



Undergraduate Student Government
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Senate Agenda
October 9th, 2025

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

Jared Coleman

Senator Spears: Motion to change the date of the agenda to this year, in 2025.

Senate Chair Kasik: Is there a second?

Senator Pence: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of changing the agenda to the correct date please say aye.

Motion to change the date of the agenda to this year, in 2025 passed: The ayes have it.

Senator Prough: Motion to adopt the agenda.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Chief of Staff Kelly: There needs to be a motion to amend the 10.1.25 minutes date to the correct 10.2.25 date.

Senator Spears: Motion to amend the agenda to include the approval of the 10.2.25 minutes.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of changing the agenda minutes to the correct date please say aye.

Motion to change the agenda minutes to the correct date passed: The ayes have it.

Senator Prough: Motion to adopt the agenda.

Senate Chair Kasik: Is there a second?

Senator Shelton: Second.

Motion to adopt the 10.9.25 agenda passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Onto the approval of the 10.2.25 minutes.

VI. Approval of the 10.2.25 Minutes

Senator Spears: Motion to approve the 10.2.25 minutes.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of adopting the minutes from the last meeting please say aye.

Motion to approve the 10.2.25 Minutes passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right, now onto Open Student Expression. Yes, Vice Senate Chair McCracken.

VII. Open Student Expression

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Two things. Guys, I know you're not tired of here about flag football. It's the semifinals and finals tonight. 7:30pm, Alpha Delta Pi versus Alpha Phi. Please go support Genni and I. If you'd like. We actually scored points last game. So, you know we have a chance. Um, the other thing I wanted to advertise, um, you've been hearing Genni talk about it, but next Saturday, October 18th, uh, is our silent auction king of diamonds, fundraiser that benefits the Ronald McDonald House charities. That is from 4pm to 7pm in the student union ballroom. Adult tickets are \$20, then all of you guys would go for \$10. So, if you're free, please come. Any questions? Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Director Damson.

Director Damson: Hi everyone. I keep talking about the Francophone Association, and I don't see anybody there besides Madi. You guys should come and enjoy cultural diversity. And I'm sure it's going to help with your 6 hours for your USG. I'm sure a lot of you still don't have your hours, so you can come. It's going to be meeting in room 310. We're going to actually sample

foods and there'll be different activities. So, if you guys like food, you like culture, you don't need to speak French. You really don't. If you like. Yes?

Senator Prough: What day is that?

Director Damson: Wednesday, October 15th, 6pm. I'll put a bunch of flyers in the office next week.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Spears.

Senator Spears: the AK Rowdies are celebrating their 20th birthday tomorrow. Uh, nope, sorry, on Saturday. Uh, on Saturday, before the Miami game, uh, game starts at 12pm, so enjoy lunch at 10 am. We have free soda, um, provided by Norka. We'll have some raffles. Maybe have some raffle tickets from President Nemer to to get up in his suite for the game. We have some old AK Rowdies T shirts to give away, and we'll have some pizza for you guys, but just come out and celebrate, and enjoy some Zips football.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: The pizza is Papa Johns. If there's any Papa John fans, and the cake is from Sams Club, which is also fire. They're sheet cake.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Swaminathan.

Senator Swaminathan: After this meeting, at 7pm to 8pm, theres Slime and Jeopardy, and you don't even have to do Jeopardy; you don't even have to do slime. You guys can come, just say hi, and write your ID card up... on the sign-up sheet. If you guys are passing by the parking deck, then please stop by the lounge; we're gonna have a great time.

Senate Chair Kasik: Anyone else for Open Student Expression? Alright. Now moving onto the advisor report.

VIII. Advisor Report

Advisor Ferguson-Mike

Advisor Ferguson-Mike: So, hi, everyone. I hope you're doing well. Um, I want to get some

feedback from you all before I talk to DLT next week. Um, but I don't know if you all know but

undergraduate student government received a campus grant, specifically for our student organizations. We were just told today that there's an opportunity where we were able to ask for additional money that could help us continue doing some safety initiatives for student organizations, um, into the spring semester. And so, I would love to hear if there's anything that maybe we missed the mark on, whether we planned, for this semester. So, we're having a self-defense class at the end of October. We haven't decided what we're doing in November quite yet. We did the meet and greet with UAPD. We had student conduct there. We gave a lot of giveaways away. We gave the Dunkin T-shirt if you've seen those. We put in quite a bit of cameras, so we put in the cameras in the source. Because they work with all of our suit organizations, Black Excellence Commission, got their swipe access for safety, and then we also put cameras and Schrank hall on the main floor and the second floor, where our reclusive space is, as well. So, is there anything that you all can think of that we may have missed the mark on?

Senator Shelton: If we need a little bit more brainstorming time can we contact you later? I don't want to ask for more money to use in the Spring if we don't think there's anything we can use it for. Anyone?

Advisor Ferguson-Mike: We are probably on a time crunch, so it would probably be at the latest Monday. We meet with DLT on Monday. So, tomorrow, if you think of something and just email us.

Senator Spears: I know USG has a big focus on Mental Health, so maybe like a mental health bash for, um, you know, like gay people, some organizations, can have some fun just coming together.

Advisor Ferguson-Mike: I can see if maybe we can do that with the mental health grant that we're trying to finish. So maybe we can connect that to that specifically.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Yeah, if you have any ideas that you come up with during the weekend, this is a wonderful opportunity to visit DLT. 4:45pm to 6pm. Or if you cannot make it, talk to Ryan and I, we can always share it at DLT on your behalf.

Advisor Ferguson-Mike: Awesome. Anyone else? Thank you all.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. Now moving onto branch reports starting with the Legislative Branch.

IX. Branch Reports

⌘ Legislative Branch Report

Senate Chair Kasik

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright. So, next Thursday is our LB retreat. We'll be at Applebee's.

So, I'm excited for that. We'll be discussing carpooling options during discussion after this meeting, so please stay, if you'd like to get a ride. Or if you can offer another ride to other senators coming, they can go. For surveying the student body, let's try to start finding new ways to survey them without just sending out a bunch of surveys in the ZipMail. So, there's been quite a few recently. Up here we have a few different ideas and ways to gather information from the student body, like tabling sessions. We can do classroom visits, which you're allowed to do, and advertise. As long as the professor allows it. Instagram, with reels and short videos on the USG page. The campus idea boards, which are around, and with permission you can set up the board in your department or college to attend specific events and connect to students. You can access the digital features on the TVs that are around and try to have some displays on those. Uh, moving onto just some reminders, please make sure that you're getting permission before you send emails out to anybody other than other senators. That includes going to other branches or going to organizations or professors outside of USG. Here is the permission order. Make sure just get permission from me and Vice Senate Chair

McCracken before sending. Once approval is given and you're sending it, make sure to CC me, Megan, the 2 branch heads of the other branch that the message is going to. And for any external emails, you have to get approval from President Shaw, and then after that, you have to CC President Shaw, Vice President Tsige, me, Vice Senate Chair McCracken, and our advisors. There are emails are all here for everyone to see. If CC'd individuals are removed from the email chain, remember to also bring them or add them back into it. So that we can keep track of the progress of different events as they go on. That's all we have. Any questions? All right. Next, we've got the Judicial Branch Report given by Chief Justice Stillion.

✉ Judicial Branch Report

Chief Justice Stillion

Chief Justice Stillion: Very busy week, guys. I made this on my phone in a history class, but I think we got there. So, as I mentioned, for, I think, 2 weeks now, we have a Root Beer Kegger. One of our bigger events coming up next Thursday after Senate. I know you all are going to Applebee's, but I was looking at the schedule and there's a nice clean hour right before, right after Senate, or right before you have to go to Applebee's, where you can go downstairs and stop by. We'll have, as I mentioned, we're having beer goggle Mario Kart. We'll have this fun drink measuring activity that has been a hit in the past couple of years for those that have attended before. We will have trivia, where you can win some candy, we'll have a beer goggle game where you have to follow a squiggly line. Those are fun. Stop by next Thursday after Senate. We did meet with the AkronPark this morning, so I already met with Jared Coleman earlier today. We continued our conversation that we mentioned a couple weeks ago. We have monthly meetings with their office. We continued our conversations about their customer satisfaction survey, and they're planning to do sort of a tabling AMA near the mid end of November, to try to get

directly to the student body in the way the town halls in the past really haven't been quite as effective at doing. We'll be reviewing some of those, um, survey questions that they have. We will also be doing internal election review, you may have seen some scattered about in the office, some QR codes for our elections feedback form. I mentioned this last week. Again, but if you have any thoughts, any experiences in the election cycle that you can highlight or any changes you think maybe could benefit the election cycle, please fill out the feedback form so we can discuss it and improve going forward. We did approve the draft of the September newsletter in JB on Monday. We're just gonna have a final review by DLT on Monday. Um, shouldn't be anything too crazy and it will be out next week unless they don't like it. So, I hope it's out next week. In terms of the records project, we are continuing to review the legislative branch archive structure. We have a general outline for how we want that archive to be structured in terms of topics instead of years, as it is right now. That is tentative. We landed on that in the Judicial Branch. We're going to run that through DLT and then maybe find a way to get what is easiest for you when you're looking for the records or whatever you try to find most often. That's what we're working on, and we are doing mid-semester check-ins at the end of this weekend for my branch's members then into next week for all our members. Any questions? Okay.

Meme: NO MEME

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you Chief Justice Stillion. We will now be moving onto the Executive Branch Report given by President Shaw.

€ Executive Branch Report

President Shaw

President Shaw: just a couple reminders, some are the same as other weeks, but office

hours, please continue to submit those as you complete them each week. All-USG email, go through that email. This week was pretty long. I apologize about that. There's so many fun

things coming up. October is a busy month. But please find the hidden question, answer in the off-topic channel. Some people had a really hard time finding it this week, but I promise you, it is in there. Also, vacant positions that we have for internal the executive branch. We still have our IFC and NPHC Greek Life Liaison positions open. So if you know anybody in IFC or NPHC that is interested, please point them in the direction of our general application. Um, additionally, we need actually one more representative now. This was, I made this last, early last week, so we need one representative for the Araark Food Committee. They are, of course, ran by Aramark. They ask residence hall council and undergraduate student government for 3 representatives each year to serve on their student food committee just to kind of voice that opinion of the of students, like bridge that gap, that sort of thing. Um, So we have 2 of those representatives filled. We just need one more. The meetings are on the 3rd Friday of each month and Rob's from 12pm to 1pm. Um, the only caveat to this is that the members of the Aramark Food Committee must have a meal plan. So if you don't have a meal plan, unfortunately you cannot. But, you can be on Campus Dining Experience in USG. You don't need a meal plan to be in that. But no. So, if you're interested in that, like I said, we just need one more person. Um, please email me, um, and I will get you connected with Heather Piper over in Aramark. Cool. So, events. We have a lot of them. We have a lot of fun things. So, um, EB mid semester check-ins are also happening. Not this week, but the following week. So, for any EB members in the room, if you haven't signed up for a 15-minute time slot, please do so. Um, like I said, that is in two weeks, but the check-in form sign up is due next Wednesday. Um, so yeah. Next, we have safety walks. The first one is next Thursday. Yeah, next Thursday, the 16th and November 13th as well, both from 7pm to 8pm. Where they'll be checking safety around campus with UAPD and ZipAssist. Um, then

All-USG Retreat is quickly approaching. It is Friday, October 24th, 5pm to 8pm in Crouse 301. Nothing has changed about that. Um, but it is required. So again, if you do know that you will not be able to make it and you have not let us know already, please email me, Vice President Tsige and Membership Development Coordinator Maggie Mahaney. so, we can mark your absence as excused. Because if not, it'll be unexcused and that is not good. So please let us know if you will not be there. Um, and if you haven't already, um, I believe, um, Coordinator Mahaney has reached out to some people already about filling out a form for the retreat. So, if you haven't done that yet, please do so. And if you don't remember if you did, just email her. Shell be happy to tell you. Um, also, make a different day is also quickly approaching, it is the day after the retreat. It is Saturday, October 25th. It's probably going to be around 9am to 12pm. Um, USG's planning on having a group to volunteer. We have 10 people signed up. We are being signed up either today or tomorrow, so any last minute people who want to volunteer with us, please let me know now. Does anybody want to, anyone you want to volunteer who hasn't signed up already or if you're able to? Okay, that's okay. Not a problem. I just want to get that to our, Deputy of Community Outreach Nick Senko and our advisor Abby. Just so we can sign us up as quickly as we can because spots are quickly closing. Um, but yes, next we have our self-defense classes, which, um, Advisor Ferguson-Mike mentioned is Tuesday, October 28th at 7 PM. So that'll be super fun. I'm very excited. UAPD is helping us with that. My freshman year, I took a self-defense class with UAPD through USG. So much fun. It was so much fun. So, I highly recommend going to this one too. They do a great job with that. And lastly, the night of the Akron Art Museum event, um, is still happening on November 5th at the Akron Museum from 4pm to 6pm. Does anybody have any questions? No. Okay. Thank you.

even got to me. So there's no point. Oh, we also have open positions, Greek Life Liaison for IFC, which is the Interfraternity Council, Greek Life Liaison for NPHC. And then we also have an associate justice position. So, if you know anybody that would be a good fit for those roles, please reach out to them, let them know. We're really looking for a full branch in JB again, okay? We've been betrayed. And then moving down, we do have the OSGS committee; Hannah gave a lovely report on that, and we have a theme decided for that. Just you guys know, voices division. So, get hyped, get excited, and put it in your calendars. It's like, what, January, something? and then February something? So clear enough. We also discussed the student leadership showcase, um, so Chief of Staff Kelly discussed this event with DLT, kind of talking about how it's basically the Life Awards, but USG Life Awards, and it kind of wasn't great. So most of the awards from that event also had a life award equivalent, so we decided that we would do away with our event and then sponsor new life awards that were our like student leader showcase awards that didn't have a life award equivalent, that kind of makes sense. We also talked about DLT transition documents, scary. So, we discussed when we should have certain portions of these done. And if you didn't know, we're supposed to work on these throughout the year, rather than at the very end of the year, writing a whole like 30 page document about everything you've ever done. And then we are talking about end of semester reviews, trying to get those scheduled for all the different branches. We discussed the USG budget presentation, which will be hopefully by next week. That is what Maddie said, so I believe her. We're also thinking about doing some fundraising to add to our account. So, look out for that. And then I just have a couple of like upcoming USG events that you

guys should look out for. Definitely go to Zab Mocktails. We're gonna be Hamilton. So go to that. Any questions?

Senate Chair Kasik: Now moving onto the F.A.S.T Committee Report given by Senator Shelton.

X. **Committee Reports**

- F.A.S.T. Committee

Senator Shelton

Senator Shelton: Hey, guys. So we had two special guests. Thank you guys for showing up. They'll come and be important later on in this presentation. Um, so we had our second F.A.S.T. tour of this semester. It was October 7th from 6pm to 7pm, and we went to BCAS, and it was amazing. We had such a good turnout. I was like doing happy dances. I was literally so ecstatic. So, thank you for all attending, and please keep up the energy. Tell all your friends in USG to go. Even if it's not in USG. The more people, the better. It's a better time with more people. Or just just me walking around a building, alone. As it were. Then for our oh, you'll never guess what's fixed, guys. The Leigh Hall elevator. Let's get some claps. That's really good because our wonderful maintenance team fixed it. Like, it is, I was very excited when I learned that. As for our individual updates, Senator Messmer, um, has been working on some projects and had some meetings, and so we'll get an update on that next week. Uh, Senator Moore has been communicating with the College of Health and Human Sciences still, and been brainstorming with Advisor Abby. Senator Pence has been brainstorming some AC and heating scheduling things to make sure that students are comfortable within buildings and like ACs turned on later, sooner, or same thing with heating. I've been, um, working on a Myers project trying to get art within other places on Akron's campus, and, uh, we did rat washing simulator, us as a committee, and then our guests. So, you had to be there to know. And that's an incentive

for you guys to come to the F.A.S.T. meeting and give us your wonderful ideas on how to improve facilities, amenities, services, and transportation. within the University of Akron.

And then wash some rats. Anything else? Thank you so much!

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you Senator Shelton. We will now be moving to the A.P.S.

Committee report led by Senator Gnap.

- A.P.S.S. Committee

Senator Gnap

Senator Gnap: Okay, so for this week's meeting Senator Swaminathan is working with

the academic retention center to boost success, especially in like 1st generation students.

Um, and then Senator Prough is working on a new initiative to push, like, a 2nd Roo Fest

for students that, like, have figured out their schedule, maybe are thinking about joining

new clubs. Um, and then I got my email approved and I'm waiting on a response from

student life to film my workday initiative video. And then future projects. Senator Sterns

wants to arrange a whole legislative branch trip to the Wayne campus because we

represent them as well. And then Senator Swaminathan is meeting for the water fountain

initiative next week. Are there any questions? All right, thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Senator Gnap. We will now head onto the S.E.

Committee Report given by Senator Spears.

- S.E. Committee

Senator Spears

Senator Spears: Thank you, um... You know, I was gonna join the F.A.S.T. Committee

for tour. I heard there was eight members. There was going to be a nine, but the power to

be decided I was not allowed to be there, because someone rear ended me on my way to

campus. So, I'm sorry that couldn't be there. I'm okay. Can't get rid of me that easy,

Senate Chair Kasik. But no, uh, S.E. Committee went well this week. We had

continuation on our projects, had some emailing issues for Senator Nees, reaching out to

the College of Business. Senator Simas, reaching out, finalizing his resident resolution for a memorial on campus. The consent education project is expanding, thanks to Senator Kleinschmidt. And then I received word back from Health Services about if we had any sort of thing on campus to recycle medications, and they said, no. So, kind of looking for into that. And then Wayne Campus, your counterpart there, is out till the 20th, so I guess we can do that now. Um, which is great. So I'm waiting on then, holding for a good response, and then go from there with contacting them. We reviewed a piece of legislation, a fantastic piece of legislation from Senator McCracken. So that should hopefully be seen on the chamber floor chamber, room floor, here soon. And then I feel like the Q of the D is getting invaded, um, but we still are doing it. The question this week was, if you could pick a new name for yourself, what would that name be? Um, so, my alternate is Stanley, uh, and then I said, Francesca, I think that it would be cool to be called Frankie. Uh, Senator Kleinschmidt said, Henry, uh, which I would call her Frank, or, uh, I'm sorry, I would call her Hank. Not Frank. Uh, Senator Simas said, Calvin and Georgia, which I think is just perfect. Senator Nees said Tobias and Freya, and then... Executive Justice Reimer said, Charlie and Ruth Jessica.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: I would like to note that Senator Spears made it sound like Ryan was the one that hit him. Umm.

Senator Spears: Senate Chair Kasik did not. But he had to have something to do with it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you Senator Spears, there will be no comment about his car crash.

XI. Adjournment

XII. Discussion

∄ LB Retreat Ride Coordination

∄ End-of-Semester Review Session Scheduling

€ Fab Five Meeting