

- I. Call to Order: 10:01am
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of February 24, 2014 Minutes - Approved
- IV. Executive Board Reports

**D. Executive Chair** – Alexandria Lesak – [alesak@kent.edu](mailto:alesak@kent.edu)

1. Executive Board Elections
  - a. Speeches were given by Executive Board candidates
  - b. Each academic unit received a single paper ballot on which they voted on a single candidate for each position
  - c. The ballots were collected by Dr. Kathryn McAnulty and Yeo Jung Yoon to be counted and announced at the end of the meeting.
2. Vice-President for Research Search Committee
  - a. The committee continues to meet, but as this search is private, please send any questions or concerns to Provost Diacon ([provost@kent.edu](mailto:provost@kent.edu)).
3. Annual Report
  - a. We are currently putting together our annual report with the goal of producing a professionally developed report to use in advocating for GSS next year.

**E. Executive Vice Chair** – Fritz Yarrison – [fyarriso@kent.edu](mailto:fyarriso@kent.edu)

1. Faculty Senate
  - a. President Warren spoke about the Governor's upcoming budget and gave a One-University Commission update
  - b. Elsevier Research Assessment
    - i. Found that Kent State is not supporting research in a way that meets their current research goals, especially from the administration level.
    - ii. RCM budget model may hinder these goals
    - iii. The report did find that Kent is doing better than many peer institutions.
  - c. A new grading policy for SF and NF has been implemented, which gives faculty discretion to the decision.
  - d. The new Masters of G.I.S. was passed.
2. Educational Policies Council Report
  - a. There was a minor language change for registration policy

**F. Finance Chair** - Gordon Cromley – [gcromle2@kent.edu](mailto:gcromle2@kent.edu)

1. Domestic Travel Award Committee
  - a. We are approaching being able to provide two options for changes to the Senate.
  - b. The committee is seeking Senate feedback for the geographic area of the DTA. Whether the DTA should continue to apply to all

of North America or should it be limited to the contiguous United States.

c. Feedback:

- i. That seems like a good idea because of the price of flights outside of the contiguous US are so expensive.
- ii. Conferences in nearby Canada can be closer than contiguous US, so it would make sense that nearby Canada remain in the DTA. This does this make sense for Alaska and Hawaii.
- iii. Suggestion that we use a millage radius for the DTA.
- iv. Suggestion that Ontario, Manitoba, and Quebec travel remain in the DTA.
- v. This would be very useful for travel to Mexico which cannot be covered by DTA and would be a better fit for the ITA
- vi. A radius might be confusing to students in the application process.
- vii. We need to keep in mind the cost of airfare, which is often higher no matter where you go in Canada.
- viii. Reminder that the ITA Committee can use discussion in its decisions
- ix. Remember that the ITA is a competitive award and while we would be increasing the funding for the ITA, there will still be fewer opportunities to get funding to locations that would fall within the award.
- x. Reminder that figuring out the radius would require extra work.

d. Informal vote between the two:

- i. Change the DTA to only the lower 48-14
- ii. Keep the DTA as is- 6
- iii. Abstain- 9

**D. Advocacy Chair – Andrea Meluch – [ameluch1@kent.edu](mailto:ameluch1@kent.edu)**

1 Research Award Survey and Changes

- a. Thank you for taking our survey. We had a 91% response rate with 31 responding academic units.
- b. 71% had indicated that students in their department often need IRB or IACUC
- c. 79% of the senators approved of a change to a mid-semester deadline.
- d. Vote to move the Research Award deadline to the 7<sup>th</sup> Monday of the semester:
  - i. For- 28
  - ii. Against- 0
  - iii. Abstain- 1

2 Miller Community House Goods Drive

- a. We will be collecting goods at the March 20<sup>th</sup> GradFest.

- b. You can also bring them to the Graduate Student Social, Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. We are collecting: Food (non-perishables), Towels and washrags, toiletries (shampoos, conditioners, body wash, female sanitary products), bed sheets, and blankets.
  - d. See attached for the flyer
- 3 Rec Center
- a. We have a letter drafted for the director of the center to foster conversation for changing the center fees for graduate students in thesis and dissertation II.
  - b. See attached for letter.

**E. Research Symposium Chair** – Scout McCully – [smccull5@kent.edu](mailto:smccull5@kent.edu)

- 1 Summer 2015 International Travel Award
  - a. Deadline: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 11:59pm
  - b. This is a complete award, so please stress to your constituents that they take their time and read all guidelines for the applications.
  - c. The award provides up to \$1500 to present research, intern, attend a workshop, etc. outside of the US (including territories), Canada, and Mexico.
  - d. If you are interested in sitting on the Summer 2015 International Travel Award committee, please contact Scout.
- 2 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Research Symposium
  - a. April 3, 2015 – Kent Student Center – 9:00am-2:00pm  
<http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/research-symposium>
  - b. We still seeking faculty judges from Biomedical and Biological Sciences, Physics, and Chemistry/Biochemistry.
  - c. Thank you for getting the word out and thank you for continuing to get the word out to all students and faculty to attend the symposium.

**F. Information Services Chair** – Mark Rhodes – [mrhode21@kent.edu](mailto:mrhode21@kent.edu)

- 1 Senator Updates
  - a. Please email Mark [mrhode21@kent.edu](mailto:mrhode21@kent.edu) or [gss.info@gmail.com](mailto:gss.info@gmail.com) with any senator or alternate senator updates or if you are not receiving emails.
- 2 Social Media
  - a. Please encourage all of your constituents to like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on Twitter ([@ksugss](#)) for news!
  - b. We will be using #KSUGradResearch for the symposium

**V. New Business**

- 1 Kent Lingua
- 2 Seeking \$50 to put towards Blackstone Launchpad which helps students in setting up their own business and the Northeast Ohio Translator Association conference in April

- a. In Favor- 29
- b. Abstain- 1

VI. Announcements

A. Executive Board Chair Results

- 1. Executive Chair: Fritz Yarrison
- 2. Vice-Executive Chair: Andrea Meluch
- 3. Finance Chair: Suparna Navale
- 4. Advocacy Chair: Megan Hornyak
- 5. Research Symposium Chair: Morgan Chaney
- 6. Information Services Chair: Mark Rhodes

B. Graduate Student Orientation Teaching Fellowship applications are open

- 1. Link - <http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gso>

C. Graduate Studies Graduate Student Social Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup>

- 1. RSVP - <http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/social-rsvp>

D. Next GradFest: March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6-8:00pm, at The Local Public House)

- 1. Their Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/livethelocal>

E. Spring General Meetings

- 1. Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Kent Student Center 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Ballroom Balcony – 10:00am-12:00pm

VII. Adjournment 10:57am – Motion: Modern and Classical Language Studies; Seconded: Anthropology