



Undergraduate Student Government
Agenda for the Public Meeting of the General Assembly to be held on Wednesday,
July 10th, 2024 at 5:32PM.

1) Call to Order:

2) Roll Call for Attendance:

- 2.1) President Brown: **Present**
- 2.2) Vice President Starkey: **Present**
- 2.3) Chief Rushing: **Present**
- 2.4) Director Lennox: **Present**
- 2.5) Director Katin: **Present**
- 2.6) Director Graves: **Present**
- 2.7) Director Bunting: **Present**
- 2.8) Director McMullen: **Present**
- 2.9) Director Robinson: **Present**
- 2.10) Director Baumgardner (**Bomb-gard-ner**): **Present**
- 2.11) Director Hammeman: **Present**
- 2.12) Senator Sikorski (**Sih-kor-ski**): **Present**
- 2.13) Senator Wredberg (**Red-berg**): **Present**
- 2.14) Senator Sakyi (**Saki**): **Present**
- 2.15) Senator Thompkins: **Present**

2.16) Senator Sietz (**Sights**): **Absent**

2.17) Senator Farahani (**Far-A-Huney**): **Present**

2.18) Senator Harrison: **Present**

2.19) Senator Slawinski (**Sluh-win-ski**): **Absent**

2.20) Senator Kendrick: **Present**

2.21) Senator Gallegos (**Guy-yehg-gos**): **Present**

2.22) Senator Ross: **Absent**

2.23) Senator Castro: **Absent**

2.24) Senator LaGuardia: **Present**

2.25) Senator Jones: **Present**

2.26) Senator Tindimwebwa (**tin-dim-web-wa**) **Present**

2.27) Senator Braniff: **Present**

2.28) Advisor Roshak: **Present**

3) Adoption of Agenda: ***No objections, passed unanimously***

4) Public Contributions: ***No public contributions***

5) Reporting of Absences:

5.1) Public Meeting:

5.1.1) Director Hanneman- Excused

5.1.2) Senator Wredberg- Excused

5.1.3) Senator Kendrick- Excused

5.1.4) Senator Castro- Excused

5.2) Group Meeting:

6) Reading & Approval of Minutes:

6.1)  Public Meeting Minutes-5/8/24

7) Reports of Officers & Committees:

7.1) President Brown: Here is a link to a running document of what I have accomplished so far this summer: [President Summer Updates](#) . This document is not a fully comprehensive list, however, I do my best to update it at the end of each day of

what I did. If you have any questions, please reach out to me. In addition, if you would like to schedule any meetings with me about initiatives you would like to do this year, please let me know! I am open to helping you all brainstorm this summer.

7.2) Vice President Starkey: Hello! I have been working on coordinating our training week for August. I have been making room bookings, creating presentations, and planning an accountability system for this upcoming year. I also have been working on the plans for our dinner with administration. Personally, I have been relaxing in the Outer Banks all summer at my grandparent's house! Please feel free to contact me if you need anything before we are back for training!

7.3) Chief Rushing: Hello Everyone! I hope you have all had time to enjoy your summer. The summer has felt like it has flown by I can't believe it's already July. This summer, I have been working on some new ideas to implement this year to ensure the office will run as smoothly as possible. You will hear more about that during training week. Outside of USG I've mainly been working and enjoying the weather. Later this week I will be traveling outside of the country which I am very excited about! I will be gone for 3 weeks so if you do need me during that time I may take a little to respond or I will get back to you when I return back to the states.

7.4) Director Lennox: No report

7.5) Director Kantin: I am in my supervisor era at camp this summer!! It's going amazing. Also been a super busy gal with recruitment for the fall but Yay summer!! Can't wait to come back to THE kent state.

7.6) Director Graves: Hi everyone! I hope you are all having a fun, relaxing summer! I can't believe it is already July, and soon enough, we'll be back on campus. This summer, I have been enjoying Washington, D.C. as I complete my internship with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Legislative Affairs. It has been an incredible experience so far, and I'm so grateful for the opportunities and experiences I have gained during my time here. Outside of my internship, I've been exploring the city, studying for the LSAT, working on my thesis proposal, and planning for USG's "Electoral Extravaganza," a week of events dedicated to civic and voter engagement. We are planning on having it the week of September 16th-20th. More details will be coming as we get into the school year, but I'm excited to see the impact these events will have ahead of the upcoming

presidential election. I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer and I'll see you next month!

7.7) Director Bunting: Hello and happy summer everyone! I have done a lot of work over the summer so here is a brief summary of everything: I completed the draft budget for this fiscal year which we will be voting upon today. Allocation applications opened up in the beginning of June and closed at the end of the month, with the hearing being on July 8th. We had many applications submitted so I sorted through all of them with Joe Robinson from CSI. I also met with the rest of the team who worked with me on allocations and talked with them about changes we would like to make for the upcoming year. I updated the presentation that I will show to organizations and their advisors about what the funding process looks like as well as the rules and regulations we have to follow. I also made some edits to the Guiding Finance Document of USG that I will be explaining later today in our meeting. I have been working on the SFFR presentation for training week and making some necessary changes to it. That is all of the work I have done this summer so far, with more work to be expected after our meeting! I've gone on vacation to North and South Carolina with family and have been working as a meal plan manager at my job which takes up about 50 hours of my week! That's all from me and I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer and I'm looking forward to seeing you again for training week!

7.8) Director McMullen: This summer I have been doing a lot of planning! I've been working on getting our merch and giveaways ready for the fall! I have also been working on updating the website with President Brown to make it more accurate and accessible. Lots more has been in the works, and I will keep you all updated with more to come soon!

7.9) Director Robinson: Hi everyone! I hope you've all had a wonderful summer so far, whether you've been able to simply relax or be able to travel a bunch! I have definitely been in the latter category as I've just recently came back from being abroad and studying at Regent's University in London! I was in Europe for 6 weeks and had an absolute blast. It was definitely a unique experience and so much fun! During my time abroad, I was still able to attend to USG business as well. I held meetings with Advisor Roshak and Austen Shipley, the Student Activities Coordinator for CSI, to discuss our first big event to kick off the fall semester. We are still in talks of securing our act for our homecoming event! While I can't say who it is just yet, I am extremely excited and can't

wait for Blastoff so it can be revealed! Besides that, I plan to spend the remaining time of my summer wishing I was back in London and trying to adjust back to American culture. I'm excited to be back at Kent soon and start this school year off right with you all! See you all on campus in August. :)

7.10) Director Baumgardner: Hi everyone! I hope your summer is going well, mine has been relatively mundane. Before the end of the semester, I met with the KSU Gardening Club regarding installing composting bins across campus. I talked with them about why we should have composting bins and what benefits they bring to the community. They were informative, and after meeting and doing further research, I believe they would be a great addition to our community. Also before the end of the semester, I met with the Office of Student Conduct to discuss my role in the Judicial Advocates program. I am excited to be running the program and helping students navigate the student conduct process. I am currently looking for people to be Judicial Advocates if anyone is interested. It's a very straightforward process to become one, you only need to attend a two-hour meeting that just gives you all the information. This position is also low maintenance, as the maximum caseload is just one case per month. This position would be great for criminal justice and political science majors, but it is open to anyone! If you're interested in more information on becoming a Judicial Advocate, please let me know! USG is creating a Little Free Library for the university community, and yours truly is in charge of this project! We're looking for book donations, especially if they are "banned" books! If you have donations of books, I would love to take them off your hands! I will be giving more updates when I can about this exciting project. I hope everyone has a great rest of their summer, and I am so excited for this upcoming year!

7.11) Director Hanneman: Hey everyone! This summer I have been at home spending time with my parents and my sister. My birthday was in early June and I went to downtown Chicago for the day with my hometown friends and boyfriend. We went on a boat tour on the Chicago river and got dinner at the Cheesecake Factory. I have been working at Domino's as a delivery driver all summer to make some extra money, which has been an enjoyable part time job! Besides this, I have been spending time with my other family and friends here at home before I go back to school. I hope everyone else is having a great summer!

7.12) Senator Sikorski: Hi everyone! I hope everyone is having a great summer and keeping cool! I have not done much this summer except work, go to Guardians games,

and take long naps. Currently, I have been starting my shopping for back-to-school season and cannot wait to see everyone so soon! I also have started brainstorming ideas for events I would like to hold under my position. I am so excited to see what this upcoming year brings for us all. I miss you guys and hope you all continue to have an amazing summer!

7.13) Senator Wredberg: No report

7.14) Senator Sakyi: No report

7.15) Senator Thompkins: The majority of my summer days are actually spent working friday-monday i work at a flower + plant shop all the other days i work at Michales the craft store Working at the flower shop since its wedding season I had to process 40 boxes of flowers and greenery in one day i did take a break to eat a grilled cheese sandwich and carry boxes of candy to the candy store next door My days at Michales can be sort of boring sometimes occasionally i get to make crafts for the kid's craft camps. I usually work at truck shifts, and putting away products feels like a giant puzzle. The times where I'm not at work I'm most likely crocheting. One of my goals for the summer was to start posting my crochet things on instagram! My current projects is finishing up a bag for my roommate and making a sweater for my mother. All together i have over 2 totes bins of yarn im hoping to use up at least a quarter more before the fall semester! Towards the end of May - my roommate who is a flash guide over the summer visited me to go to a jewelry and bead festival. Towards the end of June - this week the flower shop is on a little vacation. I spent most of my weekend doing my back to school shopping. Today going to the fabric shop to get some materials to make a pair of shorts and a new skirt. I also went to the container store to purchase a new peg board to attach to my cart.

7.16) Senator Sietz: I have been working at my overnight summer camp as a counselor and am taking care of 13 beautiful 10-year-olds for 8 weeks! I am so excited to return to school to start recruitment, Hillel student board, and everything else in store!

7.17) Senator Farahani: Hello everyone, hope all your summers are going well. As some of you may or may not know, I've just returned home from studying abroad at our Florence Summer Institute in Italy. While immersing myself in the beautiful Tuscan culture, I made great connections within our KSU Florence community and the people of Florence. I saw many of our similarities and differences that are part of their everyday

life. Seeing these different aspects within the community got my creative spark going again, to which I found myself climbing the steps of Piazzale Michelangelo, on multiple evenings, to write and brainstorm new ideas for projects I hope to start working on soon, a few of those I'll share with you today. First, I've had this idea in the back of my mind for a while now, but until I had the pressure of meeting one of our wonderful KSU Florence professors, Professor Francesca Passeri, I was finally able to start bringing this idea of a new major to life. Yes, I would like to help bring a social media major as a part of one of Kent State University course studies. As a journalism major, I know the importance of social media, not only among younger generations but all, and I feel that bringing this to our school would be a great opportunity for all. Of course, this is still in just the talking stages and needs to be brought up to the College of Communication and Information, but I hope to have your support throughout this process. Another idea I'll hint at is Communications Week, something I hope every college can be involved in, but we will talk more about later. Before I end this report, I just wanted to tell you all how honored I was to be able to take part in such an amazing, eye-opening experience overseas. I not only gained a much deeper appreciation for Italy and the other regions I visited, but also for home. I grew a much deeper connection to my personal roots here at home, from a simple Target or Sheetz run to just being with friends and family. I highly encourage each of you, if the opportunity presents itself, to study abroad. Whether it's Italy or another end of the world, you'll come home, not only longing for a sense of adventure, but also a deeper appreciation for our world. Thank you.

7.18) Senator Harrison: No report

7.19) Senator Slawinski: No report

7.20) Senator Kendrick: Hello everyone, hopefully, the summer has been a good time to relax and catch up on well-deserved sleep after last Semester. As of this point in the summer, I have gotten quite a bit done. First things first, I communicated with my dean to set up monthly meetings to help address issues and initiatives to help students within the College of Public Health. Next, I briefly talked to my college's Academic Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, to discuss having A beginning of the semester hang out with A movie that incorporates public health, the movie being "Patient Zero" and relevant healthcare board games and trivia like the game "Pandemic" and maybe a Kahoot with a KSU Prize. I also was able to talk to the Kent city health commissioner about potentially doing another Narcan Training for students, However, I want to reach out to the Inner

Fraternity Council to make the training mandatory for at least 2 or more members of each Fraternity. Finally, I have recruited a few students from my college to form a committee to make sure our planned events go off without a hitch and give them a chance to get involved within the community.

7.21) Senator Gallegos: Hello Everyone! This summer I have been communicating with the Director of the Honors College (Dr. Alison Smith) about possible small group social sessions, how to best plan events, what she hopes to see throughout the year, and how I can aid in the Honors College mental health awareness campaigns with the on-site therapist.

7.22) Senator Ross: No report

7.23) Senator Castro: No report

7.24) Senator LaGuardia: Hello! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. I have been quite busy. For USG, I have begun reaching out and introducing myself to faculty and other correspondents, so I could begin to set in motion some plans for the semester. I am hoping to finish two things, which my predecessor had started, before the fall semester begins. These are reestablishing COSO and finding a location where the “Flashlocks” can be checked out. In my personal life, I visited Lake Placid, New York, which was an absolutely beautiful area. I have also attended a very exciting pre-optometry program at OSU, where I learned a lot about my (hopefully) future career. I am so excited to get to work with you all and have a wonderful rest of your summer!

7.25) Senator Jones: Hi everyone. I recently have been working on some upcoming tabling with President Brown and Director McMullen for the KT/LGBTQ+ events coming up in fall. PLZ sign up for tabling. We have more spots available! Links to an external site.KT/LGBTQ+ Tabling Opportunities Links to an external site. I have also finished all my meetings with identity centers and student orgs, I had so much fun meeting and learning from everyone. I am looking forward to my upcoming projects focused on DEI initiatives!

7.26) Senator Tindimwebwa: No report

7.27) Senator Braniff: Hello, everyone! I hope you all have been enjoying your summer. I have mostly been relaxing, enjoying my new cat, and getting ready for the upcoming school year. I am also excited to be studying abroad in Florence, Italy during the month

of July! For USG, I have been creating Instagram content to help students know more about my initiatives, and I have been working on materials for recruiting committee members early in the Fall. I have also been brainstorming potential events for the year and making plans for accomplishing my goals, and I recently met with President Brown to ask some questions regarding my work. I am hoping to be able to get in touch with some students and faculty members regarding some of my initiatives before the start of the school year. Please feel free to reach out to me if you need anything!

7.28) Advisor Roshak: I hope everyone is having a nice summer! Thank you for paying attention to your email and completing the anti-hazing training and turning in your scholarship contracts. Important dates to remember: Culture of Care (8/9/24), Flashes First Thursday (8/22), Homecoming Week (9/23-9/28).

7.29) Committee on Equity: No report

7.30) Committee on Governmental Affairs: No report

7.31) Committee on Rules: No report

7.32) Committee on Student Wellness: No report

7.33) Committee on Sustainability: No report

7.34) Committee on Accessibility: No report

7.35) Centennial Committee: No report

7.36) Community Involvement Committee: No report

8) Unfinished Business:

9) General Orders:

9.1) Budget First Reading: [Fiscal Year Budget](#)- Director Bunting

Discussion by Director Bunting

9.2) Finance Document Changes First Reading: [Financial Document](#)- Director Bunting

9.2.1) Original [Financial Document](#)

Discussion by Director Bunting

10) New Business:

11) For the Good of the Order:

12) Announcements:

12.1) USG Training Week August 7-9 ; 12-13 - President Brown

12.2) Uncompleted Items/Forms - Vice President Starkey

12.3) Blastoff - Director McMullen

12.4) Tabling Opportunities- Senator Jones

13) Adjournment: ***The meeting adjourned at 5:48PM***