I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call

Vice-Senate Chair McConnell calls the roll

III. Pledge of Allegiance
IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Senate Chair Pichette entertains a motion to adopt the agenda
Senator Bouchard: So-Moved
A Senator: Seconds
Senate Chair Pichette:
  ○ All those in favor of adopting the agenda
  ○ All opposed
  ○ The agenda is adopted

V. Approval of the Minutes

Senator Bouchard: Motion to change, in President Millers answers regarding the search for a Chief Diversity Officers, from “oh, no” to “oh, yes”
Senator Swanson: Second
Senate Chair Pichette:
  ○ All those in favor of changing, in President Millers answers regarding the search for a Chief Diversity Officers, from “oh, no” to “oh, yes”
  ○ All opposed
  ○ The motion passes
Senator Bouchard: Motions to correct the spelling of Kim Gentiles’ name
Senator Stump: Second
Senate Chair Pichette:
  o  All those in favor of correcting the spelling of Kim Gentiles’ name
  o  All opposed
  o  The motion passes

Senator Bouchard: Motion to correct the spelling of Sheldon Wrices’ name
Senator Stump: Second
Senate Chair Pichette:
  o  All those in favor of correcting the spelling of Sheldon Wrices’ name
  o  All opposed
  o  The motion passes

Senator Stump: Motion to approve the minutes
Senator Hustak: Second
Senate Chair Pichette:
  o  All those in favor of approving the minutes
  o  All opposed
  o  The minutes are approved

VI. Open Student Expression

Senator Stump: We have a few more weeks, don't lose sight of your goals of what you want to get done this semester. Good luck on finals and projects.

Senator Mirelez: Please do not hesitate to get tested for COVID. Don’t want to bring anything home over the holidays.

VII. Branch Reports
- Legislative  
  Senate Chair Jonah Pichette

Fill the Branch!
  Fill the Judicial branch
  This organization is capable of so much
  If you want to hear me (Jonah) talk less the organization needs filled
Encourage you to send out applications
Huddles, Timesheets, Membership Requirements.
Sunday 11:59pm huddles and timesheets due
Reach out to senatechair@uakron.edu if you have trouble completing this
6 engagement events and 3 sponsored events
Attending another branches meeting counts as a sponsored event
Senator of the Week.
Senator Hustak
Discussion/Mock Debate tonight.

Senate Chair Pichette yields the remaining time for his report to Vice-Committee
Chair/Senator Stump.
Casual Senate Next week Nov. 19th. Theme is Western. You are encouraged to
donate to any cause/organization that you are passionate about.

- Judicial
  Chief Justice Emily Starkey

Filling Branch
  Social Media Posts
  Contacting Class of 2024 (Instagram pages)
ZipMail
Retreat
  Virtual: Friday 13th 1p-3p
Parking Updates
Event Discussion
  Takeaways (pluses and deltas)
Continuing Parking Education
JB parking trivia event
  Thank you to those who came and participated!
  18 Scans of QR Code
  3 dozen cookies given to those who answered a question
  Hoping to continue events like these in the future!
First Look at Elections
  Rules
    Do they work for a virtual format?
  Timeline
    Spring Break is moved

Senate Chair Pichette asks
Go Zips, Go USG  
USG Office - Safety  
Semester Review Sessions  
UC: Physical Environment  
CAS dean search going on right now. 3 different sessions that are open to students  
Emails will be changing for students over winter break. Going from google platform to Microsoft platforms  
Athletic review working group met.  
Met with linked in learning today. Looking for better ways to market what they offer to students.  
Excited to see the 3 SRs on the table today  
How are you fulfilling our mission in these final weeks?  
Building Community, Enhancing Experience  
Stay safe, stay healthy  
Make sure you are getting tested before going home for the holidays  

VIII. Committee Reports  
- Student Engagement  
  Discusses upcoming resolutions on the floor and the mock resolution/debate  
  Discussed filling out Huddles and Timesheets  
  Talked about receiving paychecks/backlogging hours into timesheets  

Senator Stump: reached out to different advisors at the Honors College to inquire about any concerns they want to see addressed within the college, looking to reach out to the dean to get a follow up on students’ concerns about the honors research project
Senator Kasunic: Has delegated many project ideas to different members; working with Senator Gruich on creating a Women's Center, has done research into other universities and is looking to combine various UA women’s services into one center; working with Senator Shotts on the idea of developing an organization fair to promote smaller organizations on campus, especially to target freshmen students.

Senator Plaza: meeting with advisor and plans to inquire about their perspective on advisory issues; met with Senators Shotts and Byerly to discuss reaching out to organizations based on their committees, with him emphasizing reaching out for recruitment into USG.

Senator Hustak: looking into the feasibility of an on-campus psychiatrist and is researching return of investments rate on UA mental health programs; looking to meet with Nick McFadden to develop his New Year New Roo idea for next semester.

Senator Williams: working with Senator Sicurezza to create a better Mentor/Mentee system to help transition newer members into USG more smoothly and help mentors facilitate leadership and success among themselves and newer members.

Senator Vineyard: looking to improve retentions rates among the students following the University’s handling of the COVID pandemic, looking into the feasibility of introducing an off campus “portal” for UA students looking to find housing off campus; reached out to constituents about things that they believe would make their experience at UA better and is looking to develop project ideas from that especially in regard to social interactions on and off campus.

- F.A.S.T. 
  
  Senator Cadyia Pugh

Senator Bouchard: Working on USG Secret Santa. UC Physical Environment Committee meets next week. Contacted Nick McFadden about working on New Year New Roo. Textbook Committee meets this Friday (11/13). Met with Brandon Vetter from the Campus Leadership Project to discuss opportunities to collaborate.
with other student governments in the future.

Senator Byerly: I have been in contact with Senator Pugh about a project on how new students can get to know their RA’s. Also, I am working with Senator Shotts on contacting all the clubs on campus to try to see if they need any help.

Senator Gruich: Diversity Project has taken a new form! Going to make it virtual, possibly looking into some type of pamphlet or virtual newsletter format. Still in contact with Andrew Henry from the facilities department, waiting until we meet sometime after Thanksgiving to get some things online. Attended some virtual diversity events!

Senator Haberman: Reached out to mentee Yazmene Hyneman to discuss setting up a meeting time. Prepped for mock debate. Collaborated with Senator Sicurezza on her project to revamp the mentor/mentee system. Reached out to Melinda Grove for updates on when whiteboards with QR codes (that direct students to the Student Services page) will be ordered and placed on residence hall doors. Met with Brandon Vetter from the Campus Leadership Project to discuss opportunities to collaborate with other student governments in the future.

Senator Pugh: Continuing to work on Diversity Project for incoming students with Senator Gruich and how to make the project virtual. Also have been in contact with Senator Byerly brainstorming about an engagement project between RAs and new students. Looked over materials for mock debate.

Senator Roberts: Continuing to work on the Parking Project with Erin Freeman. Scheduling a meeting with Dr. Wrice with Senator Kasunic about the College of Arts and Sciences. Communicating with different organizations about the President Miller meeting and new information that has come out of it.

- Academic Policy and Student Success  Senator Jasmin Mirelez

Senator Hyneman: Looking into the possibility of getting state government officials more involved in speaking to students about their positions. Particularly considering reaching out to State Auditor Kenneth Faber for a possible outreach event at the University next semester.
Senator Shotts: Seeking new ways to engage with student clubs through the circumstances of the pandemic in organizing safe event(s)/outreach programs to these clubs to improve their experiences.

Senator Sicurezza: Continuing work with Senators Haberman and Williams on mentor/mentee project. Working on sending out a questionnaire to the entire organization to ask what people like about the program. Also prepared for mock resolution debate.

Senator Swanson: Compiling research materials and preparing them for presentations to the University administration and faculty regarding the Open Resource Syllabus Initiative.

Senator Mirelez: Meeting with the Office of Accessibility Thursday at 2pm.

● Mental Health Task Force Vice President Stevie Allen Senator Kasunic

Challenge everyone to do 1 or a few things that make you happy today. Counseling and testing center have support groups Initiatives remain consistent Active Minds recruitment

IX. Advisor’s Report

● Advisor’s Report Advisor Anne Bruno

Asked Chief Gooding for information regarding Brian Powers Communicating with LGBTQ students Do not believe his death was related to his lifestyle APD is looking for help.

Diversity week was moved to allow for additional planning. Campus is Open even though classes have been moved completely online. Please be careful with what choices you make in the future.

“Grit”: firmness of mind or spirit: unyielding courage in the face of
hardship or danger. You have all expressed grit this year.

X. Old Business
  • S.R. 2-20-21 Student Privacy

Senator Stump speaks as the author. Statement that we support the current policy of keeping students' emails private and we wish that the University uphold the policy.

Senator Kasunic speaks in favor of the resolution. just want to uphold the current policies and procedures for student records that are listed on the university's website. Basically, those are already in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Just want to encourage the university to maintain consistency.

Senator Mirelez speaks in support of the resolution.

Senator Byerly speaks in support of the resolution.

Senate Chair Pichette entertains a motion to move the previous question
Senator Swanson: So-Moved
Senator Stump: Second
Senate Chair Pichette:
  ○ All those in favor of moving the previous question
  ○ All opposed
  ○ The motion passes

Senate Chair Pichette entertains a motion to temporarily suspend the rules and have an affirmative vote instead of a roll call vote
Senator Mirelez: So-moved
Senators Stump and Swanson: Second
Senate Chair Pichette:
  ○ All those in favor of having an affirmative vote instead of a roll call vote
  ○ All opposed
  ○ The motion passes
Senate Chair Pichette:
   ○ All those in favor of passing SR 2-20-21
   ○ All opposed
   ○ The SR passes

XI. New Business
   ● S.R. 3-20-21

Anne Bruno

Vice-Senate Chair McConnell speaks as a co-author of the Resolution

Senator Kasunic speaks in favor of the Resolution

Senator Mirelez speaks in favor of the Resolution

Senator Pugh speaks in favor of the Resolution

Senator Stump speaks in favor of the Resolution

Senator Hustak speaks in favor of the Resolution

Senator Roberts speaks in favor of the Resolution

Senator Gruich speaks in favor of the Resolution

 Senator Haberman speaks in favor of the Resolution

Senator Sicurezza speaks in favor of the Resolution

Senator Plaza speaks in favor of the Resolution

Senator Swanson speaks in favor of the Resolution

Senator Bouchard speaks in favor of the Resolution

Project Manager Marsh speaks in favor of the Resolution

Chief Justice Starkey speaks in favor of the Resolution
Executive Justice Mainzer speaks in favor of the Resolution

President Feezel speaks in favor of the Resolution

Senate Chair Pichette speaks in favor of the Resolution

Senate Chair Pichette entertains a motion to temporarily suspend the rules and dispense the second reading

A Senator: So-Moved

Senator Stump: Second

Senate Chair Pichette:
  ○ All those in favor of temporarily suspending the rules and dispense the second reading
  ○ All opposed
  ○ The motion passes

Senate Chair Pichette entertains a motion to move the previous question

Senator Swanson: So-Moved

Senator Plaza: Second

Senate Chair Pichette:
  ○ All those in favor of moving the previous question
  ○ All opposed
  ○ The motion passes

Instead of a roll call vote done in the chat feature of Microsoft Teams as previously done as the roll is called each senator will unmute their microphone and state whether they are in favor or opposed. The resolution passes unanimously.

- S.R. 4-20-21

Library Hours

Senator Haberman speaks as the author of the resolution. Students have come forward asking USG specifically to do something. Many students have a full course load, job(s), and participate in extracurricular activities that inhibit their ability to access the resources the library offers.
Due to a rules of order mishap, Senate Chair Pichette: Point of Order: A motion needs to be made for a request for information, which then the author, or whoever was asked needs to accept.

Senator Plaza: Request for information from Senator Haberman. 
Senator Haberman accepts
Senator Plaza: Do you think this resolution of extending the hours of Bierce could maybe possibly wait till spring semester when cases decline, if not why?
Senator Haberman: I believe that it could wait but right now it has been a complaint among students especially while extracurricular activities are still going on that the library hours are limited.

Senator Roberts: The parking office has received numerous questions as to whether or not their parking pass will work at Kent State so that they can use their library. Around 100 students per month.

Senator Kasunic: Request for information from the author or co-sponsor. 
Senator Haberman accepts
Senator Kasunic: Wondering if the staffing issue was due to COVID or just an unemployment issue in general?
Senator Haberman: Primarily a staffing issue. Could be advertised as a night job as students would be more receptive to that. More of a staffing issue than COVID related.

Senator Gruich: Always known that the library hours are short but President Feezel brought to our committee’s attention that students were specifically coming to him regarding this issue. Students don’t have study space and the library offers a quiet area and can book study rooms. Good idea to extend the hours.

Senator Stump: Request for information.
Senator Haberman accepts
Senator Stump: Was wondering if you knew if the library hired more staff, they would be able to afford it?
Senator Haberman: This is a resource students’ have become accustomed to. Students going to Kent is unfortunate. It is a valid concern, but students need the library.
Senator Haberman: Students go to the Kent State library since Bierce closes earlier. Bierce is a great resource and students need to have access.

Senator Pugh: Support this resolution 110%. Study lounges in residence halls are closed so they have no space to study. During the day students have class or sports practice so when they come back, they only have their rooms to study. I know I can’t study in my room. I need another quiet space.

Senator Kasunic: Support this resolution. University needs to support students during this time, not hinder. The ASEC library is open till 11pm some nights. More geared toward group/lounge study. People might not be comfortable in that environment, so the individual study spaces Bierce offers are important. Also, the Wi-Fi is reliable. Extending the hours, especially the individual study rooms, is an invaluable resource for students.

Senator Plaza: The main concern is the virus. Remember Kent State had one of the largest outbreaks in the state. Agree with the rationale, the library offers tremendous resources to students. Under normal circumstances I would support, but these are not normal so I will be opposed.

Senator Byerly: Support the resolution. We all just had a meeting with the University President, in which he spoke of student retention. Students are voicing their concerns regarding library hours and this might affect where they go in the next few years.

Senator Kasunic: COVID safety is a concern. Surge seeing right now is from people letting down their guard and having gatherings, not doing things on campus. Important to pass this now giving the planning group time to account for this change. Expected a surge in the beginning of the semester but that didn’t happen because people followed what they were supposed to do. It is important that we pass this now to give the working group time to plan for the spring semester. This is a very urgent and relevant matter.

Senate Chair Pichette reminds the Senate that every senator has 3 speaking terms, 6 minutes a piece, unless the rules are temporarily changed.
Senator Hustak: Speak in favor of the resolution. Extending the hours allows foot traffic to be spread out. Creating more hours would cut down on the amount of people in the library at a time.

Senator Plaza: When I first joined, I was asked to co-sponsor a resolution urging the university to have a strong stance in regard to punishment and enforcement of Covid rules. I feel that this resolution goes in the opposite direction.

Senator Gruich: Covid concerns are valid but I feel the library has the means and resources to keep it open. Starbucks is closed. Waiting is not in our favor.

Senator Mirelez: In favor of the resolution. As someone who works during the day, I feel very stressed going to the library and only have X amount of time to do an assignment because the library closes. Extra hours would allow students time to spread out when they are there. Library isn’t a social hour. They are there to get their stuff done and leave. Very diligent about making sure stuff stays clean. Giving students the chance to be more successful in academics. Library personnel enforces the rules.

Senator Kasunic: The resolution passed at the beginning of the year and this one is in accordance with each other. The main reason for the one at the beginning of the year was to foster student success. This resolution today fosters student success. It is our job as undergraduate student government to protect and serve the students.

Senator Stump: Request for information.
Senator Haberman accepts
Senator Stump: Do you know the library policy in regard to tackling Covid?
Senator Haberman: Have the staff do so much more, sanitizing every 20 min etc.

Senator Haberman: The library is still open. Opening it further won’t promote more cases, especially decreasing foot traffic. Closing the library early isn’t due to Covid, it’s due to staffing. There are study rooms, students can choose to isolate themselves with their mask on.
Senator Plaza: Motion to amend the rules and allow 4 speaking terms
Senator Kasunic: Second
Senate Chair Pichette:
  ○ All those in favor of amending the rules and allow 4 speaking terms
  ○ All opposed
  ○ The motion passes

Senator Stump: I work on campus at the rec, on the ONAT side. ONAT has extended hours. As far as I know we haven’t had any outbreaks. Enforce wearing masks.

Senator Plaza: 100 students is about 2% of our student body. In regards to the budgeting information, all the janitors who wipe down the tables and enforce wearing masks, if the hours are extended is this still going to happen? Main concern is safety.

Senator Shotts: Encourage everyone to think about what we are doing. Don’t want to send mixed messages. Appreciate time and thought on the matter. Consider what they are doing.

Senator Kasunic: University of Akron Back to Campus Policy Website (https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/dashboard) Availability of masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, and disinfectant wipes are all green, which in the legend means, Inventory on hand and replacements expected to be delivered within standard lead time. Follow standard operating procedure. Cleaning protocols are being followed university wide. Resources are not being depleted. Also, maintenance of enhanced cleaning is green meaning, Disinfection two to four times daily and daily deep clean. Protocols being followed at the library are university protocols that are being followed university -wide.

Senator Bouchard: Motion to limit debate till 7:15pm
Senator Stump: Second
Senate Chair Pichette:
  ○ All those in favor of limiting debate till 7:15pm
  ○ All opposed
  ○ The motion passes
Senator Gruich: Library has been open and follows protocols. If everyone is wearing masks transmission is very low. You can’t go back to normal but wearing masks allows you to go out in public.

Senator Sicurezza: Request for information from Senator Plaza.
Senator Plaza accepts
Senate Chair Pichette reminds everyone that requests for information cannot be used to further debate.
Senator Sicurezza: Was wondering if you live on, or have a job that requires you to be on campus.
Senator Plaza: No, I am currently not on campus.

Senator Roberts: Senator Plaza I’m happy you’re speaking. Your opinion is valued. If students are staying here on campus students aren’t exposed to others outside their regular congregations. Longer hours are keeping students safer.

Senator Mirelez: I work in another building on campus. I’d like to share some of the policies the university requires us to follow:
If someone walks into our office and sits in a chair, we must sanitize it
Anytime someone touches something we must sanitize it
We must have hourly sanitation
This was very helpful because we did have someone test positive and we were able to stop the spread because we followed these policies thoroughly. If the library follows the same policies I feel that there is no reason they cannot be open later.

Senator Stump: When it comes to academics, it should always be front and center. With it getting colder students cannot study outside.

Senator Vineyard: Lives off-campus. Amount of people living off campus whose homes are not made for studying. Need the library.

Senator Sicurezza: I feel that since there are so many of us student leaders who are working on campus and safely using campus facilities, stating with confidence their support for this resolution that we should really consider
passing this resolution. I think it's in the best interest of the students to continue to safely make these resources available to them and really facilitate their success.

Senator Bouchard: I really just like to echo what center Sicurezza said, and then also bring up a point that Senator Kasunic made earlier. The fact that even if it helps just one student, we should do it. We're all senators. We are elected by the students. We were put here in this position by the students. And if we do something against the students, technically we're all replaceable and they will find someone to better represent them.

Senator Byerly: Request for information from the author.
Senator Haberman accepts
Senator Byerly: How many students spoke to you about this issue?
Senator Haberman: President Feezel actually came to our committee and said that he is experiencing a lot of students coming up to him and saying like “I'm having an issue with the library hours like I can't access the library when I need it”, which I think that in itself is more than enough. But past that I have talked to a lot. But past that I have talked to a lot of constituents that are like “I haven't been able to use the library this semester, I'm involved in things after class and I can't get there before nine were like last semester”, they might have used it from 9 to midnight. Knocked out a couple hours of homework, and then been able to go back to their room or their dorm and turn in for the night, whereas now they have to sit in their room and work on it there and then again. What Kenny said he probably could list off 100 so I don't have a list, but everybody that I've talked to has an issue with the library hours.

Senator Stump: Motion to suspend the Bylaws and dispense the second reading
Senator Kasunic: Second
Senate Chair Pichette:
  ○ All those in favor of suspending the Bylaws and dispense the second reading
  ○ All opposed
  ○ Division is called
  ○ Roll-Call vote to decide the motion
    ■ The motion does not pass
Debate ends

Senate Chair Pichette entertains a motion to lay the resolution on the table until next week
Senator Bouchard: So-Moved
Senator Kasunic: Second
Senate Chair Pichette:
  ○ All those in favor of laying the resolution on the table until next week
  ○ All opposed
  ○ Motion passes

XII. Adjourn

Senate Chair Pichette entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting
Senator Bouchard: So-Moved
Senator Mirelez: Seconds
Roll-Call vote to adjourn the meeting
Vice-Senate Chair McConnell calls the roll
Meeting adjourned

XIII. Discussion