

**Undergraduate Student Government**

**Senate Meeting Minutes**

**August 29, 2024**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Senator Feezel: Motion to amend the agenda to strike EO 29-24-25 from the agenda.

Senate Rahman: Second.

Senator Feezel: Motion to adopt the agenda.

Senator Rahman: Second.

1. **Approval of the 5.2.24 Minutes**

Senator Feezel: Motion to approve the 5.2.24 minutes.

Senator Cameron: Second.

1. **Approval of the 8.26.24 Minutes**

Senator Feezel: Motion to approve the 8.26.24 minutes.

Senator Cameron: Second.

1. **Open Student Expression**

Chief of Staff Lane: I have a couple of announcements if you are in women in engineering. Our first meeting is coming up on September 3rd from 5-6 pm in Coleman Commons. They will be having an olympic type activity. EA (Environmental Action) is also having its first meeting on September 3rd at 5 pm in Crouse 202. They will be making dog toys using recycled materials.

President DeWitt: So happy to see you all. EB is coordinating with the Rubber Ducks for a give away with free Rubber Ducks tickets. Talk to me if you have any questions. We also, we thought it’d be a fun idea for USG to have an intramural team. If you are interested talk to Dylan if you would like to be a part of any specific intramurals.

Director of Membership Development Leipold: I wanted to introduce myself. I am the Director of Membership Development. We have a flag football team so if you are interested in joining, let me know. I will be popping in if you ever need help with anything and I have business cards to pass around if you would like to chat or reach out to me.

Advisor Alexander: So happy to see Senate so full with so many new faces. As we go through this evening, there will be times to make sure that everyone feels comfortable in the senate. I know that Cameron is giving a guiding example this evening. Also, about the Akron All-In Book Bundle, if you have not made your selection please do so before the (September) 9th. USG played a big part in this program, so please make sure you are modeling this selection. If you are still on the fence, please talk to Grace, as she has lots of knowledge on this. I am out of the office all of next week but I am excited to see this group double or triple in size at the next meeting.

Chief of Staff Lane: I wanted to talk to you about Ohio Student Government Summit coming up on February 1st and 2nd. It is a great outreach opportunity and so cool to get to know other students involved in student government. It is really cool to have all of these skills and be involved in the planning, so please let me know if you are interested in joining. It looks great on a resume!

1. **Swearing In** Chief Justice Stillion
2. **Senate Leadership Election** Acting Senate Chair Winters

* Senate Chair Election

Acting Senate Chair Winters: Our current Senate Chair position is vacant, so this is the position we are trying to fill today. We will now accept any nominations for the position. I am going to go ahead and recognize myself and nominate Senator Feezel for the position.

Senator Feezel: I accept.

Acting Senate Chair Winters: Are there any other nominations? Seeing none, I am going to speak on behalf of my nomination for Senator Feezel. Senator Feezel has been on our Directional Leadership Team every year that he has been in USG. He is going to be in his senior year and fourth year in USG this year. He is very experienced, knowledgeable of our bylaws, and a perfect leader to take the Legislative Branch into this school year.

Senator Feezel: Thank you, Senator Winters, for the nomination. I wanted to touch on some of my goals and inspiration for this upcoming year if I were elected into the position. As my first time as senator, I have been in USG for 4 years now, attending almost all meetings. I have seen a lot of projects that have or have not been pursued so I can provide guidance to a lot of young members on how to go about pursuing those and how to go about these projects based on what has been tried in the past. That experience has been very valuable. I would also encourage anyone with questions to utilize the debate period and ask those. Thank you.

Acting Senate Chair Winters: Thank you, Senator Feezel.

Senator Cameron: Motion to enter debate.

Senator Sanfrey: Second.

Senator Feezel: Motion to close debate and proceed to a vote.

Senator Sanfrey: Second.

Acting Senate Chair Winters: We will now take the nomination to a roll call vote. Meaning, when Acting Vice Senate Chair Cameron calls your name you can say Senator Feezel if you are in favor of him being elected Senate Chair or you can abstain.

The roll call vote is taken.

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| **Senator Breon** | Senator Feezel |
| **Senator Cameron** | Senator Feezel |
| **Senator Feezel** | Senator Feezel |
| **Senator Knapp** | Senator Feezel |
| **Senator Nichols** | Senator Feezel |
| **Senator Parish** | Senator Feezel |
| **Senator Rahman** | Senator Feezel |
| **Senator Raymond** | Senator Feezel |
| **Senator Sanfrey** | Senator Feezel |
| **Senator Schuhart** | Senator Feezel |

Senator Feezel is elected to the position of Senate Chair.

1. **Senate Leadership Swearing In** Chief Justice Stillion
2. **Senate Leadership Remarks**

Senate Chair Feezel: I am excited to be leading you all. We will be doing a lot of onboarding and are hopefully going to meet with all of you separately to get you used to USG.

Senator Feezel: I would now entertain a motion to take a 5-minute recess.

Senator Cameron: So moved.

Recess is taken.

Senator Cameron: Motion to add Senate bill 10-24-25 to the agenda.

Senator Sanfrey: Second.

1. **New Business**

* EO 27-24-25 Matthew Howell
* EO 28-24-25 Grace Salvatore

Senator Cameron: Motion to blanket read executive orders 27-24-25 and 28-24-25.

Senator Sanfrey: Second

EO’s are read.

Senate Chair Feezel: Would the signatories like to speak on behalf of the Executive Orders?

President Dewitt: Elena and I had the privilege of interviewing these students over the summer. They are already very involved on campus, and we think that they will be great leaders in the Undergraduate Student Government.

Vice President Kozma: I’ll just tag along onto what President DeWitt said. Everyone showed great enthusiasm for the roles that they applied for and seemed extremely excited to begin their journeys in USG.

Senate Chair Feezel: We will now enter the debate on the executive orders.

Senator Cameron: Motion to close the debate.

Senator Sanfrey: Second.

Senate Chair Feezel: We will now take a roll call vote on the EOs.

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| **Senator Breon** | In Favor |
| **Senator Cameron** | 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: The EO’s passed.

* EO 30-24-25 Audrey Reimer

Senate Chair Feezel: The EO’s passed. Moving onto EO 30-24-25. Would the signatories of the executive order like to speak?

President Dewitt: I had the privilege of interviewing Audrey. I think that they would be excellent asset to the Undergraduate Student Government and so does the Judicial Branch leadership.

Vice President Kozma: I did not have the pleasure of interviewing Audrey, but I did have the opportunity to read her application and agree that she would be a great asset to USG.

Chief Justice Stillion: Before Audrey applied, they reached out to us and asked about what the position included. They attended our meetings and provided a lot of excellent feedback even without being in student government. We are excited for them to take on this position and become an even greater asset to the organization.

Executive Justice Bushen: I agree with Chief Justice Stillion about Audrey’s ambition and think that their goals align with USG.

Senate Chair Feezel: We will now take a roll call vote on EO 30-24-25.

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| **Senator Parish** | In Favor |
| **Senator Rahman** | In Favor |
| **Senator Raymond** | In Favor |
| **Senator Sanfrey** | In Favor |
| **Senator Schuhart** | In Favor |

EO 30-24-25 passes.

* SB 10-24-25 Ian Clark-Kelley

Senate Chair Feezel: Executive order passes. Moving onto senate bill 10-24-25.

Senate Bill is read.

Senator Chair Feezel: I did not personally interview Ian so I won’t speak on that, but I figured I would give a bit of an explanation as to what vacancy he is filling. Ian will be filling the position that the previous Senate Chair Pastoria held as a Senator At-Large. Max’s resignation was for 5 pm today (August 29th), so the position is now vacant and Ian is lined up to fill this vacancy. Vice Senate Chair Winters would you like to speak on the Senate Bill?

Senate Chair Winters: Sure! I did have the opportunity to interview Ian. Right off the bat, Ian was very professional and very well-spoken. At the time, Max and I thought that he would be an amazing addition into USG, but specifically the Legislative Branch. He also has previous experience with the College of Republicans as their president. I encourage you all to think about that and approve this senate bill as the leadership is excited to have him in this role.

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving into debate for senate bill 10-24-25.

Senator Raymond: Motion to open debate.

Senator Cameron: Second.

Senator Raymond: Motion to close debate and move to a roll call vote.

Senator Cameron: Second.

Senate Chair Feezel: We will now move to a roll call vote.

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| **Senator Parish** | In Favor |
| **Senator Rahman** | In Favor |
| **Senator Raymond** | In Favor |
| **Senator Sanfrey** | In Favor |
| **Senator Schuhart** | In Favor |

SB 10-24-25 passes.

1. **Swearing In**  Chief Justice Stillion
2. **Election Rules Presentation** Chief Justice Stillion

Chief Justice Stillion: For a lot of the new faces, the judicial branch runs an election every semester. In the fall, it is just electing the First-Year Senators, and in the Spring is all of the new Senators and Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates.

We wanted to combine the election rules for the spring and fall because they are not fundamentally different. Those documents were not the same up until this year, but they have been voted on and approved in the past year. We didn’t want all of the new members to be overwhelmed by the new rules and information so everything will be generally the same in the spring election.

The Election Rules Presentation is given.

Senate Chair Feezel: Thank you, Chief Justice Stillion. We are now in debate for the consideration of the election rules.

Senator Cameron: Motion to close debate and move the previous question.

Senator Sanfrey: Second.

Senate Chair Feezel: We will now move to a roll call vote on the election rules.

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| **Senator Schuhart** | In Favor |

The Election Rules pass.

1. **Adjournment**

Senator Cameron: Motion to adjourn.

Senator Sanfrey: Second.

1. **Discussion**