



Undergraduate Student Government

**Agenda for the Public Meeting of the General Assembly to be held on Wednesday, April
28th, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom.**

1) Call to Order: 5:32PM

2) Roll Call for Attendance:

2.1) President Jackson: **Present**

2.2) Director Allen: **Present**

2.3) Director Dube: **Present**

2.4) Director Fermaintt: **Present**

2.5) Director Gomez: **Present**

2.6) Director Hibbett: **Present**

2.7) Director Misch: **Present**

2.8) Director Squibbs: **Present**

2. 9) Director Taylor: **Present**

2.10) Senator Alvarino: **Present**

2.11) Senator Buonaiuto: **Present**

2.12) Senator Dubensky: **Present**

2.13) Senator Dum: **Present**

2.14) Senator Elersich: **Present**

2.15) Senator Gilbreath: **Present**

2.16) Senator Maller: **Present**

2.17) Senator Walton: **Present**

2.18) Senator Wasson: **Present**

2.19) Senator Williamson: **Present**

2.20) Advisor Factor-Page: **Present**

3) Adoption of Agenda:

4) Public Contributions:

5) Reporting of Absences:

6) Reading & Approval of Minutes:

7) Reports of Officers & Committees:

7.1) **President Jackson:** Hello everyone! My Presidency has been in full swing and I'm excited to share with you all I've been working on and with so far. I had my first meeting with UDAC in hopes of bridging our USG to regional campuses' USG. I also was able to meet with the soon-to-be-announced BUS President going over what our roles will look like working together moving forward. I have been assisting the LGBTQ+ Center's GA and intern with a student-led initiative to take place soon. The ARTF had our final public report out and committee-chair meeting, thus I have submitted my name as interest in continuing on the DEI task force to implement the recommendations into action. And I am working with SRVSS to assist in locating funds received from the Ohio Department of Edu for efforts to combat sexual violence on campus. As for USG internally, I've conducted interviews to fulfill the rest of our Senate. I've also been helping with the interview process and sitting in those interviews for both Director Dube's Allocations Committee and Director Fermaintt's Programming Board. I've had a few 1:1's with USG representatives and really sending out emails to USG representatives/my colleagues and organizing behind the scenes to assure us as a unit are moving on track! I'm proud of us, keep being great.

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

I hope all is well. Thus far I have done a few things including:

- Participated in the interview process with President Jackson and my fellow Directors for the appointed positions.

- Met with Meghan and other admin about setting up a USG fund in the philanthropy department to possibly set up recurring book scholarships funded by USG. Multiple senators have wanted to distribute a book scholarship, however, the current rules prevent that from happening.

- I reached out to the President of students for life to talk with her about helping single mothers and/or parenting students who have financial need. It is difficult enough to go through school without children, I can't imagine how difficult that must be. I want to do what I can this year to support students who are also parents succeed academically.

7.3) **Director Dube (Doo-bay)**: I'd like to present my progress so far. I have interviewed 3 candidates for the Allocations Committee. I am looking for 3 more. Other than that, I am currently working on architecting the Allocations procedure for the next academic year. The work that I do through the Allocations committee overlaps with the duties of many Directors and Senators present here, so I'd like to ask that my fellow members of USG feel free to reach out to me and schedule meetings to discuss how we can work together for the following year. Have a great finals week everyone, let's finish strong.

7.4) **Director Fermaintt (rhymes with paint)**: Hi Everyone!

- I am in the process of interviewing more candidates for my Programming Board

- So far I have two applicants that I plan on appointing

- They did absolutely amazing, they are incredibly qualified and President Jackson and myself are confident that this board will be successful.

- I will open up the application in the next week for any vacancies in my board

- If you have any potential candidates for this appointed position, please email me their contact information and I can reach out to them for an interview.

- I would love to have all of your input/suggestions on potential programs for the upcoming school year. This can also be artists you would like to see for concerts either virtually or in person. Please email me at afermain@kent.edu with your suggestions, thank you!

That concludes my points and I yield the rest of my time.

7.5) **Director Gomez:** Hello, I hope everyone is having a good week! I am currently in one of the dining transition committees to bring the student voice on what they want to see out of dining when we transition to in-house. Last week, I attended and helped interview for the appointed positions.

7.6) **Director Hibbett (rhymes with ribbit) :**

- I have officially logged into all socials.
- I've been brainstorming different ideas showcasing new cabinet and senators of USG which includes:
 - Possible IG takeovers
 - Cabinet and Senators flyers on IG story
 - Name, position, year, major/minor, fun fact
 - Headshots
- I have been watching tutorials and reading up on how to use SquareSpace to make sure I know how to work the website.
- I know that last year USG received swag so I thought it would be cool if we could do that again. I looked at the provider that was used this year and have been looking at some other companies. I like the design this year but have been thinking of some other designs as well.

7.7) **Director Misch:** I hope you all are all doing well as we approach the end of the semester, and good luck with finals. I have spent the last several weeks pondering the programming I would like to focus on this coming year. The list includes: an open forum between Kent area Law Enforcement, and students of Kent State University; Drug and alcohol awareness, and prevention programming; recycling and city cleanup programs, especially around renowned "party-holidays"; ensuring local produce is included in the new university dining services system. This last one is for the purposes of helping the local economy, as well as reducing the carbon footprint of the massive amount of food consumed with the Kent Dining system. I met with Director Squibbs, and he informed me of the programming he is working on. I have now started the process of contacting the people that I need to, in order to support his programming. Have a great summer break!

7.8) **Director Squibbs:** Hello, I hope all is well! In the past two weeks I have successfully connected with both faculty members and USG members to schedule meetings and formally introduce myself. I have coordinated with advisor factor and the office of the dean of students and have taken over the covid care package program. After assessing all the materials left, I will be transferring the material back to the USG office. I am attending the Committee on Health's meeting tomorrow as I am looking to possibly co-chair this committee as many of my personal projects are health related. Director Gomez and I talked about point of contacts. In the past he was the point of contact for Jill Jenkins. As Executive Director Jenkins moves into her new role, I can be a main point of contact and possible resource for other USG members for both her and Vice president Goldberg. This ensures we can partner together and that we are not inundating these important with multiple emails and possibly asking the same things. Although, any USG member is welcome to schedule their own meetings regarding their own projects. During my meeting with Gary Goldberg, we discussed the transition to in house dining and other upcoming projects. I will be joining the steering committee and helping him form a new employment committee in early June.

7.9) **Director Taylor:** Hello Everyone!

- Last week, I had the opportunity to sit through interviews for the appointed positions with President Jackson and several other Directors in the Exec. Cabinet. We had a bunch of great candidates, and President Jackson did a great job facilitating our discussions when it came to deliberation. We also had our first group meeting where I gave you all a small presentation on Robert's Rules of Order.

- Coming up, I will be looking into which projects to work on this coming academic year. A minor piece of advice for the new folks involved with USG, start planning now because the term happens a lot faster than you expect.

As always, Go Flashes!

7.10) **Senator Alvarino:** Hello all,

This week I have been focusing on my coursework, and trying to figure out gaps in my classes that could use USG's help. So far, I have come up with fabric waste and the need for cheaper/free fabric for students. Hope everyone has a great rest of the week!

7.11) Senator Buonaiuto (bon-a-you-tow):

- I reviewed my notes from my meeting with my predecessor, Senator Reilly, and I have started multiple tasks based on what she and I discussed.
- As Senator Reilly and I discussed, building a strong committee for COBA is instrumental in gathering student opinions and ideas. I created an application for the College of Business Administration Committee via Google Forms and will be distributing this soon.
- I met with Dean Elizabeth Sinclair of the College of Business Administration after our class. Senator Reilly mentioned that she was a huge asset during her term and that establishing communication with her would be beneficial to my success in this position.
- Dean Sinclair and I discussed Business Professionals Roundtable as a way to stay updated on current events in the College of Business Administration. I've made plans to attend their meetings in the Fall.

7.12) Senator Dubensky (doo-ben-ski) : I have begun the process of establishing a committee of nursing students as recommended by my predecessor in order to develop a consistent group of dedicated individuals to gain insight from regarding the needs of the students comprising the College of Nursing. I plan to reach out to Senator Espersen again to gather more insight on the best ways to go about leading this committee. I have been asked to sit in on presentations from the three candidates for the Dean for the College of Nursing this coming week. I will be attending these on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in order to provide my input as to who would be best fit to serve in the position from the perspective of a current student. Additionally, I plan to reach out to the Period Project in order to connect with them as Senator Espersen worked with them and spoke highly of the experience. I believe their work is vital for students at Kent State and want to aid them by involving myself in their efforts.

7.13) Senator Dum: Hope things are going well. I've begun planning for fall 2022 and events that can be hosted for the students in the College of Public Health. I plan to have as many students as possible to get CPR and first aid trained. I plan to begin planning a budget for the 2021-2022 school year and have a framework for the upcoming year. Finally, I will begin to email the supervisors of different student organizations to get a head start on planning for the following year.

7.14) **Senator Elersich (el-er-sich)** : From my predecessor I have learned how to run an effective meeting as a whole. More about, the behind the scenes of the senatorial committee. Which admin to meet with. Continuing the mentorship program and furthering progress of our future scholarship goals for the college of EHHS! As for the upcoming academic year I am hoping to recruit incoming students in order to ensure that more of the student body is heard, and continuing the mentorship program, and giving out a scholarship. As well as raising awareness for the college as a whole by promoting are organizations and committees more on social media!

7.15) **Senator Gilbreath (gill-breath)**: We are almost to the end of the semester, so keep pushing through! This past week I took the time to reach out to individuals within my college to create connections for the upcoming year. Some of these people included the dean, CCI commons director, and directors. Additionally, I worked on contacting students who were involved in the previous CCI committee to see if they are still interested in being on it. I also got the interest form added to the Listserv along with an anonymous suggestion box. Following this, I contacted those who filled out the form.

7.16) **Senator Maller**: Hello everyone! After speaking with Director Dingey and Senator Cline there are a few things that I would like to implement this upcoming year. First of all , Director Dingey spoke on a program where I would speak with all of the clubs within my college to see if they would benefit from additional funding and from there I would set up a program so that if a certain percent or number of their members volunteered at a local organization they would receive that extra funding. I tend to favor this program because it not only supports our Kent community but also connects us with our community so they can learn and ask questions to better understand our college and its clubs. I would also love to potentially work together on this program with other College Senators. A program that I am still trying to solidify, as recommended by Senator Cline, is one in which narrows the gap between our aeronautics students and engineering students. I also spoke in the debate about the current restrictions on tutoring through our college, which I am planning to speak on during a future meeting in my college to see what options are available.

7.17) **Senator Walton**: Happy Wednesday Everyone! On Monday the 12th, I met with my predecessor, Diana Chang to discuss future programs and legislation ideas. After the meeting, I created an agenda term list for future legislation, ideas, and projects that I want to fulfill. I reached out to the contact list she gave me including Dean

Munro-Stasiuk, Meghan Factor-Page, Dr. Hylton, Craig Berger (who helps with civic engagement), Dr. Taela Drummer-Ferrell, and (Ohio CEEP Director) Nate Hall. Within this meeting I had the opportunity to meet with Director Niepsuj to discuss the reality of these goals, and time management. We discussed mental health, time commitments to my position, and how to avoid burnout. Keeping his advice in my mind I took forward to continue my new projects/ legislation including discussing collaboration with Director Gomez, political engagement initiatives, and mobilization of education through trips to historical sites. With that, I look forward to working with all of you and can't wait to promote that amazing work we will do in the future. Thank you!

7.18) **Senator Wasson:** This week I continued working on transitioning. I emailed the Dean and Assistant Dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design and began correspondence with them. I drafted emails for the Program heads as well as to the listserv to begin to get outreach for my 2021-2022 committee. I created google forms for student comments/ideas/concerns and a second for interest for being on my committee. I also got contacts and information from the former senator and set up a final transition meeting with former Senator Dalzell.

7.19) **Senator Williamson:** I hope your week is going well! This past week I have met with Erin Ahrens with the Honors College to facilitate ideas for the Honors class and specifically the incoming honors students for Fall 2021. The honors college is currently working on increased mental health resources specifically for honors students. The plans are not yet set in stone and very early in the works but this news is promising for students. I am also currently working on reaching out to the previous honors college USG committee to see if they would be interested in continuing their work as well as reaching out to new students. And finally, I will be participating in an honors college panel for students during DKS. Have a great rest of the week and good luck on studying for finals!

7.20) **Advisor Factor-Page:** Hello all, As you will note, i have made a few comments on reports with information that may be helpful. I won't always be doing this, but since you are new to your roles I want you to have as much information and connecting thoughts as possible. The way to set up appointments with me is through my calendly:

[Calendly.com/mfactorpage](https://calendly.com/mfactorpage)

I would highly suggest informational interviews with campus administrators and investigating services and resources that are in place for students at this time. Prior to you beginning projects you will want to investigate what is in place and where the actual gaps are. This sweet spot is where you might find you will be the most successful. Just because you haven't used or heard of a service, doesn't mean it doesn't exist. You may find that if you didn't hear about it or use it that you might be able to assist getting the word out to students.

Please be prepared to talk about budget in the July meeting. You may also need to approve some summer allocations since the allocations board isn't in place just yet. There are very specific policies and procedures we must adhere to to spend money. I will be happy to assist you with this and will be working with Taksh to come up with funding request procedures. In the meantime, know that the funding and payment process takes time- so be prepared to plan ahead a month in most circumstances. For programming, Alice and I will work on a 3 month in-advance contracting plan.

Plan to attend August training, my analogy for not having you present as part of the team is like trying to drive on a flat tire. When people are missing it hinders our success.

Hearing about your ideas has been energizing! I am looking forward to working with you.

8) Unfinished Business:

9) General Orders:

9.1) Appointment of the Senator of University College. **Motioned by Director Taylor, Seconded by Director Misch. Motion Passes by a unanimous vote.**

9.2) Appointment of the Senator of Off Campus and Commuter Students. **Motioned by Senator Alvarino, Seconded by Director Fermaintt. Motion passes by a unanimous vote.**

9.3) Appointment of the Senator at Large for Sustainability. **Motioned by Director Misch, Seconded by Senator Buonaiuto. Motion passes by a unanimous vote.**

9.4) Appointment of the Senator at Large for Diversity. **Motioned by Senator Williamson, Seconded by Director Fermaintt. Motion passes by a unanimous vote.**

9.5) Appointment of the Chief of Staff to the USG. **Motion by Director Misch to amend the name, Seconded by Director Dube. Motion passes by a unanimous vote. (Secondary**

motion: Motioned by Director Misch, Seconded by Senator Alavarino. Motion passes by a unanimous vote.)

9.6) Swearing in of the appointed Senators and Chief of Staff. **Motioned by Director Taylor, Seconded by Senator Wasson. Motion Passes and Oath is administered.**

9.7) Election of the Vice-Chairman of the USG. **President Jackson nominated Director Taylor, Seconded by Director Misch. Motion passes by a unanimous vote.**

9.8) Election of the Parliamentarian of the USG. **President Jackson nominated Director Gomez, Seconded by Director Fermaintt. Director Dube nominated Director Misch, Seconded by Senator Walton. Motion favors Director Gomez.**

For Director Misch: 3

For Director Gomez: 15

Abstentions: 1

9.9) Election of the Secretary of the USG. **President Jackson nominated Emily Boardman, Seconded by Senator Williamson. Motion passes by a unanimous vote.**

10) New Business:

10.1) **Motion to elect an assistant parliamentarian by Director Taylor, Seconded by Senator Alvarino.**

Motion to table the discussion by Director Squibbs, Seconded by Director Misch. Motion Passes by a unanimous vote.

Information will be sent out and we will discuss this on July 7th.

11) For the Good of the Order:

12) Announcements:

12.1) This Weeks Announcements (**President Jackson**)

13) Adjournment: **Motioned by Senator Alvarino, Seconded by Senator Walton. Motion passes by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.**

I will now administer the oath of office to you and ask that you commit yourselves to serving the undergraduate student body at Kent State University.

Please raise your right hand. Please respond to the following statements with *I Will*.

- “Will you fulfill to the best of your ability, all duties and responsibilities of your position as a Kent State University Undergraduate Student Government representative?” (I Will)
- “Will you endeavor to properly and fairly represent all students and work with faculty, administrators, and alumni to promote and strengthen Kent State University, our community, state, and nation?”
- (I Will)
- “Will you be a mentor to those students who look to you for guidance and support?”
- (I Will)
- “And will you pledge to serve your fellow students and university community by your actions and concerns for the common good?” (I Will)

You may now officially assume your duties as Directors and Senators and representatives of the student body at Kent State University's Kent Campus. Congratulations.

We wish you the very best in your positions and are looking forward to all the great things you will do. Our commitment to you will be to listen, act on your behalf and to uphold the Student's First goal as you do. USG is the embodiment of "Flashes Take Care of Flashes".