



Undergraduate Student Government
The University of Akron

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All USG Meeting Agenda
September 4th, 2025

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

Senator Sterns: Motion to adopt the agenda

Senator Spears: Second

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of moving to adopt today's agenda please say aye

Agenda approved: All in favor

V. Approval of the 08.28.25 Minutes

Senator Sterns: Motion to approve the 8.28.25 minutes

Senator Shelton: Second

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of approving the 8.28.25 minutes please say aye

Minutes Approved: All in favor

VI. Open Student Expression

President Shaw: Performative Action meeting is at six. I know we're probably not going to make it but I'm going to let you know I'll be leaving early after this. We're also hiking this weekend, so if you want to hike with us this weekend you can join it.

Senator Swaminathan: Hi, my name is Sri, I'm a senator at large and I'll be running for RHC President. Voting is open September 8, so you should vote for me, SRI. Thank You.

Director Damson: Hi, I'm director of finance, Karima Damson. I will also be leaving the meeting early because we have our first meeting tonight, 6:30 – 7:30.

VII. New Business

- SB 10-25-26 Scott Spears

Senator Pence: Motion to read senate bill 10-25-26

Senator Prough: Second

SB 10-25-26 is read by Vice Senate Chair McCracken

Senate Chair Kasik: Can I get a motion to wave the second reading?

Senator Prough: Motion to wave the second reading

Senator Shelton: Second

Senate Chair Kasik: All in favor of waving the second reading say aye

Motion to wave second reading passed: All in favor

Senate Chair Kasik: Is there any debate? Alright. I just want to talk on behalf of Scott to the senate. He was on the senate last year. He was a great senator then. I think he'll make a great senator this year as well. I think he'll do a good job.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: I've known Scott. Scott always does a really good job in everything. If you didn't know he's the president of the A.K. Rowdies, so he's very involved. He has a lot of knowledge on campus, and I think he'd be really good representing the people for off-campus living, as well as senate as a whole. So yeah, I urge you to vote in favor.

Senate Chair Kasik: Anybody else? Alright. Could I get a motion to move to the previous question and move to votes on senate bill 10-25-26.

Senator Shelton: Motion to move previous question on senate bill 10-25-26.

Senate Chair Kasik: Can I get a second?

Senator Prough: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All in favor to move to the previous question and vote on senate bill 10-25-26 please say aye.

Move to the previous question and vote on senate bill 10-25-26 passed: All in favor

Senate Chair Kasik: The Vice Senate Chair will now call the role. Your options are in favor, opposed, or abstain.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Senator Kleinschmidt

Senator Kleinschmidt: In favor

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Senator Messmer

Senator Messmer: In favor

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Senator Moore

Senator Moore: In favor

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Senator Pence

Senator Pence: In favor

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Senator Prough

Senator Prough: In favor

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Senator Shelton

Senator Shelton: In favor

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Senator Simas

Senator Simas: In favor

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Senator Sterns

Senator Sterns: In favor

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Senator Swaminathan

Senator Swaminathan: In favor

Senate Chair Kasik: Vote has been passed, congratulations Senator Spears.

VIII. Swearing In

IX. Additional

Senator Shelton: Motion to add an advisor's report to the agenda please.

Senate Chair Kasik: Is there a second?

Senator Kleinschmidt: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of adding advisor reports to the agendas please say aye

Advisor reports added to the agenda: All in favor

John Messina: If we haven't met, I'm John Messina. I'm the Vice President of student affairs. I'm not your advisor. I'm just one on a semi-interim basis, along with some very supportive folks along the way. But if you don't know, I work very closely with all the student government bodies on campus. I meet with the President and Vice President quite frequently as well as the advising group. I show up at meetings periodically, generally disrupted. I'm a resource to any student on campus. What tends to happen so you're aware is I come to tell you to go to class because your students first. So go to class. Go to events. Become involved. Support as many organizations as you can. Go to class. But what will also happen as you pass legislation and as you have concerns, it is my job to advance those through the administration. What you will and will not see quite honestly is there are acts that undergraduate student government engages that finally become

reality after many of you graduate. And so you have a long-lasting impact and influence on this institution and hereas you might want something to happen overnight. The fact of the matter is that with a large public university things seldom happen overnight. So, I can tell you for example the Brightspace initiative will come to fruition. Maybe not in my lifetime, but it will happen. And it started with this governing body. Many of the things we see right here on this campus to our traditions. Many of the events were publicized by this organization or created by this organization. So, I thank you in advance for your institution's support and hard work. And you will, I believe, be addressing a matter of future endeavors here very very soon. I look forward to working with you. Thank you.

I. Branch Reports

€ Legislative Branch Report

Senate Chair Kasik: As some of you probably know by now, we do have a current vacant position for the Senator in the college of business. A candidate has already been interviewed, and we will be interviewing more in the future. Reminder please, we have a speaker coming in next week Attorney Scott Campbell, he was here last year, and he will be here again, he will be talking about the freedom of speech and such conflicts, please come prepared next week with questions for him. Please reminder emails to start CC'ing Vice Senate Chair McCracken and I on all outgoing emails and to have the email proofed by us before to send it to anyone outside of USG. Community chairs have been chosen and the community meeting times should be sent by tomorrow at the latest, the times must be before 5 and make sure an invite is sent to Vice Senate Chair McCracken and I will try to attend the first meeting and remember to use the project tracker and project mapping templates for your projects and community meetings for next week. We will now move on the Judicial Branch Report by Chief Justice Stillion.

€ Judicial Branch Report

Chief Justice Stillion

Chief Justice Stillion: Kind of a shorter one this week because we meet on Mondays and we did not have class on Monday so we did not meet, but we are still doing a lot of work in our office hours, the election cycle is about to get started hopefully you all will get to vote on the election rules to see if we get to go into an election cycle so I look forward to that. We also have been doing a lot of membership onboarding, two and a half I'd like to say, new members so we are onboarding them sending them some of the meetings this week and then early next week to onboard our new members and those who have been here before the Judicial Branch also works on a monthly sometimes semesterly newsletter for the origination to give access to all those incoming records in a quick field to organize those and make them a little bit prettier to send out to all of you so you know what is going on and also to the general student body so they know what all you are working on. We are working on a directional leadership team newsletter going over what we did over the summer and hopefully that should be done this coming Monday and sent out in the Presidents email so definitely take a look at that because we have been doing many things that you have heard about or will hear a lot about. Are there any questions about anything? Okay onto the meme, it might not make sense yet, but we are going into elections rules and it's a little bit of a weird process compared to other things. Thank you

€ Executive Branch Report

President Shaw

President Shaw: Okay, hello everybody. Maybe, here we go cool, Hello couple of updates and reminders, all office hours should have been started this week in person in the USG office, so if

you haven't, what are you doing, no, but additional to that the office hours and headshot bio forms are past due so please get those in as soon as you can, that first office hours form is going to be basically when you are reporting when you are going to be doing your office hours weekly and additionally the website headshot and bios is for our website. So, Kelly can start working on that, additionally not on here, this is a little confusing, there is another office hours form that says its past due but it's not, is something we are bringing back this year, so a couple of years ago the administration did this and I think it is very beneficial, each week at the end of the office hours whenever you conclude those, please submit when you were in the office and what you worked on. So, like I said please submit those weekly, those should be in my all-USG email, if you've seen that also speaking of, please answer the hidden question, theres some really funny responses in there I'm not going to lie, so its great to hear from everybody on that so again please submit that office hours form, please answer that hidden question in the all USG email, additionally all homecoming votes are due tomorrow, so USG is able to submit one nominee for homecoming queen / royalty or homecoming king / royalty so they can be voted on and potentially be on homecoming court for the homecoming football game, so thats very exciting they'll be representing USG again the link is in the all USG email and I put it in the teams post I believe either today or yesterday one of the two, if you have any questions on who you can nominate, I know there are some limitations on there like the amount of credits they've completed, their GPA, different things like that, I would recommend you ask the person that you plan on nominating or asking me I can try to help as much as I can, so thats kind of a fun way to kind of recognize USG members as a whole, additionally we have the Roo's at the Rubber Ducks game, show of hands how many of you got tickets. You should totally go if you're able to its going to be super fun, USG does this every year, it is tomorrow at the Rubber Ducks Stadium downtown,

but doors open at 530. I will probably be there very early so. If you haven't gotten tickets and your still kind of thinking about it or didn't know about it the QR code is in the USG office where you can scan and get one ticket basically per email that you put in. Only open to the University of Akron students, hoping to see more of you there, should be super fun tomorrow. Student Leadership Summit is this upcoming Monday, not this upcoming Monday, the 15th from 5:15-6:30 in the Student Union ballroom, so this is an event that USG puts on every year to help student organizations know more about how we operate our finances both internally and externally and how different organizations and can obtain different forms of funding there is a registration link to sign up regardless if you are a member of USG or attending on behalf of another organization so if you are the president or treasurer were allowing five representatives from each student organization that signs up to again USG anyone can come we don't have a limit but if you are coming on behalf of another organization please sign up using that form and it is also like I said in that USG email, is that it? Yes, yeah, it is not required for all USG however I highly recommend and encourage you all to attend. Get a better grasp of what we do financially for all student organizations and share information. Additionally to this not on my agenda, so as president I attend faculty senate and university council, which is the two governing bodies for staff and faculty administration on campus, I am a voting member in both of those and usually in both of those, last year President Dewitt kind of gave a short report on faculty senate whenever they had it. I just came from faculty senate so I'm going to give you a short report, well, hopefully short it's kind of long so I'm going to try to make this as painless as possible. So faculty senate, Chair Heartsock (?) the chair of faculty senate of course, kind of gave some remarks that the faculty research grant are no longer a thing, so they eliminated faculty research grants across the board, the university, however she encourage faculty to engage and continue

the embracing the culture of research on campus, additionally they had a couple of moments of silence for a few faculty members that we lost this past summer and this past year, so that was very nice. Additionally, the executive committee report of the faculty senate they worked on Senate Bill 1 working groups regarding the different implications that it has for faculty and teaching and what not. So, they worked on those and discussed AI, pell grants, stoic, and like i mentioned the faculty research grant. The executive committee kind of decides, I don't want to say decides, kind of heavily debates and influences those decisions. Additionally the executive committee talked about the approved Summer 25 graduates, so they approved those who were up for graduation, they approved actions of curriculum review committee and they suspended the corrosion tech degree the bachelors and the associates, additionally President Nemor (?) his remarks, the call to celebrate event was the first day of school, some of you were aware he had a call to action last year to brainstorm how to increase enrollment and retention and another quick little stat we are over 15,000 in enrollment at the University of Akron. Since they passed that, President Nemor (?) and his office thought it would be fit to call to celebrate the first day of school, would be a great way to celebrate everything both with retention and enrollment or whatever anyone wanted to celebrate. They also talked about their refreshed branding for the University of Akron, they have a new Chief Branding Officer position, and they are also getting a new Chief of Planning Officer and they are having interviews for that for the fiscal department. Additionally, there is county music artist Chase Bryant concert and luncheon next Wednesday the 10th, highlighting mental health and Chase Bryant sharing his story on mental health and his journey. Additionally, going back to enrollment, we are up 12% overall in enrollment in the state of Ohio, which is fantastic, we are one of them biggest increases in public institutions through the state of Ohio so that's another thing to celebrate we also had a question to President Nemer

about campus buildings. President Nemer responded that they had a company come out and do an audit and inspections of roofs and HVAC systems among all buildings on campus, they have more of a red, yellow green, kind of system, red being this needs immediate attention, green being this is good to go, they found things broken such as elevators and they are looking at fixing and reinstalling fountains on campus for aesthetic purposes and he also expressed that the senators of faculty should be emailing going to discuss any issues going forward. He was also asked about the timeline about the athletics budget, the athletic director was going to plan, purpose a plan to the board of trustees and he wants to present that to faculty senate so of course if there is an update I will provide you with that. Additionally, the probost made some remarks about enrollment of course, compared to 2024 the undergraduate transfer 1st year, Wayne College and CCP is all up in enrollment so that's another great thing, they had discussions on different issues with international students and visas, they're still trying to figure somethings out but that is actively being looked at. They welcomed some new members in the probost office, additionally they college of business dean search is underway and should hopefully be complete very soon, and they also talked about Senate Bill 1 and those faculty groups, they had info meetings with the colleges and any questions that anybody may have she directed everyone to submit questions and look at the FAQ page on the UAkron website, we also had a number of senate elections for different positions within different committees so there was the multiple elections for the senators within the executive committee and faculty senate, two representatives for the faculty senate council, an Ohio faculty council member and a university council representatives. Additionally there was a whole bunch of team reports, the curriculum committee had 6 purposals passed so thats very exciting, they didn't specify on what, the AEP Report met 6-8 times over the summer, had 12 prenegotiations and purposals that they talked about and they

got a new president for the AEP. Student government also said that they are planning to meeting with us, USG, with Vice President Tsige and I and President Nemer and continuing those goals of outreach and kind of restructuring what Graduate Student Government is and their goals of course USG but you all know that, so I'm not going to bore you with that but then we had University Council representative report to discuss different things that are going on in council such as strategic planning, topic and submission to the website that faculty can submit with any issues to comments and concerns, we had a budget presentation to the university another senate bill 1 presentation, welcomed a whole bunch of new faculty members to the university council and also talked about a concern for windows 11 update for the computers because apparently desktops need updates and there issues with that. I'm not very well versed in technology, last thing new business, there were concerns raised in new business, the faculty research grant cuts, because we are a public university and asked if there was any strategic planning going forward or if there was anyone interested in looking at that in faculty senate and there were some concerns shared about that. I believe senators are going to join together to discuss the implications of that, so I'm so sorry that was quite a bit. Does anyone have any questions on anything that I reported on here, anything faculty senate, university council? Yes?

Chief Justice Stillion: Do you have any updates on our budget?

President Shaw: No, so if you want to answer that question.

John Messina: So, I'm thinking on how to answer that question, because there is not specific information, so there are two things that drive the outcomes of the USG budget one of them is the census, so the allocation of the general population, once that allocation is determined then we are able to maneuver our budget, so we have not hit censuses yet, we will hit it next week so they we will have a portion and I will forward the portion, the notations of the budget, so you will

have a much better indicator next week or probably, hoping next week. Folks make some recommendations and decisions, they have actual money in the account that he doesn't have until September 20th so nobody is withholding information, i expect it will mirror, the only thing that might change a bit is the portion, so our undergraduate might not get the same as graduate. Does that answer your question?

Chief Justice Stillion: yes

President Shaw: You put it into words a lot better than I could have.

≠ Directional Leadership Team Report

Vice President Tsige

Vice President Tsige: Hello everyone, I hope you're all having a wonderful second week back to campus. I'll be giving the DLT report. I know you guys have probably seen President Shaw talk about DLT in your emails and if you're a bit confused on what DLT is, we are composed of all the branch heads within each specific branch. So, we meet weekly on Mondays from 4:45pm to 6 p.m. in the student union room 318, just to ensure that we're all well versed on what each branch is doing and just talk about different things that we're updating one another. So, I'm probably just going to repeat a lot of the same things that the other branch heads have said but just stay with me. First off reminders, as President Shaw said, please submit USG homecoming King and Queen nominations. They're due tomorrow. Office hours, of course, have begun, so hopefully you guys have been locked in and are checking on that. Make sure to submit some USG shoutouts, and midyear awards, I'll be sending out emails weekly on Mondays regarding those. So, if you see like another member doing something or going above and beyond, just try to submit something kind about them and then I'll be sending those out to you. And to try to submit membership requirements when they're completed, so if youve done something, just try to make sure you go in there and just try to stay up to date with what you've been doing. The meeting

recap, we went through some branch reports, went through some remaining vacant positions. We have four in executive branch, our deputy chief of staff, IFC Greek Liaison and then two social media strategy positions. And within the Legislative branch, as Senate Chair Kasik said, the Senator for the College of business is open. They went through some onboarding materials of presentation, the role of the US advisor presentation, which will be sent out to you guys as well. First year elections, working on the interest form as President Shaw said, we were talking about the student leadership Summit, which you guys should definitely try to attend. Went through some committees, the OSGS committee, which Chief of staff Kelly's working on it. If you're interested, feel free to contact her if you'd like to join that committee. We'll be needing at least one representative from each branch to sit on that committee as well. And then, of course, we have our campus dining experience committee, and we are looking for a committee chair currently, so if you're interested, feel free to contact President Shaw regarding that. And some upcoming events; the RubberDucks game, of course, and then the student leader summit as well. So, any questions? yes.

Chief Justice Stillion: What is OSGS?

Vice President Tsige: The Ohio student Government, it's like one of the largest events that post here at the University for the government, and so different governments from local Ohio are just surrounding the states come in. sort of like a leadership summit, just trying to see what each specific government at different universities were conducting, and then we have different sort of like event's planned as well. So I haven't been to one yet, hopefully. I'll be able to go this year because my schedule usually interferes, but definitely have the encourage you guys to sign up once sign up occurs to get the experience as well. Oh, actual ally requires, so any other questions? No. It's cool. Thank you, guys.

- F.A.S.T. Committee

Senator Shelton

Senator Shelton: I'm Genevieve Shelton. I'm the committee chair of the FAST Committee. We are the facilities, amenities, services and transportation. It covers a lot. So basically, if there's any issues with buildings or services or transportation or amenities, were your go-to guys, my email is GPS21, pretty easy to remember. Not really, but you can find me through the directory and the USG teams. And so, yeah, if there's any issues you see, we would love to help you work on it and, yeah, shoot me a little email. Any questions?

Chief Justice Stillion: What are some cool events that you guys do?

Senator Shelton: Oh, my gosh, it slipped one mind to talk about that. It was actually something that I meant to say. We do fast accessibility tours. They are pretty fast, they're only about an hour. So basically, go around to some of the buildings on campus. Usually it's one to two, but it usually depends on the building size. Like, if we're going to go hike all the way to Polsky, we're only doing Polsky, but if they're going to stay on mid campus, we might do Gazetta and the Honors Building or keep it very close by. And it's also weather dependent sometimes if we're doing like a farther walk, we'll be like, okay, it's snowing. We aren't gonna walk all the way to the college of business. So, yeah, it's pretty fun. These are USG sponsored events, so yeah. You should really show up and show out guys, and I'm pretty cool.

- A.P.S.S. Committee

Senator Gnap

Senator Gnap: Hello, I'm Kendall Gnap. I'm a first year student, so I'm new at this. So be gentle with me. So, we work to improve, like, academics and student success. Yeah, we're just going to be working to like really help people students better educational access, and just things like that. I did not prepare very much any questions, thank you. Thank you, now.

- Student Engagement Committee

Senator Spears

Senator Spears: Hi, everybody. This is my 10th week in the Senate, so, I'm one of the uncs in the senate, but you know the student engagement committee were like the I would say F.A.S.T is the backbone. You guys are the brain. We're the soul. You know, we're what you do for fun. So, if you guys have any ideas, please come to me. I love doing some wacky, crazy ideas. You'll see me on campus. I am involved; student engagement is my thing outside of the class. Yeah, so as I said to my committee members, we'll be meeting tomorrow or Wednesdays, that should be Wednesdays at 3:30 So if you guys have any concerns or questions, you can come see us then. And then out of all those committee chairs on one of them. So, um feel free to talk to me. So, thank you guys.

Hey, Sam? Yeah.?

Chief Justice Stillion: What are some cool things that you guys do?

Senator Spears: That's a great question. I was not APSS last year. So, but I'll prolly answer it. You know, things like the Kent State game, are big, big here, obviously wagon wheel. So, we love to, or the USG, rather loves to give to students to make sure that those experiences are much better. Student engagement is not just sports, it's not just athletics. It's things that support our students like denim day, things like that, that really bring out the heart of UA, I'm sure that we're all connected to. Any other questions? Sorry, forgot to say that. All right. Thank you

I. Director Reports

- € Finance Report

Director Damson:

Director Damson: Hi, everyone. Since we're all doing introductions, I'll do the long one as well. Well, I'm Karima Dampson, I'll serve as your director of finance this year, but previously I

started as a senator, freshman, and I was actually in the student engagement committee, super fun. We had a lot of events, not really sports, not really good at sports. But I helped them create an Africa as a continent presentation, and probably other events, I can't remember this was a long time ago I'm not going to tell you how long-ago freshman. As a sophomore I was also director lab university and director of diversity and director, I did a lot. But I'm really excited for this year, and I'll give you the finances report. So, for basically this month in August and for the UAF of allocations, we had one travel request from SUE, and for the non travel, most of the organizations was mainly first meetings allocations were excited that everybody's starting as well. And we allocated a total of \$160. Aand for USG expenses, it was for FanFest and for the safety grand event we had this week, and it was a total of available from \$2023.92. And nothing for these other expenses. Any questions? Thank you

€ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Vice President Tsige

Vice President Tsige: All right, so I'll be giving the DEI report but the director of DEI is Herald Eshun. He'd be the one who usually be there to get this report, but I'm just gonna talk about some things that they've been working on this summer and also in this fall. So, the Akron Pride parade are deputy director of LGBTQ and gender equity went and planned for this parade. She made some USG pride pins for that event and also brought some shirts and other pride mini giveaways, so we were able to try to raise up the spirit within the parade, and then also the DEI team's also working with Zab on the collaboration for the Hispanic heritage month event. So that's whats in the works as well. It's one of the two main things that they've been working on but more will come later on, any questions. No. Thank you, guys.

€ Project Coordination

Director Muller

Director Muller: So, I'm Julie, if you don't know me, I'm one of the directors of project coordination. The other one is Jess. And I wanted to quickly introduce our team to on a big team, so we have Maya, Lana, Zeella, Riley, Jess, me, we're all here to help you whenever you need. So, I want to talk a little bit about event planning project planning, because we did combine event coordination and project management. There were two teams last year, now that's one. He's going to eventually give us our form. Ah, thank you. Yeah. This is our request form. So, there's two kind of parts to this request form. The first one is a project request. This is more on the project management side of things. So, if you guys have an idea, but don't really know where to go with it, fill this out, you'll meet with the one of us, and we'll get the ball rolling. If you don't need to submit a project request, meaning, like Chief of Staff Kelly knows knew exactly what she needed for the student leadership Summit, then you go straight to the event side of it. This is very similar to last year like, literally, and so you do everything you need. These event forms need to be filled out at least three weeks in advance to give us enough time to get the room reservation to get the catering and everything. If you can do it, sooner than that, like, four weeks, five weeks, please do, because it makes our lives a little bit easier. And anyone have any questions? Some main events. We only have one right now, and it's already done. We need work to do.

∉ Community and Campus Outreach

Deputy Director Salvatore

Deputy Director Salvatore: Hello everyone, hope you're having wonderful day. on, so we have biweekly meetings on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5 and last meeting we had all the two from our team attend, we were able to brainstorm ideas for the semester, so Director Senko is currently working on a passport event and possibly sending into a little over a month for regurter success rate compared to last year. I'm currently working on more simplified events such as tabling and

other events with students on campus. I just received word back on collaboration with the A.K. Rowdies in tail gating during football when games are here. PHC Liaison Knopp has discussed doing more drop-in service events and possibly doing another tie in events, so we're brainstorming that as well. Overall, as a team, you want to have more collaborations with student org on campus, Director Ruffin discussed wanting to work with Beck, which is the Black Excellence Committee. So, we have things rolling with them as well. Overall, we are excited to have a wonderful year with everyone, and it seems we are all eager to get the ball rolling. Any questions, concerns? Okay.

☞ Communications

Director Cameron

Director Cameron: So, I'm Kylie. I'm director of communications. We are just a team of two right now. Our social media strategist is Ciel Wise. She's a first-year student. Like Vice President Tsige said we are still looking for two social media strategists. If you know anyone who loves to make a post, a tik tok, or just super campus heavy, please, please, please send them our way. We could use their help, if you have a working list, please make sure that there's a sent in three weeks before, you can find the marketing request form the top of the USG teams, just kind of click over where you'll find Julie's form, go down and you'll select that. That's also where you'll find the way for the photo circle. We're trying to do a lot more, like, event recaps this here just to show the work that you guys are doing for USG and give you guys that credit and show the student body all the awesome work you're doing. So please upload so many cute pictures there. Finally on a way more fun note, we are getting started on the USG T shirt for this year. I wanted to open it up to see if there was a color request.

II. New Business

Chief Justice Stillion: Point of order. We want to vote on two advisors instead of one, we need to vote on the bylaw amendments prior.

Senator Spears: I motion to amend the agenda for the by lawments to come first before the advising appointment.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All in favor of changing agenda to move the Bylaw Amendments to before the advisor appointment, please say aye

Motion to change the agenda to move the Bylaw Amendments passed: The ayes have it

Chief Justice Stillion: I don't know what kind of motions it would be, but actually, it doesn't matter what order we vote on the bylaw Amendment because this is the only branch they would have passed in, so they can go into effect until they pass into another branch. Wow, so we cannot vote on the advisors this week. Because the bylaws cannot go into effect until it is passed on to more than one branch.

Senator Sterns: Motion the table the advisor appointments to next week.

Senate Chair Kasik: Uh, is there a second?

Senator Prough: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of tabeling the advisor appointments to next week's meeting to say aye

Motion to table to advisor appointments until next week passed: The ayes have it

III. Advisor Presentation

Directional Leadership Team

✎ Advisor Appointments

Advisor appointments moved to next week's agenda

Senate Chair Kasik: Why does USG have an advisor? So, the USG advisor advises for professional and administrative guidance, they connect USG to the University of Resources and Leadership. They support the USG members and respects student driven decisions. They also ensure that members of leadership follow protocols, both known or unknown to USG. As student leaders, we need an adviser to have an administrative overlook on our organization.

Chief Justice Stillion: Yeah, so a lot of the things that Advisor can do are outlined in the bylaws, as I mentioned. But primarily they work in a mentorship capacity for a lot of our even for our more experienced members because the majority of the time they do not have to leave after one to three years. So they'd help us in those positions here are be a historical perspective on the organization to be as students have have, this support us and a lot of the issues that we may not have encountered as I mentioned, but may have founded in the past, or maybe just more experience with issues like that here longer than us, so they have more connections on campus as well, because they are paid to be here, so they're here more than we are. And then they're also just more familiar with those rules and policies and they mentioned that with their constitution, so they help us stay in line with those, not of us, they may as familiar, because we just haven't had as much as much experience..

President Shaw: What the advisor is not, so the advisor is not a decision maker for USG. They help us make decisions, and they give their insight. But as a whole, the USG we are making a decisions. They're not a voting number. Again, they do not make decisions, they cannot vote on those. They do not substitute for student leadership or DLT. Again, like Samsson, her teacher said, they help advise us in any questions or any materials that we may have or any issues that come forward that we need guidance on. Not just us to anybody. The USG advisors advisor slash advisors is meant to be an additional eye within our organization. It but does not run the

organization, if that makes sense., so, the executive branch and the advisor. So what is the relationship there? The advisor helps guide the executive branch, and the executive leadership, so myself, Vice President Tsige, Chief of Staff Kelly, and Finance Director Dampson. They help guide us as well as the whole of executive branch. More specifically, when it comes to strategic planning and goal setting for the whole organization, Different leadership development, administrative topics, and execution of the projects initiatives and events.,

Senate Chair Ksaick: The legislative branch and advisor. The advisor helps guide the legislative leadership, which is me, Vice Senate Chair McCracken, as well as the whole legislative branch, in clarifying bylaws and parliamentary procedure, providing transparency and accountability, and offering neutral advice during debates and discussions.

Chief Justice Stillion: With the judicial branch, we work with the advisor very heavily during the election cycles, so during things like elections and grievances, a lot of that information, we need to keep confidential only goes through the elections chair, the Chief Justice, the executive Justice, usually only one of those three, so the advisor and a lot of the situ serves as a one person to communicate about that information with a sounding words or some of these procedures, not be familiar with, because thankfully, we don't get that many grievances, we're not that familiar with how those procedures should work. And with an elections, they serve in a capacity similar to that, if we have any elections grievances, but they also help us with all of our good standing checks, ensuring that every applicant has completed everything they need to do to become a candidate and that in the spring election cycle, we do petitions, where each candidate needs to get a number of signatures of students on campus affirming that they want this person to be a candidate. All of those signatures have to be verified as real students on campus, so the advisor

helps us,. Very much with that, that is often like I think last year's like 800 names, so a lot of stuff.

President Shaw: So, some key takeaways is the USG advisor is a USG support system, their roles differ per branch, like we kind of mentioned, but they are always focused on student success internally and externally to the organization.

✹ Bylaw Amendments

Senate Chair Kasik: Is there any debate on the bylaws? We went over last meeting, and is something that everybody happened to look at. Alright. Can I get a motion to move to the previous question and vote on the bylaws?

Senator Spears: Motion to move to the previous question and go on to the bylaws.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of moving to the previous question and voting on the bylaws, please say aye,

Motion to move to the previous question and vote on the bylaws passed: The ayes have it

Vice Senate Chair McCracken calls the roll

Senator Kleinschmidt. In favor.

Senator Gnap. In favor.

Senator Messmer. In favor.

Senator Moore. In favor.

Senator Pence. In favor.

Senator Prough. In favor.

Senator Shelton. In favor.

Senator Semas. In favor.

Senator Spears. In favor.

Senator Sternns. In favor.

Senator Swaminathan. In favor.

Vote on the Bylaws has passed: All in Favor

✧ Election Rules

Senate Chair Kasik: So is there any debate on the election rules that we also have the last week?

Chief Justice Stillion: I'd just like to speak a little bit on these election list for those who weren't at the last week meeting. This is something that we have to present every every semester for our election cycles. We can run an election cycle, we have to be in accordance to the election rules. So we amend them as the election board every semester, We do the changes aren't too drastic. They won't be too drastic this year. They will be apart of that presentation that will be sent out, but most of the larger changes are just consolidating sections related to the responsibilities of members of the elections board and of those of social media and on from competing executive. I urge you to vote affirmative for this, so we can get started in our cycle.

Senate Chair Kasik: Is there any other debate? All right. Let's see them. Can I get a motion to move the previous question.

Senator Prough: Motion to move the previous question

Senator Spears: Second,

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of moving in the previous question, and voting on the election rules, please say, aye

The motion to move to the previous question passed: The ayes have it

Vice Senate Chair McCracken calls the roll

Senate Chair Kasik. In favor.

Vice Senator McCracken in favor.

Senate Clerk Stalnaker. In favor.

Senator Kleinchmidt. In favor.

Senator Knapp. In favor.

Senator Mesmer. In favor

Senator Moore. In favor

Senator Pence. In favor.

Senator Prough. In favor.

Senator Shelton. In favor.

Senator Seamus. In favor.

Senator Spears. In favor.

Senator Stern. In favor

Senator Swainathan. favor.

President Shaw. In favor.

Vice President Tsige. In favor.

Director Damson. In favor.

Chief of Staff Kelly. In favor.

Membership Development Coordinator Mahaney. In favor.

Deputy Director Salvatore. In favor.

Liaison Johnson. In favor.

Liaison Razo. In favor.

Health and Safety Officer Greene. In favor.

Director Cameron. In favor.

Director Cliff. In favor.

Director Mueller. In favor.

Project coordinator Sandberg. In favor.

Project coordinator Viator. In favor.

Project coordinator Allooh. In favor.

Project coordinator Tamim. In favor.

Deputy Director Parsons. In favor.

Liaison Cunha Dos Santos. In favor

Chief Justice Stillion. In favor.

Executive Justice Reimer. In favor

Associate Justice Jones. In favor

Associate Justice Howe. In favor

Associate Justice Groen In favor

Associate Justice Papatonis. In favor.

The vote has passed: All in favor

II. Adjournment

III. Discussion

- ∄ How to be a USG Member
- ∄ SharePoint Overview
- ∄ Sample Legislation Writing

Coordinator Mahaney
Chief of Staff Kelly
Senate Leadership