

- I. **Guest Speaker** - Dr. Paul DiCorleto from the Office of Student Research
 - A. Research and Sponsored Programs:
 1. Discussed 5 research institutes
 2. Discussed search and budget for “exceptional” faculty
 3. Discussed graduate student travel Money
 - In proposed budget to be able to give us extra money for travel, but must be approved before we know for certain
- II. Call to Order: 2:03 pm
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of February 27, 2017 Minutes
- V. Executive Board Reports

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

1. Executive Board Elections
 - Speeches were given by nominees for Executive Board
 - Each academic unit was given a single paper ballot to vote for one candidate for each position
 - The ballots were collected by Yeo Jung Yoon and Kyle Reynolds to be tallied
2. Executive Board Election results
 - Executive Chair: Mark Rhodes
 - Vice Executive Chair: Kathryn Klonowski
 - Finance Chair: Suparna Navale
 - Advocacy Chair: Timothy Rose
 - Symposium Chair: Elizabeth (Betsy) Melick
 - Information Services Chair: Morgan Chaney

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

1. ITA Update
 - Summer 2017 Application is Open – Deadline: April 24th 11:59pm
 - <https://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gss-international-travel>
 - Remember that ITA can no longer be used to fund research projects – only travel to conference or similar event
2. Dean Searches
 - Dean of Student – Dr. Lamar Hylton
 - Dean of the Honors College – Dr. Allison Smith
3. UTC Report
 - Kathryn Hannum, our University Teaching Council representative, reports that on March 10th "funding was granted for 11 Teaching development proposals totaling 90k." Currently grad students are not eligible to apply, though the current chair is open to the idea. I took our comments from the December meeting and passed them along to Kathryn to share with the Council. If you have any other suggestions or ideas, please pass them along to myself or Kathryn.

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

1. DTA Update
 - Summer DTA will open in May
2. Committee Reports

- Educational Policies Council
 - 2-day Fall break being proposed
- College of Public Health
 - Establishing a Clinical Epidemiology program
- College of Health and Human Services
 - Revision of Admissions requirement for Special Education, effective Spring 2018
 - Revisions to courses and concentration names

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

1. Faculty Senate Report
 - President Warren presented what she presented to GSS
 - Kent United Pledge was endorsed (see attached revised document which includes suggestions from GSS, Student Power Coalition & Faculty Senate)
 - Sanctuary Campus petition has been tabled indefinitely
 - New graduation ceremony will be at Dix Stadium and include all colleges/degree levels (smaller grad ceremonies will still take place in addition)
 - New schools and programs approved
2. Research Award
 - Very difficult decision process as there were more qualified applications than ever before
 - 30 completed applications, 11 fully-funded, 4 partially-funded
 - All \$26,000 of our budget for this semester was expended
 - The selection process would be improved by more diversity on the selection committee—specifically from the hard sciences
3. Philanthropy
 - Habitat for Humanity tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 15th. Contact Kate if interested. Other dates may be available.
4. GAAP (Graduate Appointee Task Force)
 - Making good progress toward a GA policy
 - Connecting with admin that will help us understand and negotiate potential barriers
 - Will need more help from GAs from across the programs to connect with deans
 - Planning to meet and go over survey, concerns with Graduate Studies to decide how to continue
 - This is a “long game” that will require patience, diligence, and persistence—continued vigilance for our advocacy is imperative

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

1. Symposium Update
 - Symposium Date: April 21, 2017
 - Another record year with over 325 presentations
 - Program Draft is nearly ready
 - Will be sent out to all presenters for a chance to edit
 - Will be finalized and posted online
 - Anyone interested in Volunteering still can. Please go to the following link and fill out the short form.
 - https://kent.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ehrEBiHorNEIGFL
 - Remember to be eligible for an award during the symposium you must be present during the Awards reception that runs from 3:30-4:30pm. If you are unable to attend the reception, you must notify Brooke and explain why you cannot attend BEFORE the event itself to be eligible for an award.

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

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V. **New Business**

A. **Organization request**

1. **Request from English:**

- Every year, the Association of English Graduate Students (AGES) of Kent State holds a small, department-wide symposium for its graduate students. This showcase of KSU English grad students' work is designed to allow early-career graduate students to practice giving conference presentations. We also invite students to present works in progress, so the AGES Symposium often functions as an forum for students to test out their ideas and get feedback before submitting final papers for their courses or presenting at summer conferences.
- Event will be April 28th 2017 in Satterfield Hall 112
- Passed Unanimously

VI. **Announcements**

A. **Gradfest: Friday, April 7th at Kent Lanes, 1524 S Water St, Kent, OH 44240**

1. **Free Bowling and Pizza!**

B. **Remaining Spring 2017 General Senate Meetings:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Monday, May 1st</u>	<u>1:30 pm – 3:30 pm</u>	<u>KSC 310 AB</u>

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