

- I. **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Alfreda Brown, Vice President of The Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - A. **Need students to serve on committees**
 1. University Diversity Action Council
 2. Student Diversity Action Council
 - Biology Senator: Suggests student Ambassador on the council to help with a relay of information from meetings to graduate students
 3. University Stewards
- II. Call to Order 1:41 pm
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of April 3, 2017 Minutes
- V. Executive Board Reports

A. **Executive Chair** – Fritz Yarrison – fyarriso@kent.edu

1. Senator Contracts
 - Draft of Senator contracts will be ready by Summer General Senate meeting
2. Annual Report
 - Will be available this summer

B. **Executive Vice Chair** – Mark Rhodes – mrhode21@kent.edu

1. ITA Update
 - Review committee meeting May 2, 2017
 - 23 applications
 - 4 did not meet requirements
 - 19 will be reviewed
 - \$27,000 available to fund awards
 - 18 full awards possible
 - Results of review committee should be available Friday, May 5th
2. Committee Reports from the Floor
 - Those who wish to remain on a committee or join a committee contact Kathryn Klonowski (kklonows@kent.edu)
3. ITA Application Periods
 - Will have 2 application periods
 - Apply in March for Summer/Fall travel
 - Apply in October for Spring/Summer travel
 - There will still be a Fall 2017 ITA for fall travel
 - Deadline: August 21st, 2017
 - Concerns from the floor
 - Too long of a period between application window and Fall travel window
 - Vote:
 - Passed with 21 out of 25 in favor

C. **Finance Chair** – Suparna Navale – snavale1@kent.edu

1. Summer DTA Update

- \$22,000 available
 - 73 awards available
- 2. Fall 2017 DTA
 - Expand Fall DTA application window one week (3 weeks total)
 - Will now open during Graduate Student Orientation
 - Vote:
 - Motioned: Philosophy, Seconded: Sociology
 - 25 out of 25 in favor, passed unanimously
- 3. Educational Policies Committee
 - Continuous enrollment policy – Dean Melody Tankersley
 - Important to maintain enrollment, especially during comprehensive exams, to ensure student is on record with University
- 4. Proposed New Award for Graduate Students
 - 4th award alongside DTA, ITA, and RA
 - Competitive award that allows for circumstances which fall outside the DTA and ITA
 - Includes workshops and professional development
 - Will need to explain why you didn't apply for DTA and ITA and why the money is necessary
 - Set budget
 - Awards end when money runs out

D. Advocacy Chair – Kathryn Klonowski – kklonows@kent.edu

1. Faculty Senate Report
 - University Budget Model
 - Not academically focused enough
 - One Stop Student Services
 - Bursar, Registrar, and Financial Aid
 - Located: first floor of library
 - Students with any issues in your classroom (if you teach) can be sent to One Stop Student Services
 - Fall Break
 - Want to implement a 2-day Fall break on a Thursday-Friday
 - Will not be implemented this Fall
 - If a fall break is approved in the future, the fall semester will likely start earlier rather than extend later
 - Thanksgiving Break
 - Faculty Senate voted to make the Wednesday before Thanksgiving a full-break day instead of a half-break day
 - Currently pending for approval
2. Habitat for Humanity
 - Those interested in volunteering before the end of the year speak with Kathryn Klonowski (kklonows@kent.edu)
3. GAAP Update
 - Further surveying necessary to work on logistics
 - Working to collaborate with Graduate Studies to revise/create policy to generate more consistency across the University
 - Those interested in serving on GAAP contact Kathryn Klonowski (kklonows@kent.edu)
4. Kent State University Pledge of Unity and Inclusion
 - Designed to stand by and support all students
 - Vote on Pledge will take place during the Summer meeting

E. Research Symposium Chair – Brooke Long – blong21@kent.edu

1. Visit the website to fill out the Symposium survey (will be posted soon)

F. Info Services Chair – Tyler Smith – gss.info@gmail.com/esmit149@kent.edu

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3. Send Senator updates to gss.info@gmail.com by one week before Sep. 5th General Senate meeting

V. New Business

A. Organization Request

1. Sociology – End of the year picnic
 - Saturday May 6th beginning 3:00 pm at Fred Fuller Park
 - Will be having a chili cookoff
 - Asking for \$50 for supplies
 - Vote to fund picnic: 25 out of 25, passed unanimously

B. Senators with perfect attendance

1. Anthropology
2. Business Administration
3. Psychological Sciences
4. Public Health
5. Biomedical Sciences
6. Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum
7. Modern and Classical Language Studies
8. Sociology
9. Health Sciences
10. Music
11. Nursing
12. Physics
13. Political Science

C. Executive Board Transition

VI. Announcements

A. Summer/Fall 2017 General Senate Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday, July 19th	12 pm
Tuesday, Sep. 5 th	2 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 3 rd	2 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 31 st	2 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 5th	2 pm

VII. Adjournment at 2:54pm, Motion: Music, second: political science