



Undergraduate Student Government
The University of Akron

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Senate Agenda
January 23rd, 2025

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Senator Breon	Present
Senator Clark-Kelley	Present
Senator Nichols	Present
Senator Rahman	Present
Senator Raymond	Excused
Senator Schuhart	Present
Senator Shelton	Present
Senator Smith	Present
Senator Sterns	Present

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Guest Speaker

Gregg Harris

V. Adoption of the Agenda

Senator Schuhart: Motion to strike the APSS committee report.

Senator Breon: Second.

Senator Breon: Motion to strike the SE committee report.

Senator Rahman: Second.

Senator Shelton: Motion to strike the FAST committee report.

Senator Smith: Second.

Senate Chair Feezel: I would like to entertain a motion to adopt the 1.23.25 agenda.

Senator Schuhart: So moved.

Senator Breon: Second.

VI. Approval of the 01.16.24 Minutes

Senator Sterns: Motion to approve the 1.16.24 minutes.

Senator Shelton: Second.

VII. Open Student Expression

Chief Justice Stillion: USG Presentation night 2 has been scheduled and planned by Deputy Director Cosgrave. That will be right after Senate on February 13th from 7 pm to whenever we finish right across the hall in Student Union room 335. It was very fun last time so if you plan on attending, start your presentation now.

Senator Breon: We should have voted on what we should have done for the bonding experience.

Associate Justice Shaw: I don't think that is the same thing as the off-topic channel.

President DeWitt: We're still incorporating you guys' other ideas but this is unrelated to the off-topic question. If you guys have opinions let me know.

Associate Justice Shaw: As a representative from honors civics club, our first meeting is next Monday the 27th from 6:45pm-8:00pm in the honors common room in the honors complex. This first meeting will just be an open discussion on current topics like the election. It's a great way to exercise your right to free speech and I highly encourage you to go.

Senator Schuhart: Is anyone having issues with the book bundle because one of my books has been on back order for more than a week?

Senate Chair Feezel: Maybe speak to a professor about it?

Senator Schuhart: I haven't been on the class since last Wednesday so I haven't gotten to talk to anyone.

Associate Justice Shaw: What class is it for?

Senator Schuhart: Human Rights and World Politics.

Associate Justice Shaw: I had this problem and I just went back every week until I got one.

Senator Nichols: Two things. One, the bookstore gave me a loose sleeve textbook and didn't give me the first three chapters but I found an email on the book bundle website and a nice lady responded within three days. Also, Delta Gamma is having a fundraiser tonight so if you stop by, we're selling pizza and all proceeds go to the Delta Gamma foundation. It is 6-8 pm.

Chief of Staff Lane: Environmental Action's first meeting is Wednesday, February 5th. It is trivia and giveaways. Maggie is the president of that club and she's the best. We also have a chipotle fundraiser this coming Wednesday on the 29th.

VIII. Branch Reports

- Judicial Branch Report

Chief Justice Stillion

Chief Justice Stillion: This week, our JB meeting was cancelled because it's on Mondays and we weren't here. The spring election cycle is full steam ahead. On Tuesday, we had a virtual meeting that was recorded and will be spread for you to watch if you are interested. Our next upcoming thing is the application opening next Monday at 8 am. Let anyone know that may be interested to run for that. It will be everywhere from the USG social media to a flyer downstairs. It will be open until the following Thursday at 11:59 pm. For the newsletter, submit your event feedback forms in the USG teams. Just like last year, we want to make that more monthly instead of a whole semester recap like last semester. We also have an open associate justice position if you know someone that wants to be a leader without running in a full election.

- Legislative Branch Report

Senate Chair Feezel

Senate Chair Feezel: We welcomed the Crumbl Critics, a new student organization. We also have four vacancies. The Senator At Large is still open. We have an accepted offer for the Senator for the College of Engineering and Polymer Science position. It was accepted today so the bill will be on next week's agenda. The Senator for the College of Health and Human Science is still open and, if the bylaws pass today, there will be a Residence Life Senator position. Let your friends know if they want to be senators.

Senator Sterns: I heard something about some colleges being changed so how will that change titles and the scope of those roles.

Chief Justice Stillion: The college specific senators do not have to be in the college that they represent.

Senate Chair Feezel: It would only change the voters. If the titles would change, then they would just change the title.

- Executive Branch Report

President DeWitt

Executive Branch Report: We're finalizing our biweekly check-ins with our members. If you're a 2 hour or 4 hour position it's 15 minutes and if you're 6 or 10 hours it's 30 minutes. For events that happened this week, the safety walk was rescheduled but I'm sure more information will be released on that. It was the power street route. The EB cabinet meeting with all of the EB directors. It is biweekly on Wednesdays from 5-6 pm. Reach out to me or Vice President Kozma if you would like to come. We met with BEC to do a spirit week thing for the Akron-Kent basketball game. We'll probably do rotating days for events and then we'll have a tailgate or some sort of large event at the end of the week. We also meet with GSG to do more collaboration with them. It is the city of Akron's bicentennial celebration this year and we were asked to plan an event for that, but we are still looking for ideas so that students want to come. We are also doing an alumni social planning for USG and GSG for the fall or maybe the year after. Collecting all of the alumni names is a lot of work, so that will take a bit. Hot wings with President Nemer is next week on Wednesday with the president of UA ambassadors and a USG member MC. We'll ask President Nemer questions and it will be a fun time.

Chief Justice Stillion: The alumni social planning is a great way to delve into the records.

Vice President Kozma: There will probably be a live Q&A at the event if you really want to ask a question.

- DLT Report

President DeWitt

President DeWitt: We met this week. Your outlook calendars and office hour form should be submitted so please do that now if you haven't. For a meeting recap, we just went over the bylaw amendments and distributed that. As always, our meetings are on Mondays from 6:30-7:45 in student union room 318.

IX. Committee Reports

X. New Business

- Bylaw Amendment 01.23.25

DLT

Senate Chair Feezel	In Favor
Vice Senate Chair Winters	In Favor
Senate Clerk McCracken	In Favor
Senator Breon	In Favor
Senator Clark-Kelley	In Favor
Senator Nichols	In Favor
Senator Rahman	In Favor

Senator Schuhart	In Favor
Senator Shelton	In Favor
Senator Smith	In Favor
Senator Sterns	In Favor

The Bylaw Amendment passes in the Senate.

- XI. Adjournment**
- XII. Pass the Gavel**
- XIII. Discussion**