

Undergraduate Student Government, Kent Campus Sponsor: Senator Weihe
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***GA/R/F-00X Resolution to Mandate Service Hours for USG
Representatives Wednesday, November 7, 2018***

Whereas, as students leaders of Kent State University we should encourage students to be engaged in service learning projects to help the greater Kent State community, and to lead by example we should all volunteer a portion of our time to community projects; and

Whereas, we are advocates for justice on campus and it is imperative that we advocate serve for the underserved in our community. Service hours will give USG representatives a unique experience of community engagement and involvement²; and

Whereas, service learning or community engagement is defined as “opportunities that combine learning goals and community service in ways that can enhance both student growth and the common good,” according to Vanderbilt University¹; and

Whereas, service learning is a growing department of our university, with more field experiences and a growing Community Engaged Learning Office that offers many service opportunities on campus; and

Whereas, the benefits of service learning include: greater intercultural understanding, increased interpersonal communication and leadership skills, improved ability to apply what you have learned in “the real world”¹; and

Whereas, we, as undergraduate student representatives, should value altruism and connecting with the community we serve²; and

Therefore, Let it be resolved by the Undergraduate Student Government, Kent Campus, acting in full session, that Undergraduate Student Government:

1. Requires each representative to complete ten service hours a semester, five of which may overlap with other organization's required service hours. 2. A "USG Day of Service" will be organized each semester by the a Director or Senator who volunteers for the position or is appointed by the President or Chief of Staff. Although the event is not mandatory, it is strongly encouraged. These hours may count to the total ten hours and provide a time for representatives to bond with one another through volunteer service. 3. These hours will be self-reported and recorded in a spreadsheet maintained by the appointed representative. A service hour verification form; with the signature of a volunteer coordinator, supervisor, or volunteer site leader; will be submitted by each representative no later than the last public meeting of each semester. 4. A list of service locations and opportunities will be maintained by the appointed representative, and USG representatives will be encouraged to add to it. 5. These service requirements will commence the Spring 2019 semester at Kent State University.

Sources:

1Mcdaniel, Rhett. "What Is Service Learning or Community Engagement?" Vanderbilt University, Vanderbilt University, 7 May 2018, cft.vanderbilt.edu/guides-sub-pages/teaching-through-community-engagement/.

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Other Links:

<https://www.kent.edu/community>