



Undergraduate Student Government

Agenda for the Public Meeting of the General Assembly to be held on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 at 5:30PM.

1) Call to Order: **Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm**

2) Roll Call for Attendance:

2.1) President Jackson: **Present**

2.2) Chief Dingey: **Present**

2.3) Administrative Assistant Kwiatkoski: **Present**

2.4) Director Allen: **Absent**

2.5) Director Schick: **Present**

2.6) Director Fermaintt (**rhymes with paint**): **Present**

2.7) Director Gomez: **Present**

2.8) Director Hibbett (**rhymes with ribbit**): **Present**

2.9) Director Gilbreath (**gill-breath**): **Present**

2.10) Director Sejat: **Present**

2.11) Director Taylor: **Present**

2.12) Senator Alvarino: **Present**

2.13) Senator Buonaiuto (**bon-a-you-tow**): **Present**

2.14) Senator Dubensky (**doo-ben-ski**): **Present**

2.15) Senator Dum: **Absent**

2.16) Senator Elersich (**el-er-sich**): **Present**

2.17) Senator Barnes: **Present**

2.18) Senator Maller: **Present**

2.19) Senator Walton: **Present**

2.20) Senator Wasson: **Present**

2.21) Senator Williamson: **Absent**

2.22) Senator Stephens: **Present**

2.23) Senator Francis: **Present**

2.24) Senator Paolucci: **Present**

2.25) Senator Boardman: **Present**

2.26) Senator Rhodes: **Present**

2.27) Senator Sheneva: **Absent**

2.28) Intern Mason: **Present**

2.29) Intern Magda: **Present**

2.30) Interim Advisor Myers: **Present**

3) Adoption of Agenda:

Passed by unanimous consent.

4) Public Contributions:

5) Reporting of Absences:

5.1)

2/23/22- Public

- Director Allen: Excused (Academic)
- Director Fermaintt: Unexcused
- Senator Shenava: Excused (Academic)
- Senator Stephens: Excused (Personal Emergency)

3/2/22- Group

- Senator Shenava; Excused (Academic)

6) Reading & Approval of Minutes:

Passed by unanimous consent.

7) Reports of Officers & Committees:

7.1) President Jackson: Happy Wednesday!

While we are preparing to transition into our new board, I have definitely still been kept busy.

I had my monthly meeting with Dr.D, our DOS and will be having my meeting with Dr.Hylton on Thursday to again, address and update one another with student concerns here on campus. Of course as you know I have my routine check-in's with representatives, Chief Dingey, Director Hibbett, Administrative Assistant Kwiatkoski, Intern Magda, Director Gilbreath, and Advisor Myers. Chief Dingey and I had a debrief with Director Gomez regarding the Advocacy trip. Something new that has been established this semester are monthly meetings with our Director of the Student Center, Ben Davis and Assistant VP of Student Services Student Affairs, Gary Goldberg. So we had our first one on the 25th.(Ben and Gary! Get it... like Ben & Jerry's, I want this to become a thing okay). Had the opportunity to shoot for a spread for our Uhuru magazine that Senator Barnes orchestrated, highlighting our women of color in USG. Thank you Senator Barnes! I participated in our Candidate Meet & Greet to connect with some of this year's candidates. Chief Dingey, Advisor Myers, Ben, and I have all been assisting Director Fermaintt in planning Flash Fest, which is really picking up momentum. The initiative I am spearheading with SRVSS, Cultivating Liberation, will be having our first workshop of the semester next week in partnership with MEN and Sister Circle that I am looking forward to. And we are in the process of finalizing our last two workshops during Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The subcommittee I'm co-chairing on the ARTFTT have finalized our report to be reported out to the rest of the Task Force, and will be reviewed to be reported out to the public come April 21st. I was asked to participate in another Tik Tok where I share advice to incoming students, and that was filmed today. I have been in contact with the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) as I am close to creating representation for our athletes on USG's board. Stay tuned for more updates. And finally, I have been reviewing Student's First Requests.

Go be Great!

7.2) Chief Dingey: Hi Everyone,

Last week was a busy one for me. You all are doing so many amazing projects that are keeping me busy! I spent a lot of time getting rooms booked for various events. I conducted the weekly election commission meeting where we prepared for debates. I spent a lot of time coordinating election logistics. We have secured a few campaigning opportunities for our contested races which is exciting. Please join me in spreading the word about write in campaigns so fill our last couple senator spots: EHHS, Arts, and Nursing. I continued my conversations with Director Fermaintt regarding her progress on Flashfest. I spent time with the Change in a Flash committee reestrategizing our marketing and making decisions on extending our deadline. On Friday, I had a virtual meeting with the SPIN team to discuss the Launch that took place this week and potential partnerships with USG. Lastly, I of course attended many internal check-ins throughout the week including with Advisor Myers, the President's Office, and Intern Mason. I want to note that I am getting a bit backed up on emails as I am often waiting on answers from other people to solve some problems you all seek my guidance on. I do, however, see your questions and I am attempting to get answers as soon as possible. Keep up the good work everyone and let's finish strong!

7.3) Administrative Assistant Kwiatkoski: Hi friends! Cheers to yet another busy week. I had some general office things to attend to such as creating the March calendar, organizing an updated office hours sheet, and finding a home for all five boxes of printer paper. I finished my comprehensive programming budget evaluation. The intention behind this task is to have a cohesive understanding of what the programming board needs financially to ensure an amazing year of events. For those who may not be aware, I am attending the Conference on Student Government Associations with Intern Mason, Intern Magda, Director Schick, and Chief Dingey! I completed a nomination for Outstanding Student Government of the Year Award on behalf of Kent State USG. We have done so much incredible work this year that we believe deserves national recognition, so keep your fingers crossed! I also undertook a new very exciting task thanks to President Jackson. I am now part of the May 4 Presidential Advisory Committee! I had my first meeting on Thursday where we discussed a rough itinerary of

the May 4 commemoration. I am looking forward to being part of the planning. Finally, I continued updating our expenses as new orders rolled in. As always reach out if you need anything. Have a marvelous week!

7.4) **Director Allen:** Hello everyone,

I hope all is well. Over the last few weeks I have continued my work with Senator Maller on the Kent Core re-design, reaching out to admin about academic policy suggestions, and talking with students about what they would want to see changed in regards to their academics. I also have been in contact with a student who would like to see the library open 24/7. I would also like to see that happen. I will be working with this student in trying to get that accomplished for next semester.

7.5) **Director Schick:** Last week, Allocations allocated \$4,445.27 to individuals, Panhellenic Council, and Delta Chi. An update on the Allocations schedule. We will be meeting from 4:30-7pm this Thursday and 4:30-5:30pm March 17th due to debates scheduled at 6pm. I am starting to finalize some of the financial recommendations with the help of the Allocations Accountant (Jack). I attended the Candidate Meet and Greet and was very excited to officially meet all new members to USG!

Here is the financial update:

Student Organization Programming Fund: \$83,022.34

Student Organization Conference Fund: \$69,731.61

Individual Student Conference Fund: \$18,450.77

Allocations Budget: 154,012.84/\$412,548.22 (37.33%)

Student Organization Operating Fund: \$11,659.23

USG Operating Fund: \$84,774.31/\$120,698.78 (69.6%)

Students First Budget: \$18,076.78/\$40,000 (45.2%)

This come to a total of **\$268,523.16 / 528,768.15 (50.78%)**

7.6) **Director Fermaintt:** Hi everyone! We are almost a month away from Flash Fest! Please repost our Save the Date flyer on your socials. I will be having more updates regarding artist announcements and tickets sales next week. I also am in need of volunteers for ticket scanning and wristbanding on the day of the event. If you are interested, please let me know. There will be some pretty cool incentives if you volunteer! That is all, thank you!

7.7) **Director Gomez:** Hello everyone,

This past couple of weeks I have continued to do a lot of advocacy work against the passage HB 327, which limits free speech and how diversity is taught in the classroom. I met with President Jackson and Chief Dingey to have a debrief on the trip and its huge success. I communicated with Akii, Organizer for the Ohio Student Association, and received updates, including some resources for how to submit testimony along with information about workshops for written testimony. Thank you to everyone who has sent me their testimony, please keep sending them my way and if you need any guidance please let me know!

In my most recent meeting with Akii, we discussed organizing a rally and testimony writing workshops to educate other students on what the bills are and how they can get involved. I have been monitoring the conflict between Ukraine and Russia. Senator

Walton, Senator Sheneva, and I have started a rough draft for a potential statement condemning the horrific violence. Thank you.

7.8) **Director Hibbett:** Hello everyone! Once again this week I have been working on election material and events. I attended the meet and greet which went very well. I also had the chance to meet with a candidate and inform her more about the role of Director of Communication and Marketing. Outside of elections, I have begun reaching out and finalizing plans for my focus group. On Saturday, the outreach committee and I attended Winterblast and had the opportunity to help set up workstations and we had a lot of fun! Finally, I have been working on ordering USG materials for later in the semester. Also just as a reminder, please be cautious of when you all are sending me material to post or create for social media just so I have enough time to create and edit them and get your approval.

7.9) **Director Gilbreath:** Happy hump day!!!

I hope everyone is doing well and pushing through the midterm season. This last week the dining committee had our biweekly meeting where we discussed the RFP in process for the old Auntie Annie's location.

In the world of Change in a Flash, we had our first few groups come forward to apply with their proposal ideas. Although we had some interested groups, we still decided to extend the deadline. The new initial application is due March 18th by 11:59pm. The initial feedback and mentor pairing is now March 23rd by 5pm. The final pitch is now due April 15th at 11:59pm. All these dates have been updated on the website and Instagram.

7.10) **Director Sejat:** Hi! I have been spending the greater part of this week working on Safe Drinking/going out door tags with Legal Services. They are designed to provide legal information on extracurricular things that trend to get students in trouble as well as how to handle police encounters and covers the rights of students. Have a great week!

7.11) **Director Taylor:** Hello,

We are getting closer and closer to finishing part 1 of the bylaws. In regards to the election, the candidate meet n greet was really nice and it was good to hear what candidates got to say and just get to know one another.

Stay healthy, Have a great week, and Go Flashes!

7.12) **Senator Alvarino:** Hello!

This week I looked at possible venues for the fashion show production in order to advertise the fabric pantry on campus. We are holding critiques for designers March 10th in order to start the design process. Thank you!

7.13) **Senator Buonaiuto:** Hi friends!

I had a meeting with Joni Bowen from the Ambassador Crawford College of Business & Entrepreneurship to edit my remarks for the Groundbreaking Ceremony.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Crawford Hall is next Tuesday, March 8th at 2pm. This is a monumental day and marks a new beginning in Kent State's pathway to a distinctive Kent State. I would love to see some friendly faces and I would also love for you all to witness a piece of Kent State history, so please attend!

That's all from me, have a great week!

7.14) **Senator Dubensky:** This week was a very busy and productive week! I attended a University Library Faculty Senate Advisory Committee meeting where I was informed of some changes that will be taking place soon regarding requesting materials from other universities and locations. The Culture of Care committee met to discuss necessary changes and planning that needed to take place prior to our next leadership development opportunity. I had a meeting with the chair of the Director of the CARES Center committee to get caught up to speed on the process as I was unable to attend the first meeting. Some of the members of the committee on health and I had a meeting with Former Advisor Factor-Page regarding possible collaborations with Kent State of Wellbeing for Health Week. I attended a Change in a Flash planning session where we heard some ideas that we think could be very successful to potentially implement in the future and I am excited to see the participants develop their plans as time goes on. Have a great week!

7.15) **Senator Dum:** Hello everyone! I hope you all are enjoying this amazing weather we are having! This week I had a great time meeting with the person running for my position. Her and I were able to talk about CPR programs and talk about next year and some of her plans. I was also able to help volunteer with Winterblast which was so much fun! We were able to help them set up and help the event run really smoothly which was great.

7.16) **Senator Elersich:** Hi everyone!

This past week I spent time working with other colleagues and providing advice on implementing different boards within their colleges. I have also been promoting usg as a whole on social media, through community, and campus organizations. As well as having a meeting with campus leadership and working on a couple things for the committee on health, health week. Working with my committee to finalize dates for the remainder of the semester and beginning to prepare things for my hopeful successor. Meeting with Dean Hannon and Associate Dean Alicia Crowe with remarks for the remainder of the semester. The continuation of the construction in White Hall and a surprise gas leak causing classes to be canceled! So even though students were excited

about that, I spent time ensuring that everything was safe and that proper precautions were taken so that classes could return.

Have a great week everyone!

7.17) **Senator Barnes:** Hello everyone! This is going to be a little long so bear with me!

I want to give a huge thank you to Director Gilbreath for informing me about a petition that was started by a CCI student. I was able to meet with him just days after seeing his petition and we had a great conversation. We will be working together to improve the functioning of the Student Resource Lab located in Franklin Hall. I finally got to attend a Kent Communication Society Meeting. The theme for this meeting was transfer tea. Communication Studies students and a professor from the school gave advice and tips to students from other majors who attended the meeting.

I had a photoshoot with Uhuru magazine for our next print issue. We will be highlighting students of color on USG. Thank you to everyone who participated. I will be sending your pieces over to you if I have not already. I met with Emily Metzgar who is the Director of The School of MDJ. She has agreed to put the suggestion box in Franklin and has put a work order in for the installment. I was able to finally meet with Marquis Davis who is helping run the Anti-Racism sub-subcommittee I am on. He is working alongside Dr. Arki. I will contact Dr. Arki's GA with hopes of her helping me locate other student leaders who would like to be on the Student Leaders and Emerging Student Leaders subcommittee. I have been asked to complete an interview with an intern in the CCI dean's office. I have sent over my hours and will pick a date soon. Thank you to President Jackson and Chief Dingey for looking over everything I sent you both. I had the pleasure of working at the stuff-a-plush station during the winter blast. Thank you to Director Hibbet for all of the work you put in and for asking us to volunteer. I am very happy with the pictures we all took and the sweatshirt I got.

I finally got to meet with Josh Talbott who is an Analyst in the I.T department. We spoke about the ksu mobile app and the interactive map I am working on. He showed a great amount of support and has even offered to do research on who created the map. He gave me the name of the Director of Web Services and Interactive Media, Lin Danes. I sent Ms. Danes an email and I am waiting on a response. I finally attended a change in a flash planning meeting along with Senator Dubensky, Intern Mason, and Director Gilbreath. I am excited for the students who attended to officially sign up. I had a committee meeting this week. We made some changes to events we had planned and even came up with some new ideas. Many of those I will be passing on to the next senator. Lastly, I would like to thank Senator Stephens for letting me know that the Assistant Dean of The University College is open to meeting with me to discuss the interactive map. What started off as a project for CCI has turned into a project that includes the period project, the women's center and potentially ideas from John Jewell. I am so excited to see what we can do. That is it for me! Thank you!

7.18) **Senator Maller:** Last week I worked on my Kent Core Proposal, as well as meeting with the Kent Core Committee about student engagement with Director Allen. I also had a Care About Kent meeting and worked on marketing materials for the events that took place yesterday.

7.19) **Senator Walton:** Dear Chief Dingey,

Last week I worked with Sandra Morgan to schedule filming for a Pre-Law Video, and inquired about scholarship opportunities related to this. The video will be used to promote our Pre-Law Program and discuss the Spring Break politics of the London Law trip that I will be going on to provide testimony.

Additionally, I concluded with tours with the dean search committee that will hopefully wrap up next week, as we have our final review meeting. I am unable to give details due to confidentiality of the committee, but can not wait to tell you once we have chosen a candidate.

Next, I have been working a lot with the May 4th Task Force to inquire about the confusing budget communications. I sent Interim Ann Myers & Chief Dingey a budget form to try and access these funds. As well as inquired that task force's president about the 2 University's May 4th Committee, which to our knowledge were not active.

Other projects, I managed Blue books, contacted my committee for a meeting, and inquired about a promotional opportunity for myself.

Lastly, I drafted a resolution to condemn the unprovoked violence in Ukraine with Senator Sheneva.

Continued Projects:

May 4th Guest Speakers

LGBTQ+ Leadership Center Series

Dean Committee Search Complete

(Individual) Wagon Wheel for Funds to Go To The LGBTQ+ Fund

7.20) **Senator Wasson:** Good Morning everyone,

I hope you all enjoyed such a beautiful weekend. I spent as much time as I could on my balcony even though Saturday morning was still only 44 degrees. This week I spent most of my time and energy into prepping and planning for health week, reaching out to and communicating with university services and student organizations as well as preparing a preliminary budget. Senator Dubensky and I met with Megan Factor-Page to talk about Kent State of Wellbeing's involvement and events to include in the health week calendar from the rec and various campus offices. I also spent time continuing to plan for my college programming plans and student orgs meeting. I reached out to Catering services to get a quote on that which I will be presenting a Students first for in the coming weeks. This week the Culinary services committee met to plan our upcoming meeting with Jill and Jacob from culinary services, we spoke about the future plans of dining on campus and the possible additions and expansions we think would benefit

students. Finally I volunteered at FAB's Winterblast and iced about 80 cupcakes and had a great time with other representatives ice skating! Thanks so much!

7.21) **Senator Williamson:** I hope everyone is having a good week! I have secured the dean of the honors college for the judge of the research gallery, created the sign-up form, and created advertising. I have been working on preparing for the election debates and attended the candidate meet and greet as a part of the election commission. I met with the health committee and Meghan Factor Page to discuss health week and I have also begun preparing my transition materials. Have a great week!

7.22) **Senator Stephens:** Hello everyone, I hope the week has been kind to you. This week I had a meeting with Director of the Women's Center, Cassandra Pegg-Kirby, along with Senator Paolucci and a member of the Period Project committee to discuss the informational sessions and future of Period Project. Me, Senator Paolucci and the member also met afterwards to get the work started on the first informational session. Later this week I attended the candidate meet and greet. Along with the election committee meeting. I also had the UC Ambassadors meeting this past Friday. We met with both Assistant Deans of University College, Dr. John Jewell and Dr. Liz Piatt, who came to speak to us and gain our insight as they continue the work on University College's strategic plan. I also was able to provide updates regarding USG and myself within this meeting. Overall it was a good week. Thank you for your time.

7.23) **Senator Francis:** Hey Everyone <3 I've been busy with election commission emails and helping with graphics! I have also been working with Director Hibbitt as her right-hand lady on graphics for future events (call me a VCD major). This past week, I attended the candidate meet and greet and enjoyed meeting the potential new board members. With the committee on outreach, I helped with Winter Blast and had SO much fun with everyone! Lastly, I have started putting together my transition materials for my successor and am looking forward to what ideas they will have as well!

7.24) **Senator Paolucci:** Hi everyone! This week I worked on starting some of my transition materials and getting things set up for the next board. I also worked on getting some things together for the Period Project. We met with Cassie Pegg-Kirby at the

Women's center to discuss collaboration with them, and we are also working on a collaboration with KIC in the near future. We are currently working on getting a Period Project informational session planned for the 21st of March, so more info to come for that. Additionally, I met with the dining committee to wrap up some things and discuss attending dining meetings with Culinary services that take place weekly. That's all for this week. Thank you!

7.25) **Senator Boardman:** This past week I continued my work with the election commission and attending events, as well as preparation for the upcoming weeks. I worked with Jessica Roshak as well as Signum to create advertisements for the upcoming speaker event as well as prepare logistics. Intern Mason and I got the chance to meet with Eboné Bell to discuss the event and what we want the campus to get out of the experience and she was really cool. This past Saturday I helped volunteer at Winterblast on behalf of USG where Director Hibbett and I were in charge of the build a bear station that can only be summarized as a Hunger Games-esque experience. I hope you all have a great week.

7.26) **Senator Rhodes:** No Report

7.27) **Senator Sheneva:** Greetings everyone,

This week, I have been spending time connecting with international students and checking on them to make sure if they are doing well or not. It is a challenging time as many are worried about how the current situation affect their home country.

7.28) **Intern Mason:** Hello everyone! This week I continued working on Change in a Flash and I am so excited to hear the great ideas that students are having for campus change projects! I also worked on Care About Kent to find DEI resources for our upcoming events and helped with marketing for Period Project. I hope everyone has a great week!

7.29) **Intern Magda:** Hi y'all I hope everyone had a great weekend, I certainly enjoyed myself with y'all at the Winter Blast! Besides Winter Blast, I'm only working on the proposal to the media department for access to the List-Serves, and I am still waiting on the people from club sports for an external budget sheet for a final number for their fund. That's it for me, have a safe weekend!

7.30) **Interim Advisor Myers:**

8) Unfinished Business:

9) General Orders:

9.1) Vote: [Meet the Senator: Senator Barnes \(2/17/22\)](#)

Motioned by Senator Barnes, seconded by Director Taylor. Vote passed by unanimous consent, For: 21.

9.2) Vote: [Keynote Speaker: Eboné Bell: Senator Boardman \(2/18/22\)](#)

Motioned by Senator Boardman, seconded by Director Gilbreath. Vote passed by unanimous consent, For: 21.

9.3) Vote: [Student Communication Research: Senator Barnes \(2/22/22\)](#)

Motioned by Senator Barnes, seconded by Director Taylor. Vote passed by unanimous consent, For: 21.

9.4) First Reading: [The Period Project: Senator Paolucci \(3/7/22\)](#)

9.5) First Reading: [Celebrating Black History: President Jackson \(3/7/22\)](#)

9.6) First Reading: [The Period Project Informational Sessions: Senator Stephens \(3/7/22\)](#)

9.6) First Reading: [Care About Kent 4: Senator Maller \(3/8/22\)](#)

10) New Business:

10.1) Motion to confirm the Resolution condemning the unprovoked violence in Ukraine as emergency legislation. Motioned by Senator Walton, seconded by Senator Wasson.

10.2) Motion to table the previous motion by Director Taylor, seconded by Director Gomez. Vote passed, For: 15, Against: 5, Abstain: 1.

11) For the Good of the Order:

12) Announcements:

12.1) Group Outing - March 16th: Dave & Buster's!

12.2) Schedule Update - Last Report Out & Pass the Gavel on April 6th

13) Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Director Taylor, seconded by Director Gilbreath. Motion passed by unanimous consent, For: 21. Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.