



Undergraduate Student Government
Agenda for the Public Meeting of the General Assembly to be held on Wednesday,
December 8th, 2021 at 5:30PM.

1) Call to Order: **Called to order at 5:34 pm.**

2) Roll Call for Attendance:

2.1) President Jackson: **Present**

2.2) Chief Dingey: **Present**

2.3) Director Allen: **Present**

2.4) Vacant:

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

2.6) Director Gomez: **Present**

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

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

2.9) Director Sejat (**see-jat**): **Present**

2.10) Director Taylor: **Present**

2.11) Senator Alvarino: **Absent**

2.12) Senator Buonaiuto (**bon-a-you-tow**): **Absent**

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

2.14) Senator Dum: **Absent**

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

- 2.16) Senator Barnes: **Present**
- 2.17) Senator Maller: **Present**
- 2.18) Senator Walton: **Present**
- 2.19) Senator Wasson: **Present**
- 2.20) Senator Williamson: **Present**
- 2.21) Senator Stephens: **Present**
- 2.22) Senator Francis: **Present**
- 2.23) Senator Paolucci: **Absent**
- 2.24) Senator Boardman: **Present**
- 2.25) Senator Rhodes: **Absent**
- 2.26) Senator Sheneva: **Present**
- 2.27) Intern Mason: **Present**
- 2.28) Intern Magda: **Present**
- 2.29) Interim Advisor Myers: **Present**

3) Adoption of Agenda:

Passed by unanimous consent.

4) Public Contributions:

- 4.1) Dr. Joshua Perkins- Director of Student Success Programs

5) Reporting of Absences:

12/1/21

- 5.1) Director Fermaintt- Excused (Medical)
- 5.2) Director Taylor- Excused (Medical)
- 5.3) Senator Shenava- Unexcused

6) Reading & Approval of Minutes:

7) Reports of Officers & Committees:

- 7.1) **President Jackson:** Hello, great to see you all and I hope you are looking forward to break. I held the last Cultivating Liberation session of the semester on the 18th, which was a success. SRVSS and I met Monday to discuss plans for the series next semester.

Chief and I coordinated the search process for our Director of Business and Finance and we held interviews last week. I also continued to chair Allocations hearings to allocate funds to our students and student organizations. I had a routine check-in with our interns and continued to delegate tasks for USG's functionality. My monthly meeting with Dr.D and Dr. Hylton took place within the past two weeks to discuss the student life experience and how to continue to advocate for students. I was present at the Student Student Leader Advisory Group representing USG updating one another and providing feedback VP Hylton and other senior leaders. The Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT) met for the first time on Friday, a group charged to give guidance, recommendations, and identify gaps within various prevention and awareness initiatives regarding unwanted sexual contact. Participated in the Anti-Racism Conference Planning meeting, the goal to be hosted early fall 2022. Continuing to edit and provide feedback to the board's Student First requests. And finally have been in preparation for participating in the search process for SSP's Coordinator position.

Go be great!

7.2) **Chief Dingey:** These past couple of weeks I have spent a lot of time making sure everything internally is squared away as we are about to finish out the semester. I have been assisting representatives in their projects by booking rooms and offering guidance. I have helped the period project committee navigate their budget history. I have been assisting Director Gomez in his advocacy trip plans. I have continued my conversations with Director Fermaintt regarding Flashfest. I have continued to create agenda, track reports/attendance, and students first funding requests. I have been very involved in our allocations process. I am assisting Advisor Factor-Page and the committee in running their hearings, and tracking their budgets/paperwork as we navigate the vacancy. I have worked with President Jackson to conduct interviews for the Director of Business and Finance vacancy. I have begun my work on the election commission. I took a walk through with associate Director Ann Myers of the new student organizations space where our office will hopefully be located next year. It was insightful and exciting. Lastly, I have been working alongside Director Gilbreath and Intern Mason on our new project: Change in a Flash. We are moving forward in the planning process as we have secured LaunchNet as a vital partner. We are hoping to pitch it to some key administrators coming soon. Be on the look out for this initiative to get up and running next semester.

Lastly, I will be working in the office periodically throughout winter break as I attempt to prepare us for next semester and the elections. Good luck on finals!

7.3) **Director Allen:** Hello everyone, I hope you are doing well.

Over the last several weeks I have continued to reach out to administration and others to work toward my goal of improving our academic standards. I have also continued to do research and talk with our fellow USG reps and students to get their thoughts on some of my main concerns with the University's academic standards.

Also, I look forward to participating in a committee to discuss the Kent Core standards. After speaking with many students on the matter, I feel confident about what I will be able to contribute to that discussion.

Lastly, now that my monday class is over, I will be able to attend the academic policy committee meetings which I look forward to.

Have a great evening, and a great Christmas break.

7.4) **Vacant:** *Finance Update:*

Registered Student Organization Programming Allocations:

10 Organizations- \$48,812.00

Registered Student Organization Conference Allocations:

9 Organizations- \$25,959.00

Individual Student Conference Allocations:

6 Undergraduate Students- \$2,590.00

We have allocated \$77,361.00 out of our \$412,548.22 budget for allocations. This comes to **18.75%** of the total allocations budget. We need your help spreading the word next semester so we can exhaust this budget.

USG Operating Budget:

\$81,840.09 / \$120,698.78- (67% spent)

Students First Budget:

\$18,076.78 / \$40,000.00- (45.19% spent)

7.5) Director Fermaintt: No Report

7.6) Director Gomez: Hello everyone,

This week my main focus has been planning for our advocacy trip to the statehouse and doing research on House Bill 454. I met with Chief Dingey to discuss some of the logistics of the trip, including the cost for food and travel along with the bus we are going to take there. Black United Students wrote a statement condemning House Bills 322 and 327. Our advocacy against the passage of these bills are the basis of our trip. I invited BUS to send two representatives to the advocacy trip with us so we can advocate for our student body together. In my committee meeting we had productive dialogue on House Bill 454. This bill targets trans youth and we agreed that we were against the passage of this bill. I have been working on a resolution to condemn House Bill 454. Thank you.

7.7) Director Hibbett: Hello everyone! I hope your week is going well. This week my main focus has been working on WinterBlast with FAB. I also had the opportunity to sit in on the SMC assistant director candidate's presentation and student only Q and A. There will be another candidate this week and the two candidates look promising! Finally, I have been researching different marketing materials and ideas for next semester! I hope everyone has a great rest of the week and good luck on finals!

7.8) Director Gilbreath: Happy hump day!!!

This past week I took the time to work on the once called "Prove It" program. Now called Change in a Flash, thanks to Intern Mason for the name! We will be meeting

soon with UMBC, the university who started this program to see how they have theirs set up.

One of the next main projects I worked on last week was Care about Kent. We have been working to finalize this past Day of Service and prep for the next one. It is the MLK Day of Service on January 17th. Please be on the lookout for marketing and promotional materials soon!

7.9) **Director Sejat:** Hi! Hope everyone is not over stressing about finals! We are almost there, you're doing great! I had my onboarding meeting with Chief 2 weeks ago, since then I've been getting acclimated with my position. I was asked to serve on the Newman Civic Fellowship committee through CEL and have been helping create a marketing plan for the application which is live now if anyone wishes to apply go to www.kent.edu/community/newman-civic-fellowship It centers around creating civic change within your community, if you have any questions let me know! I also attended my first Community Safety Meeting as well as meeting with the Kent Community Health Commissioner to create connections and discuss homelessness. Have a great week! Good Luck on Finals!

7.10) **Director Taylor:** I hope everyone is doing well. I hope everyone had a chance to take a load off during our break. I most certainly enjoyed the food. I don't have much to report on this week, but we all have to try and maintain our responsibilities as well as be great students in the coming weeks with exams and such. I will also be continuing my work with the Election Commission and the Committee on Rules That's all I have for now. Stay healthy and have a great week. Go Flashes!

7.11) **Senator Alvarino:** No Report

7.12) **Senator Buonaiuto:** No Report

7.13) **Senator Dubensky:** This week I spent the majority of the time working on the Care About Kent program as we had the first Day of Service recently take place. I spent time working with Director Gilbreath to discuss the program, areas for improvement, and the strengths and highlights of it as a whole. We reviewed all of the reflection forms that the participating organizations completed to gather some insight on these areas. We

also spent a lot of time organizing the forms that each organization had to complete in order to receive the funding. I had to spend time reaching out to the organizations about things such as bank account information, uses for the funding, and form completion. I also began working on writing my assigned section on the bill that we hope to propose to the general assembly that would establish a Care About Kent as a standing committee so that we could allow this program to be a continual component of USG and it would prevent the need to restart all of the work for the program for an additional time if the next members of the general assembly choose to continue it. Have a great week!

7.14) **Senator Dum:** I hope everyone had a good week. This week I was able to finalize the posters that I will be hanging in the College of Public Health. I was also able to email different clubs and organizations revolving around Public Health to promote filling out the survey.

7.15) **Senator Elersich:** Hi everyone! This past week I spent time communicating with Associate Dean Alicia Crowe in regards to planning for the College of EHHS Spring Resource Fair in order to emphasize all student organizations that are a part of our specific college and increase overall engagement. While preparing for yet another senatorial committee meeting and planning for our welcome back EHHS group study table event! Additionally, finalizing the details for the college of EHHS mentorship program in which upperclassmen will serve as a role model and resource for the freshman and sophomore class. Really emphasizing that our college is here to help even when it may seem overwhelming at times! Lastly, our committee put together a "take what you need board" where fye classes had been asked to write inspiring messages and notes to those that may need that tiny reminder located in white hall on the second floor terrace landing! Feel free to check it out and take one if you might need it! I also attended the Advisory Committee for Academic Assessment where we further discussed the implementation of a comprehensive academic assessment plan for the university. Good luck to everyone as we finish out the semester! Please reach out to me if you need anything!

7.16) **Senator Barnes:** This week was full of meetings and events. I had a meeting with the Calender Advisory SubCommittee. During this meeting we basically rehashed everything we discussed in the last meeting. There were more people in attendance and they needed to be caught up on everything. We successfully agreed upon two schedules

to present to the provost. Now we are discussing whether or not we want to make our spring break earlier and match the schedule of other universities in our state.

As a University College Ambassador, I attended the same meeting as Senator Stephens. I believe we received great feedback on how to improve resources provided by the University College. We also received student feedback regarding possible schedule changes.

Senator Rhodes and I attended the Black Community Gathering that was held in Oscar Ritchie. I am pretty much never in that building, so it was nice to go and meet the event coordinators along with students. A couple of people asked us what USG is and we had the chance to educate them on all of the amazing things we do. Important conversations were held and it made me even more passionate about getting students more involved on campus. Another highlight of the event, I got to introduce myself before the pre-kwanzaa celebration that will be taking place this Saturday the 11th. I will be there representing USG.

I met with Aj Leu to go over my plan for a mentorship program in CCI. It was actually really funny because we found out we were working on the same things. They are trying to add mentors to the CCI Ambassador program. As well as working on the interactive map. They supported my idea and advised me to keep the needs of students front and center.

Lastly, I had a meeting with Dr. Compton. She was able to give me names of people within my college who could help me with my interactive map project. I also met with Mr. Haridakis the same day. He expressed that CCI would like to head the project and was able to give me even more contacts. I will be getting in touch with everyone at the beginning of next semester.

7.17) **Senator Maller:** Hello All,

This past week, I have been working alongside the Committee on Rules to give the Bylaws a new look, and we hope to make this proposed revision available to you all early in the next semester. And if any of you have any proposed revisions, please reach out and let us know and we will be more than willing to add it to the list.

Additionally I have met with Alyssa Robinson from CAE once again in order to keep up to date with the happenings within the college.

And as you all are aware Care About Kent is also preparing for its next day of service on January 17th, marketing materials will be sent via Slack within the week, please help us spread the word.

I wish you all the best on finals.

7.18) **Senator Walton:** Greeting USG,

I completed a few tasks and started my work for next semester.

- Gave Raffles Winners From Tabling Event
- Set Professional Boundaries with Faculty and Informed for USG
 - Social Media Intern
 - BS A Networking Event

7.19) **Senator Wasson:** Good evening everyone,

I hope your Thanksgiving was relaxing and you were able to enjoy some good food! Wishing you all a smooth finals next week, and I am sure you're looking forward to winter break as I am. These past few weeks have been very busy and very productive! I have been working with Senator Rhodes to address roadblocks in forming an LLC for students in the college of architecture and environmental design and will be moving towards steps to form one in the coming semester. I met with my predecessor Senator Dalzell to get advice and insight on my current projects. Before we left for Thanksgiving break I prepped for and hosted my Leaf your worries behind the event in the CAED, it went really well, and I am happy to have gotten to meet and speak with some new faces. The dining committee had our final meeting of the semester with Jill Jenkins and Jacob Khuen. During this meeting, we also had the opportunity to speak to the Culinary services marketing team about ways to boost followers and engagement on their social media as well as suggestions surrounding how to be sensitive to individuals with eating disorders and food sensitivities when speaking about food and health on their page. We also reviewed and edited the recently sent-out update email to meal plan holders in partnership with culinary services. We are really grateful for this partnership and how receptive they are to our suggestions and concerns from students and we look forward to the new changes to come next semester! Finally this Monday I hosted a finals

send-off movie and cookie event for students in my college to take some time to unwind as our final studio presentations are taking place throughout this week. Thank you all for your hard work this semester, take some time to really destress during the break.

7.20) **Senator Williamson:** I met with my Honors College Advisor this past week to plan for finals week events. I will be helping out with the passing out of hot chocolate for finals week within the honors college, hoping to raise awareness for USG. In the next week, I will be doing some student first funding requests for events at the beginning of next semester as we are planning on the research gallery and a beginning of the semester survival kit. The honors college also had a successful community engagement event at the movie theater in the past weeks. I am also working on getting more people to answer my interest form for my research gallery and sending it out to our honors college news week.

7.21) **Senator Stephens:** Good evening everyone, I hope the week has been kind to you. Over the past week I've got to interact with many people. I had a meeting with Nicole Kotlan and Valoree Lee where we discussed an agenda format for the remainder of the UC Ambassador meetings. We've also worked out a way to get more feedback from the ambassadors and have built in time for them to share upcoming events. I also met with Meghan Factor Page for approval for an event. I attended a Serve a Meal event hosted by South Akron Youth Mentorship. At the event I was able to meet other students who attend Kent, several of whom were exploratory, and I was able to share with them information about USG and what we provide to the student body. This week I was also able to speak to Dean Pringle. We caught up, discussed my role, and future plans. On Friday the UC Ambassador meeting happened and there I gave updates regarding USG, myself, and asked for their opinions with Senator Barnes regarding possible changes being discussed in the Academic Calendar Advisory Committee. Also at this meeting a presentation was done regarding the creation of a resume and cover letter which I found to be very informative. Besides those duties I completed my tasks for the Period Project committee. I also got the opportunity to attend the Reproductive Justice event which I was invited to by Director Gilbreath. It was incredibly insightful and I look forward to seeing the manifesto. That is all from me, thank you.

7.22) **Senator Francis:** Hi Everyone! I hope you all are making it through the last week of the semester and are looking out for yourselves come finals. This past week, I have

started planning a bonding event for the upcoming Spring semester as a collaboration with Kent Stark's USG. Other than that, I am eagerly waiting for my parking services collaboration to begin! Good luck with finals <3

7.23) **Senator Paolucci:** Hi everyone! Happy last week of classes! This week, I worked on some of the logistics for our Period Project tabling event that we did today. We will be doing another tabling session in January to continue to promote our survey. I also had Casey Crane, the purchasing and sustainability manager for dining and residence services, come and talk to my sustainability committee last week which was very nice. For dining, we worked with Culinary Services to send out a message to meal plan holders with updates on the dining halls. That's all I have for this week. Good luck with finals everyone!

7.24) **Senator Boardman:** Hello everyone, I have continued to work with the DEI Large Name/Pronoun committee. Last week we met with Tiffany Murray the Director of the Title IX office to discuss how a collaboration would work in terms of policy creation. I attended Director Gilbreath's Reprojustice Manifesto Writing event and learned a lot about what is important to people on campus concerning reproductive justice. Last Friday my committee met to discuss Spring programming events (speaker series, book club) and to draft a potential Cultural Competence Recommendation outline at the request of Advisor Factor-Page. Finally, yesterday I attended the university's Strategic Roadmap Advisory Committee Meeting.

7.25) **Senator Rhodes:**

- Have you ever spent an extended period of time editing a document? If you haven't, I don't recommend it. Anyways, I edited the Culinary Services email with Senator Wasson, and then for my Committee on Rules Work Senator Maller, Intern Magda and I started editing the Bylaws.
- I went to the Black Community Event with Senator Barnes; there was a productive conversation about how to get freshman and sophomores involved with BUS and the community events.
- I also went to the dining meetings. I talked about how international students can't eat in the dining halls to Jill Jenkins and Jacob Khuen. Thank you to Senator Shenova for setting up a meeting with international students so I could hear their perspectives!

7.26) Senator Sheneva: No Report

7.27) Intern Mason: Hello everyone! This past week I was able to start helping Chief Dingey and Director Gilbreath marketing for the new project Change in a Flash. I got to meet with the Dining Committee for our weekly meeting and was happy to see our dining update email get sent out to all students with a meal plan. I also had a meeting with the Care About Kent Committee and had 1 on 1's with Director Gilbreath to start planning for the next day of service. I hope everyone has a happy and healthy Winter Break!!

7.28) Intern Magda: Hey Everyone! I've been doing what I do best this week: making job descriptions! Jokes aside, I got started on it right away so I don't have to do too much over the break, but I'm making solid progress already. Other than the job descriptions, I've been emailing people and looking at subscriptions to websites so USG can have their own Newsletter! I also have a non-urgent task to find out exactly how club sports are allocating their money, just to make sure it is being used in practical ways. Have a great day everyone :)

7.29) Interim Advisor Myers:

8) Unfinished Business:

9) General Orders:

9.1) Vote: [Students First Funding Requests- Care About Kent: Senator Maller \(11/18/21\)](#)

Motioned by Senator Maller, seconded by Director Taylor. Vote passed by unanimous consent, For: 18.

9.2) Vote: [Students First Funding Request- Period Project Expansion: Director Gilbreath/Senator Paolucci \(11/19/21\)](#)

Motioned to table by Director Gilbreath, seconded by Director Taylor. Vote passed by unanimous consent, For: 18.

9.3) Vote: [Students First Funding Request- We want to hear from you!: Senator Dum \(11/22/21\)](#)

Motioned by Senator Boardman, seconded by Senator Wasson. Vote passed, For: 15, Against: 1, Abstain: 2.

9.4) Vote: Appointment of the Director of Business and Finance

- Grace Schick

Motioned by Senator Walton, seconded by Director Hibbett. Vote passed For: 15, Against: 0, Abstain: 3.

9.5) Vote: Appointment of Allocations Committee Members

- Malik Myers
- Jack Hooper

Motioned by Director Taylor, seconded by Director Hibbett. Vote passed For: 18, Against: 0, Abstain: 1

9.6) Vote: [Updated Marketing Budget- Director Hibbett](#)

Motioned by Senator Sheneva, seconded by Director Hibbett. Vote passed by unanimous consent, For: 19.

10) New Business:

10.1) [Students First Funding Request- Student Leadership Institute Sponsorship: Director Hibbett \(12/2/21\)](#)

Motion to designate the Students First Funding Request- Student Leadership Institute Sponsorship: Director Hibbett (12/2/21) as emergency legislation by Director Hibbett, seconded by Director Gomez. Emergency vote passed by unanimous consent, for: 19.

Motion to approve the Student Leadership Institute funding request by Director Hibbett, seconded by Director Taylor. Vote passed by unanimous consent, For: 19.

10.2) A Resolution to formally condemn Ohio House Bill 545 (Director Gomez)

Motion to designate the Resolution to condemn House Bill 454 as emergency legislation by Director Gomez, seconded by Senator Boardman. Emergency vote passed by unanimous consent, For: 19.

Motion to vote on the resolution to condemn House Bill 454 by Director Gomez, seconded by Director Taylor. Vote passed. For: 17, Against: 1, Abstain: 1.

11) For the Good of the Order:

12) Announcements:

12.1) Turn in Spring Office Hours by 12/12.

12.2) Ann is serving as our interim advisor. Copy her for all things that go to Meghan right now.

12.3) Office Hours will begin again on 1/18/21. Our next meeting will be a group meeting on 1/19/21.

13) Adjournment: **Motioned by Director Taylor, seconded by Senator Walton. Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.**