



Undergraduate Student Government
Agenda for the Public Meeting of the General Assembly to be held on Wednesday,
February 23rd, 2022 at 5:30PM.

1) Call to Order: **Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.**

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**): **Absent**

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: **Present**

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: **Present**

2.22) Senator Stephens: **Absent**

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:

4) Public Contributions:

5) Reporting of Absences:

5.1)

2/9/22- Public

- Chief Dingey: Unexcused
- Director Allen: Excused (Academic)
- Director Fermaintt: Excused (Academic)
- Director Taylor: Excused (Medical)
- Senator Barnes: Excused (Personal Emergency)

2/16/22- Group

- President Jackson: Excused (Advocacy Trip)
- Chief Dingey: Excused (Advocacy Trip)

- Administrative Assistant Kwiatkoski: Excused (Advocacy Trip)
- Director Hibbett: Excused (Advocacy Trip)
- Director Gomez: Excused (Advocacy Trip)
- Director Gilbreath: Excused (Advocacy Trip)
- Senator Boardman: Excused (Advocacy Trip)
- Senator Shenava: Unexcused
- Senator Walton: Excused (Advocacy Trip)
- Senator Dum: Unexcused
- Intern Magda: Unexcused
- Intern Mason: Excused (Advocacy Trip)

6) Reading & Approval of Minutes:

Passed by unanimous consent.

7) Reports of Officers & Committees:

7.1) **President Jackson:** Happy Wednesday!

Last couple of weeks has been a good busy. As usual, having had my routine check-in meetings with representatives, Chief Dingey, Director Hibbett, Administrative Assistant Kwiatkoski, and Advisor Myers. I tabled for USG during the Student Org Fair and assisted in spreading the word about our organization, upcoming events, and elections. Speaking of which, have been sitting in on some Election Commission meetings and have outreached to our multicultural orgs to schedule time for candidates to share their platforms. I've had a regroup meeting with the Director of SRVSS, Jennie O'Connell to plan our new workshops this semester to combat sexual violence on campus. We will be meeting weekly now. Same with a lot of other representatives, I had the great opportunity to participate in Director Gomez's organized Advocacy Trip. It was an enlightening experience meeting with our state representatives. I'm now better assisting Director Fermainntt as we continue to plan Flash Fest, having sat in a programming meeting, participated in a walk-through of the spaces we'll be using, and I officially transitioned her Hospitality reps. I reported out to the rest of the ARTFTT on Friday with the work my committee has done, and we are now gathering the entire team's reports to present to the rest of the public come April. I've had the honor to represent Kent State on Sunday at the NBA All-Star Game where Team LeBron won and raised \$450,000 for the I Promise Scholars program that goes towards current and future Kent State I Promise students! And finally, I have been reviewing Student's First Requests.

Go be Great!

7.2) **Chief Dingey:** Hi Everyone! The highlight of last week was definitely the Advocacy trip planned by Director Gomez and his committee. It was an eye opening experience. Thanks to everyone who got involved with our advocacy efforts. I spent some time last week preparing and reviewing student first funding requests. You all have been doing a great job with those. I am pleased to see the budget getting utilized to create experiences and opportunities for the student body. I am continuing my work in making a full budget reevaluation for next year's board. I have of course continued my work on the election commission. I will give a brief election commission update later. I have continued to work with Director Gilbreath and Intern Mason on the Change in a Flash program. Please join us in expanding outreach for students to participate in this program. We are really hoping to see some applications pour in by March 4th. I attended many routine check in's last week with our advisor, president's office, interns, and programming director. In addition to the check in I also accompanied Director Fermaintt on a tour of the MACC to scope out the facilities for the concert. She is making great progress on the event and I am excited to see how it turns out! Lastly, I have begun planning our last group outing as a board which is scheduled for March 16th. Updates to come on that. As always, reach out if you need anything from me at all. Have a great week!

7.3) **Administrative Assistant Kwiatkoski:** Hi friends! Over the last week, I finished the preparations for the advocacy trip, including creating an informational sheet for all those attending to refer to when meeting with legislators. Speaking of the advocacy trip, we had quite the day! Personally, I met with Representative Grendell who is one of the writers of HB 327. My group (Kaelee and Emily) expressed our extensive concerns with the bill and the plethora of consequences that would present themselves if the bill passed. The conversation was very enlightening. Next, we met with Representative Galonsky who is on the State and Local Government Committee and thankfully was on our side. She was very honest with her thoughts on the bills power and the probability of its passing. We were able to listen to both the Senate and House sessions briefly and toured the statehouse. It was an interesting and exhausting day, but I am so grateful to have represented not only USG but students everywhere. Once back from the trip, I

began updating the operation expenses and spending summary. As always reach out if you need anything. Have a marvelous week!

7.4) **Director Allen:** Hello everyone, I would first like to apologize for both my absence from the public meetings and for the fact that I missed reports two weeks in a row. I would also like to thank everyone for being so understanding about my current situation. Over the last several weeks I have mainly focused on research about our institution and of other academic institutions in regard to their academic standards. Senator Maller and I started our work on the Kent Core Re-Imagine committee which has been fun– they were very open to student input. Aside from this, I have been in contact with CAVS to work on making the parenting and pregnant student initiative a recurring project. Thank you!

7.5) **Director Schick:** Hello everyone!

Last week Allocations allocated \$7,979.07 to individuals, Late Night Christian Fellowship, TV2, and Brainchild Magazine. I was in attendance at the first event for the dean search for the College of Arts and Sciences. It was interesting to hear some of the ideas that our Interim Dean had for the college in the future for making a better identity within the college for students and seriously heard out my concerns that I have been personally having within the college. I also led the private meeting last week with other USG representatives being at the Ohio Statehouse. Secret Valentine was also a highlight of my week in the office!

Here is the financial update:

Student Organization Programming Fund: \$81,022.34

Student Organization Conference Fund: \$69,293.86

Individual Student Conference Fund: \$13,369.25

Allocations Budget: 146,757.57/\$412,548.22 (35.57%)

Student Organization Operating Fund: \$10,914.23

Student First Budget: \$56,076.78/\$80,000 (71.89%)

USG Operating Fund: \$84,033.51/\$120,698.78 (69.6%)

This come to a total of **\$250,076 / 528,768.15 (56.3%)**

7.6) **Director Fermaintt:** Hello! I have been meeting with faculty and staff to prepare for Flashfest and to ensure that we are following Flashes Safe 8.

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

Last week I met with Brady to talk about final logistics for our trip to the statehouse. I also worked on finalizing documents so that everyone had the information they needed for the day. Last Wednesday members from our Undergraduate Student Government, Black United Students, and Bowling Green's Undergraduate Student Government joined me at the statehouse to advocate against the passage of Ohio House Bill 327. This bill limits how professors can teach and limits the free exchange of ideas. We went to the statehouse to tell our representatives to vote NO on House Bill 327. We met with 11 representatives to share our message and we were also formally recognized in the Senate chamber by our state Senator, Senator Cirino. Then we ended the day with a tour of the statehouse where we learned about its history. Thank you to my colleagues in USG, Black United Students, and Bowling Green's USG for coming to the advocacy trip.

7.8) **Director Hibbett:** Last week, I had the opportunity to go to the Statehouse with other USG reps to condemn House Bill 327. It was a really interesting experience and I am glad that I went. This week I have been working on election material to post for the upcoming elections. I have also made a lot of progress on the USG newsletter that is coming out. Finally, I have made progress on the focus groups I plan on conducting to see how we can better serve our student body and spread the word about USG.

7.9) Director Gilbreath: Happy hump day!!!

I have to start off by shouting out Director Gomez and his committee for planning the advocacy trip this past week. It was a very eye opening experience and reminded me of the importance of voting in your local elections.

An update on Change in a Flash: We have done all of our info sessions and have now begun the Open Planning Sessions for students applying to come to. Recordings of these can be found on the USG website. This week we spent time preparing for the upcoming Student Leadership Institute where Chief Dingey, Intern Mason, and myself will be leading a breakout on "Leading Courageously with USG".

Upcoming now, is our next Open Planning Session on 03/02 at 4-5pm in the Leadership Center. All the other dates can be found on our website and Instagram. This program is really a vital way for the student body to see that USG is here to serve them. So, please share the program to your committees, friends, and any campus involvement you are in.

Other items this week included meeting with Senator Stephens for Creating a Culture of Care aka Care about Kent where we discussed the upcoming Days of Service. I also had my weekly meeting with Senator Paolucci regarding Period Project and Dining. This past Thursday we met with Cassie from the Women's Center to discuss how we can work with them more in the Period Project Committee. This past Friday we had our biweekly Dining committee meeting, where we identified roles and plans for the semester.

7.10) Director Sejat: Hi everyone! I have been working with Kent Student Legal Services on a safe drinking magnet that we are hoping to distribute. We are currently compiling the information that will be on it as well as in the design process. I am still working on my survey for students from Community Partners as well. Have a great week!

7.11) Director Taylor: Hello,

Petitions have been extended as well as several election dates have been pushed back a week.

We have covered another article of review for the bylaws. I am hoping we can get through its entirety by our last public meeting.

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

7.12) **Senator Alvarino:** Hello!

This week I've created a team of students to put on a fashion show production in order to advertise the fabric pantry on campus. We are holding interviews for designers this week and I will update with how it went! Thank you!

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

Just some updates on events in the College of Business: There is a Networking Reception hosted by the Department of Finance on Mar 4th and the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new College of Business on March 8th.

I've been emailing back and forth with a student interested in being my successor and she seems like a great fit! I hope to see her officially running soon.

I've been workshoping my speech for the Groundbreaking Ceremony and anticipate meeting with Joni Bowen from the College of Business to edit my remarks.

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

7.14) **Senator Dubensky:** This week the time continued to predominantly be taken up by working on Culture of Care and its development. I had a meeting with Jess Roshak from the Leadership Center to see if she would be willing to allow us to recognize those that complete the various tiers of the program at the Student Leadership Awards. She was very excited about the future collaboration. The two of us will continue to prepare for the awards night as well as for the future leadership trainings over the course of the next two months. I have also continued to work on other preparations for the advancement of the program moving forward. The committee on health has also continued to prepare for Health Week which we will be holding from April 11th through the 15th. We each will be reaching out to various student organizations for possible collaborations on different topics throughout the week. I am also serving on the search committee for the Assistant

Dean of Student and Director of the CARES Center and will be having our first meeting in the near future. Have a great week!

7.15) **Senator Dum:** Hello everyone! I hope you are all surviving the weird weather! I was finally able to meet with the dean of my college and we had a great talk about this upcoming semester. We discussed ways to improve the experience for online students and how to benefit them and she provided some great insight for me. I also spoke to her about my predecessor for next year.

7.16) **Senator Elersich:** Hi everyone! I have spent a great amount of time this past week working with my committee to ensure that the take what you need board stays up to date. As well as coordinated for a couple freshman classes to begin writing notes as well for the board. I have also been responding to emails and working alongside Dean Hannon to continue addressing issues regarding the construction, seating, and parking occurring at White Hall. As well as sending out a flyer to my college promoting the election and running for the college of EHHS senator. Further meeting with Campus Leadership again to discuss additional ways and resources to get our student body and community involved. Enjoy the rest of your week!

7.17) **Senator Barnes:** I have contacted the Director of the School of Media and Journalism and she has agreed to discuss the possibility of putting a usg suggestion box near the faculty offices. I have planned my meet the senator event and finished making a survey I will be sending out to students soon. I have contacted some of my fellow senators about a meeting we are trying to plan. I have been preparing for a meeting with IT regarding the interactive map. I will be attending an anti- racism task force meeting this week.

7.18) **Senator Maller:** Last week I worked on Care About Kent, Committee on Rules, Internal CAE items involving research and lab use, and the kent core re-envisioning committee where I have focused on trying to expand student options by researching the options available at the university and presenting them to the board and finding how I can make them possible within the colleges to allow students a more adaptive education.

7.19) **Senator Walton:** Over the course of this week I was able to apply to the Israel Program with the Jewish Studies Program and was able to attend the Columbus Advocacy Trip scheduled by Director Gomez. Currently, I have been balancing a lot of external personal matters, applying to internships, campaigning, clubs, etc.

Nevertheless, I want to remind all of us (and myself) to stay focused and continue to advocate for students. USG is not just a networking opportunity or attending meetings. It's about the progression of the student body through advocacy and making a personal impact for everyone here. USG leaves a lasting legacy to continue change. We are here to make change, not continue the standard already set.

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

Last week I spent a lot of my time doing planning and research for the upcoming health week. I have begun reaching out to student organizations and campus groups to include them in our plans for health week. I also had a meeting with my committee preparing for an all organization meeting that we hope becomes semesterly in the future. This monday I also worked out finer details with Cade McCue, a member of my committee to invite organizations to this meeting and work out an agenda. The dining committee began our work again and had an all group meeting to set roles, identify our semester goals and plans, and schedule out our meetings as well as meetings with Jill Jenkins and Jacob Kuehn.

7.21) **Senator Williamson:** I hope everyone is having a good week! We had the first reading for my student's first funding request for the honors college research/ project gallery this past week and we are voting on it later in this meeting and set the date for March 22nd. I had the opportunity to talk to the honors leadership academy this week about USG elections and Change in a Flash and they took the time to brainstorm some ideas for Change in a Flash. The rest of this week I spent planning the research gallery, working with the health committee to plan health week, and working on the election commission.

7.22) **Senator Stephens:** Hello everyone, I hope the week has been kind to you. I apologize for not being present but an emergency has occurred. The past week has been eventful! I was able to speak for the exploratory panel for Future Flashes Day which was great. I enjoyed listening to other exploratory students' answers and seeing the attendees interact. During this week I met with Director Gilbreath regarding my role in Care about Kent. I also was able to complete the design for Culture of Care certificates. Regarding Period Project I have done the general planning for the informational sessions that we want to complete soon. At our group meeting we were able to discuss

our next steps and how we want the rest of the semester and even next year to go. I attended the Election Committee meeting and the Change in a Flash information session. Overall the week went well and I hope the rest of your week goes well!

7.23) **Senator Francis:** Hello Everyone! Over the past couple of weeks, I have been working hard with the election commission, focusing on marketing with Director Hibbett to make social media posts and stickers and sending plenty of emails.

7.24) **Senator Paolucci:** Hi everyone! This week, I worked on getting info out about applying for my position. I sent information to quite a few sustainability-related organizations, and I sent the info to the office of sustainability for them to include in their monthly newsletter. I also worked on starting some advertising for the electronics recycling container. I also met with the search committee for Coordinator, Student Health and Wellbeing to narrow down the applicants for phone interviews. Additionally, I met with Director Gilbreath to go over some things for the Period Project, Dining, and the Walk for Water during Earth month. I met with the dining committee to discuss roles and talk about what our committee will look like this semester. And Director Gilbreath and I also met with Cassie Pegg-Kirby to get her up to date on what the Period Project is doing and how the Women's Center and the Period Project can work together in the future. That's all for this week, thank you!

7.25) **Senator Boardman:** Hello everyone! I hope you are all having a great week. This past week I attended the advocacy trip and had the opportunity to speak with the creator of HB 327 which was an experience. Additionally, I met with a Strategic Plan subgroup to review values 5-9 to better reflect the needs of the students based on the results of the survey. I have continued my work on the election commission. Finally, I have finalized all of the details for my keynote speaker event that we will have a first reading on later this meeting where I will provide more information. I would also like to request that in honor of Women's History Month starting next week, if all female-identifying members of USG would stay after to take a group photo for social media.

7.26) **Senator Rhodes:** This was a slow week for me because I have been plagued with migraines because of the constant weather changes

- I went to KIC's open forum where I got to hear student concerns.
- David Taylor Meeting notes:
 - Cases in Portage County are decreasing, currently 35 cases a day

- In Portage county they have a 8.35% rate
- People 18-29 are making up 48.8% of new cases
- On campus currently 2 are in quarantine and 5 are in isolation
- Dining Committee Meeting
- I also helped Senator Barnes with her qualtrics form about how students receive information.

7.27) **Senator Sheneva:** Happy Wednesday ! Not much has been done over the past few weeks as OGE is moving offices and I am currently helping international students file for taxes. Please stay safe and god bless.

7.28) **Intern Mason:** Hello everyone! This week I was able to attend the advocacy trip planned by Director Gomez. It was a great experience and I was happy to be able to advocate on behalf of Kent's student body. I also was able to have a meeting with Becca from OSU's USG about an event that they hold that I'd like to help bring to Kent. Other than that I had my weekly meetings for Change in a Flash and attended our first open planning session as well as attended our bi-weekly dining committee meeting. Have a great week!

7.29) **Intern Magda:** Hi everyone! I just got back from vacation on Monday and I will be able to resume work on calculating the amount for the Club Sports Fund as well as helping on the newsletter. Take care guys!!

7.30) **Interim Advisor Myers:**

7.31) **Election Commission Update:**

We have 22 potential candidates petitioning to be on the ballot this spring. All positions except for Senator for the College of EHHS and Senator for the College of Public Health have at least 1 potential candidate. All USG members should be filling out the petition and signing for all potential candidates given that it is not an endorsement of any kind and only promotes our organization's overall success. We want everyone who wants a chance to be on the ballot to make it there and signatures should not be a barrier to that. Please spread the word about the petition! Petitions are due tomorrow (Feb 24th) at 5pm. The election commission will announce the unofficial candidate list tomorrow evening. Anyone who is free should stop by the candidate meet and greet next Monday

(March 1st) in KSC 310 to mingle with the candidates. This event is required for candidates, but open to the public. We are catering lots of free food!

8) Unfinished Business:

9) General Orders:

9.1) Vote [Care About Kent 3: Senator Maller \(2/12/22\)](#)

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

9.2) Vote: [Honors College Research/Project Gallery: Senator Williamson \(2/11/22\)](#)

Motioned by Senator Williamson, seconded by Director Schick. Vote passed by unanimous consent, For: 21.

9.3) Vote: [Fabric Pantry: Senator Alvarino \(2/14/22\)](#)

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

9.4) First Reading: [Meet the Senator: Senator Barnes \(2/17/22\)](#)

9.5) First Reading: [Keynote Speaker: Eboné Bell: Senator Boardman \(2/18/22\)](#)

10) New Business:

11) For the Good of the Order:

12) Announcements:

12.1) Last day of office hours: April 29th

12.2)

13) Adjournment:

Motioned to adjourn by Director, seconded by Senator Alvarino. Motion passed by unanimous consent, For: 21.