



Undergraduate Student Government, Kent Campus

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Undergraduate Student Government Student First Initiative Funding for Club Sports

- A. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) identified Kent State’s club sports program as a “student first initiative” in the spring semester of 2010, which defines its program as a project or group that focuses on bettering student experiences at the university that also have outstanding funding needs; and
- B. **Whereas**, the USG allocated this student first initiative \$18,000 to twenty-one confirmed club sports teams in the beginning of the 2019-2020 fall semester under the presumption that the money alleviates students of the outstanding costs of dues to pay for travel expenses, uniforms, equipment, field and court rental and other circumstantial financial burdens that hinder students chance at participation; and
- C. **Whereas**, the original USG legislation that allocated student’s first funding to club sports teams explicitly outlines the money allocated by USG can only be allocated to field and court rental; and
- D. **Whereas**, multiple club sports teams do not pay for their practice space, such as the club soccer teams, whose field rental is paid for by the Department of Recreational Services, and the rugby and lacrosse teams, whose practice fields are unregulated free fields on the Kent campus; and
- E. **Whereas**, team managers have used money out of pocket in the past, between \$50 to \$200 per semester, to pay outstanding costs; and
- F. **Whereas**, we, as undergraduate student representatives, should attempt to alleviate any circumstantial and outstanding costs directly related to club sports logistics impeding students from participating in a student first initiative;
- G. **Therefore, Let it be resolved by the Undergraduate Student Government, Kent Campus, acting in full session, that Undergraduate Student Government:**
 - Will allow the Associate Director of Club Sports at Kent State University to allocate equitable shares of the USG allotted club sports budget for any cost they may pertain to practice needs (ie practice equipment and field/court rentals), professional attire (ie new uniforms or game equipment), and travel

expenses for games or tournaments.

- Will allow the Associate Director of Club Sports at Kent State University, upon outstanding circumstances, to allocate USG allotted club sports funding to a student(s) who financially struggle and need aid in paying personal or association dues.

H. Resources:

- Greg Bailey, Associate Director of Club Sports, 2019.
- Antinino Fornicola, Men's Rugby Club Sports Manager, 2019.
- Alisa Starkey, Women's Rugby Club Sports Manager, 2019.
- Isabella Buffalini, Women's Rugby Club Sports Manager, 2019.