special thank you to Architecture and their 51 presentations. In perspective the second highest academic unit is Psychological Sciences with 23 presentations
 - f. We still especially need Architecture, Biomedical, and Biological Sciences faculty judges
 - g. Thank you for getting the word out and thank you for continuing to get the work out for symposium attendance and judges

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

- 1. Senator Updates

- a. Thank you for continuing to respond quickly and consistently to our emails
 - b. 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. If any of your departmental graduate student organizations have photos from social activities or other events, it will be a great way to promote GSS and Kent State on social media. You can email any photos and descriptions to Mark
 - b. Please encourage all of your constituents to like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on Twitter ([@ksugss](#)) for news!
 - c. Twitter especially will be utilized more with the upcoming symposium using #KSUGradResearch
- V. New Business
 - D. Organization Request
 1. Philosophy Department Graduate Students
 - a. Funding for food for the May 4 Conference
 - i. For: 30 Academic Unites
 - ii. Abstained: 1 Academic Unit (Liquid Crystal Institute)
 - iii. Absent: Digital Science, Economics, Fashion, History
- VI. Announcements
 - A. United Students against Sweatshops (USAS)
 1. Wednesday, February 25th is National Adjunct Walk-Out Day, but in Ohio, we are focusing on more of an Adjunct Dignity Day. On this day, USAS will be educating the students, faculty, and administration about the injustices faced by our adjunct faculty by passing out leaflets, having conversations with people, and giving short presentations in classrooms. We will also be wearing stickers in show of support. We will be at the Student Center on Wednesday afternoon passing out fliers and stickers
 2. If you would like more information, want your own stack of leaflets to pass out in your classes, or want to find out more about how you can help support workers, contact Kent State USAS at usas27.ksu@gmail.com or Brianna Foraker at [330-284-4718](tel:330-284-4718).
 - B. Graduate Student Newsletter
 1. If there are ever any events or deadlines that you wish to include in the newsletter please email Dr. McAnulty (kmcanult@kent.edu)
 - C. Graduate Student Orientation
 1. GSO leader applications are opening on March 1: <http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gso>
 - D. Next GradFest: February 27th, 2015 from 6-8 pm (Dominick's)
 - E. Spring General Meetings
 1. Tuesday, March 17th – Kent Student Center 3rd Floor Ballroom Balcony – 10:00am-12:00pm

2. Tuesday, April 28th – Kent Student Center 3rd Floor Ballroom Balcony –
10:00am-12:00pm

VII. Adjournment 11:33am – Motion: Liquid Crystal Institute; Seconded: Sociology