



**Undergraduate Student Government**  
The University of Akron

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**All-USG Agenda**  
**September 5th, 2024**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Guest Speaker**
- V. Adoption of the Agenda**

Scott Campbell

Senator Sanfrey: Motion to amend the agenda to strike swearing in.  
Senator Cameron: Second.

Senator Cameron: Motion to adopt the agenda.  
Senator Sanfrey: Second.

**VI. Approval of the 8.29.24 Minutes**

Senator Cameron: Motion to approve the 8.29.24 minutes.  
Senator Sanfrey: Second.

**VII. Open Student Expression**

President DeWitt: You might have seen my email about the homecoming nominations. So that deadline has been changed, just wanted to make sure that you were all aware. It is now tonight (September 5) at 11:59 pm for those nominations. You can use the form that I sent in the email. And then we'll be doing voting on Friday and that will be due Sunday at 5 pm so you have time to submit it before that deadline.

Chief Justice Stillion: Two things. The first one I talked about last week but I want to talk about it again. The first year election cycle application is open and is active until next week at 11:59. We've already got a fair number of applications in there, so I just wanted to ask you all to join. If you know any freshmen that you think will do well in this body, please point them in this direction. It was in your Zipmail. I believe it was sent out in the all-USG but maybe not. It will be sent in the all-USG if it wasn't, but just keep that in mind if you know any first-years. The second thing, just in case you forgot what open

student expression is, at this point, anyone in the student body is able to say anything about anything they would like to bring forward, so if there anything that anyone would like to say, this is the time for it.

Chief of Staff Lane: Hi everyone. Two things. First of which, if you were supposed to meet me in the USG office prior to this meeting to get your headshot taken, please meet me afterwards in the USG office or if you can't do that, email me for my office hours because I really don't want to chase people down so we can do this really quickly. Second is the Ohio Student Government Summit. I talked to you about this last week but I'm going to say it again for everyone that wasn't there. So this is a conference that we host February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for student governments across Ohio and across neighboring states. We have a committee because we plan that and so if you want to be apart of that go ahead and email me after this meeting because we already have a representative from this branch, so I am going to send out a link to meet tomorrow for that so we can set up meetings for next week. Make sure you also mark your calendars for February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> because you guys will be invited to attend that.

Director Leipold: Yeah, so I think I met most of you guys last week but I am the Director of Membership Development. Just a couple quick things. Number one, anybody who is interested in doing an intermural sport, I put out a link in the teams just so if anybody who didn't get a chance to respond to that wants to. Another thing, this is for EB specifically, but I am planning a retreat for the executive branch. It's going to be probably the 20<sup>th</sup> or the 27<sup>th</sup>. I will coordinate that with President Dewitt and Vice President Kozma so they can send out emails and coordinate that.

### **VIII. USG Representative Elections**

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| ● University Council Representative Election | All-USG |
| ● OSGA Secondary Delegate Election           | All-USG |

President DeWitt: The University Council has faculty, staff, and administrators that attend. We also have University of Akron students and USG representatives that attend as well. I am currently on it, Vice President Kozma is on it, but we also have a vacant seat so one of you can be nominated if you are interested. It is a great opportunity; you get to attend a lot of meetings and hear some great things. It's a great way to hear from faculty staff and administration so great stuff.

Chief Justice Stillion: I would just like to add onto that a little bit. This position is open to the entire body, it's not just a Senate specific position, so anyone, no matter what branch, can be nominated for this position, can serve in this position. That is true for both the University Council and for the OSGA. So, if you're thinking about it, do it.

John Messina: I just want to make a comment. The role of students on both University Council and Faculty Senate is traditional. There are some administrators who may or may not have a lot of interaction with students that will look to you to provide opinions on any number of things, and also, in many cases, the presidents always report out at the meetings, but we have other representatives that individuals will come to you, ask questions, and listen to your opinions, so I want to emphasize that there are several committees that are apart of UC that we really would like the student voice on. People really do listen; they're not just a person just sitting in the background.

Senate Chair Feezel: We will move forward to nominations for this position. Anyone in USG can nominate anyone for this. You have to be available Tuesdays from 3-4:30. They're once a month. So are there any nominations?

President DeWitt: I would like to nominate Chief of Staff Lane.

Senate Chair Feezel: Do you accept?

Chief of Staff Lane: Yes.

Senator Cameron: Motion to close nominations

Senate Sanfrey: Second.

Senate Chair Feezel: I now recognize the nominator and the nominee to speak on behalf of the nomination.

President Dewitt: Chief of Staff Lane is very dedicated to USG. She has been apart of it for 4 or 5 years now, so she is a very qualified member. I think she would be a great representative on the council.

Chief of Staff Lane: Hi everyone. I'm Olivia. I have been involved for about 4 and a half years now, so a very long time of my life has been dedicated to USG, and a lot of that time I have been actively getting input from students. Even on the way Grace was asking questions about how we used to do things in USG, and I've been to many prior meetings working with officials to give student input

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Senate Chair Feezel: Let's do OSGA nominations. We are going to collect nominations first and then vote on the same form. President Dewitt, would you like to speak on behalf of the position?

President Dewitt: I think it's a great opportunity involving a bunch of different student governments in the area, so it's pretty cool. I am currently a delegate. There's no real requirements.

Senate Chair Feezel: I am now opening the floor to nominations. Anyone in USG can be nominated, you can also nominate yourself as well.

Associate Justice Shaw: I nominate Chief of Staff Lane.

Chief of Staff Lane: I accept.

Senate Chair Feezel: Are there any other nominations?

Senator Cameron: Motion to close all nominations.

Senator Sanfrey: Second.

Associate Justice Shaw: Chief of Staff Lane has been very involved in the student government summit. Fitting as they are the Chief of Staff this year, they have a big insight and lots of knowledge to bring to the OSGA committee with planning our personal OSGS.

Chief of Staff Lane: Thank you Madi for your nomination. I would just like to echo what Madi said. It is helpful to hear other students' feedback and having that connection helps to improve the summit.

Senator Cameron: Motion to take to a closed ballot vote

Senator Sanfrey: Second

Senator Feezel: For both elections, your options are: Chief of Staff Lane, or Abstain from voting.

Results of the vote:

Voter	UC Rep.	OSGA Rep.
Associate Justice Barna	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Greek Life Liaison Bee	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Senator Breon	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Executive Justice Bushen	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Senator Cameron	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Senator Clark-Kelley	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Social Media Strategist Garcia Cruz	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
President DeWitt	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Project Manager Greene	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Director Howell	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Senator Knapp	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Vice President Kozma	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Director Leipold	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane

Director Mahaney	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Director Minard	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Event Coordinator Muller	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Senator Nichols	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Associate Justice Papatonis	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Senator Parish	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Senator Rahman	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Senator Raymond	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Associate Justice Reimer	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Health and Safety Officer Ruffin	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Senator Sanfrey	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Senator Schuhart	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Director Shafer	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Associate Justice Shaw	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Chief Justice Stillion	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Director Sudhaharan	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Project Manager Tamim	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Deputy Director Walter	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane
Director Webster	Chief of Staff Lane	Chief of Staff Lane

Senate Chair Feezel: Chief of Staff Lane is elected to both positions.

## **IX. USG Bylaw Revision Presentation**

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The “Bylaw Revision” presentation is given.

## **X. New Business**

- Bylaw Amendment 09.05.24

Senate Chair Feezel: I now entertain a motion to open debate on the Bylaw Amendments

Senator Cameron: So moved.

Senator Sanfrey: Second.

Senator Cameron: Motion to close debate on the previous motion.

Senator Sanfrey: Second.

All senators in favor.

Vice Senate Chair Winters calls roll.

Senator Breon	In favor
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Senator Cameron	In favor
Senator Clark-Kelley	In favor
Senator Knapp	In favor
Senator Nichols	In favor
Senator Parish	In favor
Senator Rahman	In favor
Senator Raymond	In favor
Senator Sanfrey	In favor
Senator Schuhart	In favor
Senate Chair Feezel	In favor
Vice Senate Chair Winters	In favor
Senate Clerk McCracken	In favor

Senator Schuhart: Motion for 5 minute recess.

Senator Sanfrey: Second.

## **XI. How to be a USG Member Presentation**

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The “How to be a USG Member presentation” is given.

## **XII. Adjournment**