

I. **Guest Speaker** - President Warren

A. Looking to make Kent State a Research University

1. The University wants to have 65% of faculty be tenure eligible
 - Would increase graduate mentors
 - Can then expand graduate student enrollment
2. Graduate student funding
 - Increases in faculty with funding will help raise graduate funding
3. Research funding
 - Wants to double research funding
 - Kent State currently brings in \$23,000,000 in funding
 - \$40,000,000 would classify the University as a highest-level Research University
 - Graduate student publications and conference presentation will help the University achieve its goal
4. 5 centers of research forthcoming:
 - Brain Health
 - Advanced Materials
 - Environmental Science and Design
 - Healthy Communities
 - Global Understanding

B. Sanctuary Campus

1. No legal bearing
 - Will not actually protect students if court order is issued
2. May endanger immigrant studies by placing heavier target on University
3. As a public University, cannot disobey the law
 - Would cause University to lose Federal funding
 - All students on visa would be deported

C. Kent State United Pledge

1. Alternative to the Sanctuary Campus petition to create a space that is welcoming to international students
2. Meant to actualize protection and support for international students in a legal manner
3. Communicates to those outside of the University that Kent State prioritizes the safety of international students
4. Proposed Kent State United events
 - GSS could host a series of speakers regarding relevant issues
5. Transparency
 - Will be as transparent with students as possible as-long-as it does not disobey the law
6. Suggestions and Concerns from Senate:
 - Sociology – wants transparency between University and students.
 - Would like to see Kent State pledge to engage in legal matters regarding international students. The University has resources that international students don't have and it would benefit international students if they knew they had a legal
 - Political Science – Would like to make sure the University does not issue documents of international students until legally

required

- Modern & Classical Language Studies – fears that support from the University will not help students if the government legitimately wants to deport students
- Psychological Sciences – how will the University make the Kent State United Pledge known to those outside the University?
- Physics – Wants better clarity with concerning issues. Believes the Kent State United Pledge mainly addresses what is already known but fails to address the unknowns.

II. Call to Order: 2:39 pm

III. Roll Call

IV. Approval of January 30, 2017 Minutes

V. Executive Board Reports

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

1. GSS Executive Board Elections

- Nominations open February 27th and close March 20th
- Voting will take place at the next General Senate Meeting
- If interested:
 - Send nomination to fyarriso@kent.edu
 - Also, send brief statement (less than ½ page) of reason for interest in position and CV to Fritz
- Position descriptions are in the Announcements

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

1. International Travel Award – Summer deadline April 24th

2. Research on a Budget GPAD Workshop – 12:00 pm March 1st KSC 319

- How to utilize your money for field research and travel
- GSS International Travel and Research Award Info

3. Committee Reports

- International Collegiate Committee – February 15th
 - Jenkins Academic Research Center
 - Fund raising for MAC renovations
 - Mental Health Awareness Event – March 15th, 2 pm

4. Dean Searches

- Dean of Students
 - 3 candidates visited campus – awaiting decision
- Dean of Honors College
 - Candidates will give public presentations in KSC 317:
 - Tuesday March 7th at 1:30 pm
 - Wednesday March 8th at 1:30 pm
 - Friday March 10th at 1:30 pm

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

1. Domestic Travel Award update

- 211 applications
- 179 complete applications
- \$22,000 left over from Fall and Spring unused DTA funding
- Discussion of how to allocate funds
- Suggestions from Floor:
 - Sociology – could move money into Flex fund for speaker series

- Psychological Sciences – could use money to increase the number of Research Awards
 - Geology – would rather see money go towards students than speakers
 - Motion to reallocate funds from DTA: Chemistry and Biochemistry
 - \$8,000 to Research Award
 - \$6,000 to International Travel Award
 - \$6,000 to Flex Fund
 - Approved: Unanimously
2. Committee Reports
- Educational Policies Committee
 - College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability, and Technology
 - Name change: College of Aeronautics and Engineering
 - Office of Global Education
 - Establishing a University-wide proficiency policy for admission of international students
 - Trying to make it easier for students to prove proficiency in English
 - School of Health Sciences
 - Getting rid of bachelor's degree in athletic training
 - Only going to be offered in M.S. degree
 - School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences
 - Offering Masters of Educational in Special Education will be offered online and on campus
 - College of Public Health
 - Social Behavioral Sciences concentration will be offered online and on campus
 - EPC and Dining Committee reports
 - 3 companies advocating for Kent State dining partner
 - Selected Aramark Dining Services
 - Had healthiest dining options
 - Also, selected Pepsi as pouring rights partner

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

1. Research Award Deadline March 6th
 - Needs volunteers for review committee
 - Student Appeal for Research Award funding extension
 - Motion by Journalism and Mass Communication
 - Seconded by Teaching Learning and Curriculum
 - Approved Unanimously
2. Graduate Appointee Task Force
 - Adopting New Name
 - Next meeting March 20 at 5:00 PM at the Kent Free Library
3. Philanthropy
 - Creation of new task force to address international student concerns regarding summer
 - Address concerns of international students going home for the summer
 - Send any concerns to kklonows@kent.edu
 - Opportunities to serve/donate
 - Relay for Life in March
 - Habitat for Humanity in April
4. Faculty Senate Report

- Climate Survey

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

1. Symposium Registration Deadline is Midnight on February 27th!
2. There are also opportunities to volunteer on the day of the symposium. To volunteer please fill out this quick survey:
https://kent.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ehrEBiHorNEIGFL

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

1. Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on Twitter ([@ksugss](#)) for news!
2. Check Your Spam Folder for gss.info@gmail.com

V. New Business

A. Organization Request

1. Kent Scientista Second Annual Research Symposium, March 8th KSC 306
 - \$50 to cover food and drinks, name tags, booklets, advertising, and invitation cards
 - Vote to approve: Approved unanimously
2. Physics Graduate Student Association – Welcome Event, March 1st
 - \$50 to help cover expenses for food and cost of welcome event
 - Welcome meeting in SRB room 137
 - Vote to approve: Approved unanimously

B. Allocate money from DTA to International Travel, Research Award, and Flex Fund

1. \$22,000 left over from Spring 2017 DTA
 - \$8,000 moved to the Research Award
 - \$6,000 moved to the International Travel Award
 - \$8,000 moved to the Flex Fund
 - Vote to approve: Approved unanimously

VI. Announcements

A. GSS Board Positions Descriptions

1. Executive Chair – facilitating all the activities of other board members. Willing and able to help with all other positions. Must be able to problem solve when necessary. Responsible for representing GSS on faculty senate and major search committees conducted by the University each year.
2. Vice Executive Chair
 - Serve as executive chair in absence of executive chair
 - Facilitate international travel award
 - Keeping guidelines and rubric up to date
 - Making application
 - Facilitating award committee
 - Committee representation
 - Making sure there are graduate students to represent at committees
3. Finance Chair
 - Develop annual budget
 - Work with anything money-related
 - Work with administrative chair to ensure students are being funded
 - Domestic Travel Award
 - Facilitating award committee
 - Making application
 - Keeping guideline and rubric up to date

4. Advocacy Chair
 - Looking out for well-being of graduate student body
 - Development of task forces to address issues
 - Opportunities for philanthropic activities
 - Research Award
 - Keeping guidelines and rubric up to date
 - Making application
 - Facilitating award committee
5. Symposium Chair
 - Must be available April 20th 2018 for next year symposium
 - Also, the week leading up to the symposium
 - Oversight, creation, and facilitation of the Graduate Research Symposium
 - Organize
 - Publicize
 - In charge of awards
6. Information Services Chair
 - Website maintenance
 - Must be Drupal trained by University
 - Know basic web programming (html/css)
 - Social media
 - Facebook and Twitter
 - Post deadlines and events
 - Communication with Senators
 - Email to Senators go through Information Services
 - Send out meeting reminders
 - Maintain senator mailing list in Gmail and on website
 - Gradfest posters
 - Design and distribute posters
 - Take meeting minutes
 - Take roll
 - Edit and distribute minutes
 - Update minutes and agenda on website

B. Ohio Graduate Student Statement Against the Immigration Ban

C. Student Power Coalition

1. Rally at Risman Plaza Friday March 3rd from 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

D. Dissertation Boot Camp

1. Registration open until February 27th at Midnight
2. Weekend of writing
3. Cost \$30

E. Graduate Professional and Academic Development (GPAD) Workshops. Feb. 27 - March 3. Register at <https://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gpad-rsvp>

F. Gradfest: Friday, March 3rd at Bar 157

G. Fall 2016 General Senate Meetings:

Date	Time	Location
Monday, February 27th	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	KSC Ballroom Balcony 3 rd Floor
Monday, April 3rd	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	KSC 310 AB
Monday, May 1st	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	KSC 310 AB

VII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Geology, Seconded by Chemistry and Biochemistry at 3:32 pm