



Legislative Branch

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Senate Agenda

August 28th, 2025, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

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

Senator Pence: Motion to strike all three committee reports

Senator Sterns: Second

Senator Pence: Motion to change the delivery of the finance reports acting director of finance Damson

Senator Sterns: Second

Senate Chair Kasik: All in favor of amending the agenda for it to say Acting

Director of Finance Damson, please say aye

Senator Pence: Aye

Senator Sterns: Aye

Senator Pence: Motion to amend agenda to add open student expression

Senate Chair Kasik: All in favor of adding an open student expression to today's agenda, please say aye

Senator Pence: Aye

Senator Sterns: Aye

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of adopting this week's agenda, please say aye.

Senator Pence: Aye

Senator Sterns: Aye

V. Approval of the 5.01.25 Minutes

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of approving the 5.01.25 minutes say aye.

Senator Pence: Aye

Senator Sterns: Aye

VI. Open Student Expression

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Hi everyone, welcome to our first senate meeting. Please bear with us this might be rough as this is our first time too. I wanted to advertise, after this, at 7 p.m., football game here, please come. There's also a soccer game. I don't know when it's at. Tomorrow? Yeah, I don't remember what time, but there's a soccer game tomorrow night. So please come. The Ratties will be there. They're selling buttons. It's free for you guys to come. So, I'll be there.

Thank you.

President Shaw: Hi, everybody. I want to say how excited I am to see Senate almost full this year. Very excited to see what you guys do within Senate and within your committees once you get placed in them. And I just want to say hi again, if you need anything, I'm here; ill always be here. So reach out if you need anything.

Chief Justice Stillion: Hello, I'm Sam, Chief Justice. Don't get worried if I pipe up and say, you're not doing something correctly, we will get there. I'm trying to help you. But I did have one thing I did want to talk about; has anyone seen did this edition of the Buchtelite yet? Because we are all in it. You guys are celebrities on

campus now. We had a big, full page column about student government in there. There's copies in the office, grab one and show off your friends.

Senate Chair Kasik: Any else from a student expression?

Chief Justice Stillion: Request for information from Senate Chair Kasik.

Senate Chair Kasik: Yeah?

Chief Justice Stillion: What is open student expression?

Senate Chair Kasik: That's a great question, Chief Justice Stillion. So that is just our time during the meeting where anybody can say anything about possible events going on on campus, other organizations here that you'd like to advertise, any sports games, or just anything you'd like to add/share with anyone else. So that's what the expression is. We'll have it every meeting. Should be in the agenda next time.

Julie Muller: Hi, I'm Julie. I'm one of the directors of Project Coordination. If anyone's not busy next Wednesday, 4:30, the Barker Center for Education is having a session on capitalism. Love it or hate it, you'll learn about it so you guys can come, there will be snacks. It's in the goodyear building in the college of business.

Director of Finance Damson: Hi, everyone. I'm the Acting Director of Finance, Karima Damson. Just to follow her, that same Wednesday. I'm the president of the Francophone Association, If you guys like to learn about cultures, specifically, cultures influenced by the French culture, I would invite you guys to come to the student union, room 310, at 6 p.m. it's open to anyone and there'll be pizza, drinks, and a lot of fun activities.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. Nothing else? Last chance?

VII. **Branch Reports**

- Legislative Branch Report

Senate Chair Kasik

Senate Chair Kasik: Hi, I'm senate Chair Kasik, I'm the leader of the legislative branch. Over the summer Vice Senate Chair McCracken and I worked on several items so we could be prepared and have an operational branch as soon as possible here. This is just a list of some of the things we've done so far. Most LB; legislative branch information will be had during our presentation later for today, this is just a brief, but these are things we went over, so we should be ready.

- Judicial Branch Report

Chief Justice Stillion

Chief Justice Stillion: Judicial branch has also been very, very busy over the summer. If you don't know yet, we are the ones that handle all of the elections within the organization. So, the elections like in the fall, and an election cycle in the spring. So, we are almost ready to get started on our fall election cycle. It's been a lot of what I and the executive justice there in the back have been working on over the summer as well as bylaw review. The entire leadership team has been doing review of our governing documents to update things, shift things around, so they function a little bit smoother, hopefully, going forward. We are also, within the judicial branch, the records coordinators for the entire organization, so things like minutes, agendas, we make sure they get where they need to go to be properly maintained. We split those tasks up within the branch of which all of those positions have been assigned. They'll reach out to who we need to reach out to, which might be some of you, within the coming weeks. Don't worry too much, yet. We also work pretty heavily alongside the Department of Student Conduct and Community standards here on campus. We help them with a lot of their events, and we present in their freshman student seminars where they give their sort of mini lesson about the student code of conduct, know the code, we help them with that. So those are coming up, we also meet with the director of that office monthly. Also, within the judicial brand, we like to have a little bit of fun,

sometimes these things can get a little bit boring, so we always put in a meme, curated, a little bit cheesy. But we put up a curated meme at the end of the judicial branch report, so of course, see what it is today. Later on, I'll be giving the election rules presentation, and I think that'll be more fun than how to be a Senator presentation; and I'm not biased. Thank you

- Executive Branch Report

President Shaw

President Shaw: So first off, hi, guys. I think I've introduced myself to all of you, but again, my name's Madi. I'm the president this year. So just a little reminders and updates, if you saw my all-USG email, how many of you read that email? Ah, you guys are awesome. Okay, so, just a reminder, the office hours form is due tomorrow, basically saying, when your office hours are going to be weekly, we'd like to keep those posted in the office in case you're working on a project and any of your senators, USG members, students want to come in during your office hours, talk to you about some things. So, we highly recommend it, well, not highly. I would like you to post those in that form there, again, by Friday. Next, we have our USG website, headshot and bios form, which is also due tomorrow. So, we have a website with all of us individually listed on there, saying our positions, and we like to have you write your own individual bios, have your own headshots in there. It'll have your contact information in there too, again, in case anyone wants to reach out or is curious who's representing them. So again, do tomorrow, please get this submitted if you haven't already. All USG email again, so glad you all read it. Did you all answer and find the hidden question now?

head. That's fantastic. It's okay. If you haven't, I know it's a very long email, I promise it won't be that long in the future. Just a lot of information this week. But go ahead and try to find that hidden question and put your answer to that question in the off topic channel of our USG teams. If you can't find that, just let me know I can come show you where that is not the question that you have to find out. But yes, perfect. Moving on to events, this is all in my email as well, but I just want to reiterate these. So, USG has had presences at multiple events, its supposed to say multiple events for the welcome back activities, so this whole

past weekend. I spoke at Convocation. We had tabled it at the Welcome back Carnival, at Roo Fest. We had a breakout session, and we had a lot of fun getting to interact with students, specifically first year students, as most of you are, getting people interested in what we do and who we are. So that was super fun. Next is FanFest. So Fanfest is actually happening right now, unfortunately, but happening 4 to 6pm in Lot 8, so that's behind the Rec and behind the natatorium. In the lot, kind of by Spicer Street, they're giving away, if we get out early, I'm not saying we will, but if we get out early, highly recommend going down there, probably not. We got a busy schedule. But in addition to that, what Megan said, go to the game. It's the first game. It's might be a little bit soggy, but it'll be fun. I heard rumors that Josh Allen might be here, maybe. It was posted somewhere, sorry I just love football. I'm sorry. Anyways, next is our safety Grant event. That is Wednesday the 3rd from 11:30 to 1pm. It will be on the second floor on the concourse. That is basically going to be our UAPD meet and greet. We're giving away pizzas and shirts, and the UAPD Canine Duncan will probably be there. The shirts also have Duncan's face on it, which is super cute. But yeah, it's a great way to get connected. learn what sort of resources that they have, what UAPD can help us with. We try to get to know your officers a little bit better. So, like I said, next Wednesday on the third, last, I don't think it's last, but also Wednesday the third. We have our commuter carnival from 12 to 2pm outside of Simmons Hall, so the hall is over by the north campus Parking deck. That's just a way to influence and encourage commuter students to get connected with different resources on campus. I guess said, USG will be tabling there. So, if you are a commuter student or kind of interested in seeing who else is tabling, stop by, say hi, go down there and see us from 12 to 2pm. I have one more, maybe? Yes. This is the fun one. So, the Roo's at the Rubber Ducks game. That is next Friday the fifth. The game starts at 7:05, the doors open at 5:30. USG purchased tickets from the Akron River Ducks, which is the Minor League Baseball team in Akron. We're giving away 125 free tickets to students. So, stop by the office, we have a QR code in there and claim your tickets before they run out. Like I said, we only have 125, so it's kind of first come, first serve, but again, if you haven't

scanned that QR code and you are interested in going, stop by the office after Senate, and sign up. Are there any questions?

Chief Justice Stillion: Can we get an update on the Pride Flag?

President Shaw: Yes I can! For all the new senators there was a piece of legislation passed last year, installing a permanent pride flag in the Union after the previous ones had to be taken down for certain circumstances. So, like I said, a piece of legislation came out of the Senate, went up to administration, and I'm happy to say, the Pride flag is up. The Pride flag is up, and it is in the piano lounge of the second floor of the student union. They're still trying to work on hanging the plaque, because apparently it doesn't hang very easily. But the flag is up. That's the important part. So, an example of what can come out of legislation kind of to influence you guys and encourage you guys to look at legislation and look into different issues that you may feel and that the students may come to you about just things can happen, and you guys are important. So, yeah, great question. Thank you. Any other questions? No? Okay. Thank you, guys.

- Finance Report

Acting Director of Finance Damson

Hi, everybody. I hope you're all doing well today, so I'll introduce myself again, so you don't have to break your neck to look at me. I'm Karima Damson, I'm the Acting Director of Finance right now, and I'll just give you a breakdown of the finance report for what happened over the summer. So, this summer, a lot of the allocation we approval was for RooFest and for different cookouts, and we allocated about \$2,500 and for the USG expenses, we had a lot of our expenses go towards the reclusive space with the pride flag she talked about, and the All for UA platform from the President and Vice President, and we had a total expense of about \$2,400. And for the expenses, we only had the USG postcards, which you can see about \$ 900. Do you guys have any questions? Okay. Thank you.

- DLT Reports

President Shaw

Yes. I'm so happy. You guys. So, for those of you who don't know, which is probably a lot of you, because you're all know, the directional leadership team, is

the two branch heads from each branch. So, Ryan, Megan, the Senate Chair and Vice Senate Chair, Sam and Audrey, the Chief and Executive Justices, and then EB, the Executive Branch, so Chief of Staff Kelly and Acting Director of Finance Karima Damson, Vice President Tsige and myself, and of course, our lovely advisors, too. We make up the directional leadership team, or DLT for short. Basically, we meet every week to go over any issues, cross branch, and just address anything within the entire organization as a whole. We do a lot of internal things that way. So again, just a couple other reminders, you'll hear me say a lot. Send in your office hours, send in your headshot and bios, like I said, we had a couple meetings, a couple, we had a few meetings, quite a few meetings over the summer just getting things ready on the administrative side for USG this upcoming year. But our last meeting, or most recent meeting, was this past Monday, and the quick little meeting recap, we went over, individual branch reports, we discussed the remaining vacant positions. So, this is actually updated since I made this report, but we do still have the Deputy Chief of Staff. the IFC, the Interfraternity Council Greek Life Liaison positions vacant. We have two social media strategists now that are vacant, and we also have the Senator for the College of Business position vacant. So, if any of your friends are interested in USG, I highly recommend pointing them to our application, as well as the first-year Senator elections. Next, we just overviewed our on boarding process, which you all will be onboarded within the next couple of meetings, so don't worry if you're not sure what's going on yet. You will very soon. We welcomed our new advisors, and we talked about how they would be integrated within USG and the process of voting on them and getting them official. We talked about the first-year elections, like I said, there is an interest form that we are sharing around for anybody who is the first year that is interested in running in that, talked about the different committees. So, University Council and Faculty Senate, who would say those were, excuse me, those representatives on those committees as well as USG executive Branch Committees, which, if you're not aware, that is the Campus Dining Experience Committee, which is CDE, which needs a CDE chair. CDE needs a chair for that committee and then there is mental health task force, and

the diversity Committee. So, we just talked a little bit about those, and then, of course, all the same, talked about the USG events upcoming events. And one thing that is on there that I didn't say is our student Leadership Summit, which is being planned by Chief, the Chief of Staff Kelly, is going to be on September 5th from 5:15 to 7pm. It's where we invite student org leaders and their treasures. Yes. Oh, sorry. Did I say this? I'm so sorry. Sorry, September 5th is like, Rubber Ducks game. Yeah. September 15th. Sorry, thank you. Um, but yeah, it's where we invite student organizations, presidents, and treasures to learn about the allocating process for USG giving them money and different things like that, how do you utilize their funds, how to fundraise, different things like that financial wise. So that'll be super fun. And then we lastly swore in and made our chief of staff, Hannah Kelly official. So, I think that's it for our report. Our meetings are Mondays from 4:45 to 600. They're open to anybody, so if you want to stop by, see what we're doing, highly recommend that. And are there any questions? about anything that we've done? Something additional to add to that. I didn't have it on the report. We last year they had a DLT kind of like summer workshop document saying what we all did during the summer, so you know that we're not just sitting around. We are talking about working on that and maybe making a newsletter. Yes, so making a more digestible, visually appealing newsletter on what DLT did over the summer. So definitely be on the lookout for that. But yes, so much time. Any questions. Okay. Well, thank you.

VIII. New Business

Senator Pence: Motion to blanket read SB 1-25-26 through SB 9-25-26

Senator Sterns: Second

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of blanket reading SB 1-25-26 through 9-25-26 say aye.

Senator Pence: aye

Senator Sterns: aye

SB 1-25-26 through 9-25-26 are read by Vice Senate Chair McCracken

Senator Pence: Motion to waive the second reading of the Bills

Senator Sterns: Second

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of waiving the second reading of SB 1-25-26 through 9-25-26 say aye.

Senator Pence: aye

Senator Sterns: aye

Senator Pence: Motion to move to the previous question and vote on SB 1-25-26 through 9-25-26

Senator Sterns: Second

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of moving to the previous question and voting on SB 1-25-26 through 9-25-26 say aye.

Senator Pence: aye

Senator Sterns: aye

Senate Chair Kasik: Vice Senate Chair McCracken will call the role, your choices are "In favor" and "opposed"

Senator Pence: In favor

Senator Sterns: In favor

Senate Chair Kasik: The Bills are passed

Senator Pence: Motion to blanket read EO 22-25-26 through 25-25-26

Senator Sterns: Second

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of blanket reading EO 22-25-26 through 25-25-26 say aye

Senator Pence: aye

Senator Sterns: aye

EO 22-25-226 through 25-25-26 are read by Vice Senate Chair McCracken

Senator Pence: Motion to move to the previous question and vote on EO 22-25-26 through 25-25-26

Senator Sterns: Second

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of moving to the previous question and vote on EO 22-25-26 through 25-25-26 say aye

Senator Pence: aye

Senator Sterns: aye

Senate Chair Kasik: Vice Senate Chair McCracken will call the role, your choices are “In favor” and “opposed”

Senator Pence: In favor

Senator Sterns: In favor

Senate Chair Kasik: The EOs are passed

Senator Pence: Motion to read EO 26-25-26

Senator Sterns: Second

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of reading EO 26-26-26 say aye

Senator Pence: aye

Senator Sterns: aye

Vice Senate Chair McCracken reads EO 26-25-26

Senator Pence: Motion to move to the previous question and vote on EO 26-25-26

Senator Sterns: Second

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of moving to the previous question and voting on EO 26-25-26 say aye

Senator Pence: aye

Senator Sterns: aye

Senate Chair Kasik: Vice Senate Chair McCracken will call the role, your choices are “In favor” and “opposed”

Senator Pence: In favor

Senator Sterns: In favor

Senate Chair Kasik: The EO is passed

IX. Swearing In

X. Adjournment

XI. Discussion