

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

1. Absent senators:

College of Aeronautics and Engineering; Emerging Media and Technology; Economics; Nursing; Public Health; Theater and Dance

III. Approval of minutes from [October 5th, 2022](#)

IV. Guest Speakers: Dr. Manfred– [mvandul@kent.edu](mailto:mvandul@kent.edu):

- New place in the library
- Increasing number of graduate assistantships
- Planning of future programs and assistantships
- New coordinator, Jan. 2023
- Graduate College offers academic programs and courses, faculty advising, college teaching course

Dr. Drummer– [tdrumme1@kent.edu](mailto:tdrumme1@kent.edu):

- GSS budget changes
- Wellness recommendations:
  - Enhance counseling and psychological services - more members;
  - Enhance access to undergraduate students;
  - Support students with basic needs resources;
  - Meet with students and speak up;
  - 94 wellness resources
- Care Team: support for students
- Counseling Center
- CAPS: psychological help

Dr. Porter:

- Come to our new office and enjoy coffee & tea
- We have breakfast every semester in Graduate College
- Offer research writing for grad students
- Offer spaces for different activities
- Email Graduate College if you have any questions

**[ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER](#)**

**[FLASH'S FOOD PANTRY](#)**

V. Executive Board Reports

A. **Executive Chair** – Victoria Akinkuolie – [vakinkuo@kent.edu](mailto:vakinkuo@kent.edu)

1. Please apply to Academic Success Centre(ASC) in spring 2023.

<https://www.kent.edu/asc/studentemployment>

Please contact [jfaluoti@kent.edu](mailto:jfaluoti@kent.edu) for more information

Positions available:

- Tutoring
- Supplemental Instruction
- Academic Coaching

2. Organization Award presentations(philosophy/MCLS)

**B. Executive Vice Chair – Jordyn Stoll – [jstoll7@kent.edu](mailto:jstoll7@kent.edu)**

**1. ITA**

- a. 12 applications, all awarded the amount they requested totalling \$23,549
- b. Thank you to the review committee for their time and effort!

**2. Committees**

- a. **Educational Policy Committee MAIN** ([jfoust2@kent.edu](mailto:jfoust2@kent.edu))  
Established 2 new subcommittees: 1) reviewing and approving new micro-credentials, 2) developing a post-implementation review of new programs (ad hoc committee). There was a program proposal review for peace and conflict studies (M.A.) which established a major with two concentrations: 1) applied conflict transformation, 2) peace, conflict, and development. Finally, there were many course proposals for review as lesser action items that I think will be addressed in future meetings. Those at the graduate level included courses in history, peace and conflict studies, and the school of information.
- b. **EPC Internationalization Advisory Committee** ([pgeis1@kent.edu](mailto:pgeis1@kent.edu)) OGE updated on staffing: not fully back at full staffing levels after multiple departures last spring. Fall 2022 International Student Enrollment data: 1,648 international students (up from 1,308 in Sp. 22). Graduate international student enrollment is 988, of whom 380 are first-time KSU attendees. International Education Week will be November 14-18, 2022. Committee split into two working groups for this year: 1. Promotion of international opportunities and 2. Identifying and celebrating faculty international activity. My group (#2) is looking at ways to survey faculty to gather information about various forms of international engagement (research, teaching abroad, COIL, leading education abroad, intl. conference presentations, etc), as well as mechanisms for sharing this information with the campus community.
- c. **Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MAC)** ([mbrow241@kent.edu](mailto:mbrow241@kent.edu)) The MAC met for the first time this academic year on 10/20/2022. We recapped discussions from the spring (S22) semester and planned the next meeting's agenda. We intend to generate a list of courses and/or programs offered through Kent State that could qualify as multidisciplinary, and we will use this as a guide for designing an application process for new multidisciplinary courses/programs across the campus. Since Kent State is already planning to restructure its core classes for undergraduates, we will try to align this additional multidisciplinary framework to the upcoming changes. Two voluntary sub-committees will be formed from the existing MAC members as a means of streamlining data collection and/or analysis before the next meeting in November.

**C. Finance Chair – Phaedra Norrell – [pnorrell@kent.edu](mailto:pnorrell@kent.edu)**

**1. Award updates**

- SCA deadlines
- Remind constituents of deadlines, please!
- **Thanks SCA participants!**
- Funded 3 out of 4 SCA recipients
- DTA will be lowered next semester

2. Awards upd

D. **Advocacy Chair** – Emily Erb - [eerb4@kent.edu](mailto:eerb4@kent.edu)

1. Letter to President Diacon regarding meal swipes
2. The Research Award Committee **[FEEL FREE TO JOIN THIS COMMITTEE, BUT IF YOU APPLY FOR THIS AWARD PLEASE NOT TO VOLUNTEER]** is meeting today after the GSS meeting to discuss the applications for the Fall 2022 Research Award. Award letters will be dispersed this Friday to inform students as to their funding status.
3. The Research Award Language Committee is meeting next Wednesday to discuss the Research Application and how we can adjust it to make it more accommodating for all graduate students across campus.
  - If you would like to volunteer on this committee but have not yet reached out to Emily ([eerb4@kent.edu](mailto:eerb4@kent.edu)) please do! All are welcome to join this committee.
4. Volunteer opportunities:
  - Kent State Women's Center is holding a volunteer opportunity on November 10th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Williamson House. You can create canvas bags for the career closet and menstrual products for women.
  - Kent State Women's Center is collecting new and gently used professional clothing for students on campus. Students can utilize the career closet at the Women's Center to obtain free, professional clothing. Donations can be dropped off at the Williamson House.
  - A blood drive is being held on November 5th and 6th from 1:00pm-7:00pm in the Kent State Student Center in room 310AB. All donors will be given a Chipotle gift card. More information can be found on the site below.
    - <https://www.kent.edu/parents/lifeshare-campus-blood-drive>
  - Flash's Food Pantry: GSS is holding a food drive. All good will be donated to the Flash's Food Pantry. This pantry provides free food to Kent State students. It is located on the lower level of the Student Center. If you would like to donate food, please bring it to the next GSS meeting or contact Emily ([eerb4@kent.edu](mailto:eerb4@kent.edu)) and she can meet you on campus to obtain the nonperishable goods. Please share this information with your constituents and programs so we can give back to our community.

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E. **Programming Chair** – Harun Rashid – [mrashid@kent.edu](mailto:mrashid@kent.edu)

1. Symposium 2023 updates

2. We are actively recruiting for the 2023 Research Symposium Committee  
**[FEEL FREE IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER! Email Harun]**

F. **Info Services Chair** – Olesia Pavlenko – [opavlenk@kent.edu](mailto:opavlenk@kent.edu)

1. If you have published/presented recently, let us know.  
We'd like to spotlight you on social media!
2. Make sure to let me know about any senator changes in your department!
3. Follow us on Instagram - [@gss\\_kentstate](https://www.instagram.com/gss_kentstate)
4. Like us ♥ on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ksugss) and follow us on Twitter ([@KSUGSS](https://twitter.com/ksugss))

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- Presentation/ Vote for organization award

VII. Announcements

- November 8th I AM FIRST generation event (12-2pm)
- December GSS Meeting
- Writing Class with Dr. Kinsman-Costello in the spring
  - Thursdays 10-11:40a, 2 credit course or sit in
  - Contact Dr. Lauren Kinsman-Costello at [lkinsman@kent.edu](mailto:lkinsman@kent.edu)
- Gradfest Friday, November 11th, 9:15pm

VIII. Adjournment