



Undergraduate Student Government
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Senate Agenda
November 13th, 2025

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Spears.

Senator Spears: Motion to adopt the agenda item

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of adopting the agenda, please say aye.

Motion to adopt the 11.13.25 agenda passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right, now onto the approval of the 11.6.25 Minutes.

V. Approval of the 11.6.25 Minutes

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Shelton.

Senator Shelton: Motion to approve the 11.6.25 Minutes

Senator Moore: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of approving the 11.6.25 Minutes, please say aye.

Motion to approve the 11.6.25 Minutes passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Now onto Open Student Expression.

VI. Open Student Expression

Senate Chair Kasik: Anyone? Senator Swaminathan.

Senator Swaminathan: Guys, on November 19th, at 7:30 in the Orr Lounge, HCOR Government is doing No Nut November. We're gonna be learning about allergy awareness. You can adopt a

nut and, um, you can, like, put it on your door as a door decoration. So be there to support your friends who have allergies. 7:30 next Wednesday.

Senate Chair Kasik: Okay, Director Damson.

Director Damson: I actually have a few other things I wanted to share the information of. Black Excellence Commission is having a big basketball tournament. If you guys want to participate then you should come and visit. It's gonna be this Saturday, November, 2pm-4pm, in the REC Center. And there's another big collaboration. It is called culture collab. I don't know if you guys know, but next week is international research. There are several events. USG is hosting one. I mean, you'll know about it, but it's one on the 19th. But the one I want to talk to you about specifically is the one on the 21st. It's a collab between BEC, UA Latinos, Francophone Association, it's a big one. It's a culture collab, there is going to be line dancing, food, and Sardine Hide and Seek. If you guys don't know what Sardine Hide and Seek is it's hide and seek backwards. Instead of everybody hiding and one person looking for them, this time it's one person hiding and everybody is looking for them. And there's prizes to for the event, so I highly encourage you guys to come.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Moore.

Senator Moore: Request for information from Director Damson.

Director Damson: I accept.

Senator Moore: The event that you said is with the Black Excellence Commission, you said that it's this Saturday, but this Saturday isn't the 22nd. Next Saturday is the 22nd.

Director Damson: Nevermind! That's what I meant. The 21st. Friday 21st is the big collab, culture collab. Saturday, November 22nd is the tournament. So, you have more time to think about it. It's not this Saturday.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Spears.

Senator Spears: Uh, first, I wanted to thank everybody who came out to the, uh, wagon wheel tailgate, the game. It was a fun, exciting game. Um, but since we did not succeed, there will be more chances to beat up on the school on the road this upcoming basketball season. And then wanted to mention that right now, men's soccer is playing in the BIG EAST tournament. And if they do well, we will probably host a NCAA tournament game once again. So, look out for that and we'll probably host a bigger school.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Shelton.

Senator Shelton: Okay, so I'm gonna say the F.A.S.T. thing later on but I want to say it now. That way, it's in your heads, and that way, you guys really remember to go. Um, so on Friday, so tomorrow, from 12pm to 1pm, there's a F.A.S.T. tour, we're either going to Polski. Ooh. Yes, or to ZOOK if it's snowing or too cold for me. Second thing, make sure you're using your campus resources, guys. What you do actually matters on campus. If you like going to the gym, go to the gym, go swimming. Go work out, go do some yoga. If you, like, use your mental health resources, what you do actually matters and you being places actually matters. So, yeah.

Senate Chair Kasik: Anything else for Open Student Expression? All right, we will now move on to the Advisor Report given by Advisor Ernst.

VII. **Advisor Report**

Advisor Ernst

Advisor Ernst: Hi everyone. Um, I'm gonna add one more thing to the long list of events that are happening now at the end of the semester, but a really important thing also happening next week is hunger and homelessness awareness week. So that is a national week where a ton of people come together to do different service projects, specifically surrounding hunger and illnesses. So, we have a dropping service from 12pm to 2pm happening every single day, just downstairs in the international lounge. So, all of those opportunities you can stop in, make one thing and be on

your way. Like it does not need to take up the whole day you can stop by anytime between 12pm to 2pm. And then Thursday will be the culmination of all of that for our thankful for art celebration, where we'll actually have a simulation of decisions that people who are unhoused or on, say, snap benefits or something like that, it's a simulation for like decisions that you would have to decide in those situations. So, it's a really cool experience. Definitely stop by for that. Um, and then if any of you are student leaders, part of a student org looking to celebrate money, there's a great opportunity happening um, Saturday, the 22nd. It is on the Acme in Cuyahoga Falls. And you can sign up for an hour of bell ringing with the Salvation Army. And if you raise the most money within that hour that your student work signed up, you get \$200 towards your student org account. So, it is money that you guys are able to fundraise and it all goes to a great cause with the Salvation Army. So, if you want to sign up for that, let me know. I can get you signed up and it's also on our Instagram.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. We will now be moving to branch reports starting with the LB Report.

VIII. **Branch Reports**

€ Legislative Branch Report

Senate Chair Kasik

Senate Chair Kasik: So currently we have one vacancy still for the Senator of the college of business. We do have one applicant. We'll be interviewing them next week. Still open if anybody else wants to apply or if anyone knows anyone who's interested. We are looking for guest speakers for next semester. If anyone has any recommendations, please reach out to our leadership. We only got three speakers that we have the idea of so far, so we're open. If your office house has changed, please change them on the form and update it. Again and also, Senators, reminder to fill out the end of semester review questions and turn them in by November 27th or November 17th. That is this Monday. We currently have five submissions. So,

make sure to do that. You can do that during your office hours. We do need those in. And once again, the mid-year submissions are on SharePoint still. If anyone's interested in nominating someone or nominating themselves. And reminder once again to please keep your individual folders, tracking documents up to date.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Please, please, please, please, submit the end of social review questions, please email them to us. What else could you do during your office hours if you're waiting for email responses? Fill them out. They take like 10-20 minutes. Also, for like the 12th week in a row, if you're doing things, please let Senate Chair Kasik and I know, um, so that we can help you in case, um, proofread things and just, you know, we should probably know what's going on.

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

⌘ Judicial Branch Report

Chief Justice Stillion

Chief Justice Stillion: I hope this was a little bit familiar with you guys because I didn't change a single thing on it because we did all the same things again. but bigger. So, we finalized this weeks resolution process, amendments. We voted on enacting those, finalizing those. What we're thinking of doing with that is doing a little presentation of that new process. It's not really new, but slightly amended process to the Senate, sometime early in the spring semester, just so you all are aware of what that process looks like, and you can disseminate that through your constituents and come for yourselves, especially during the election cycle. Sometimes that form is a little crazy. But that says vacancy filled, which is true. We did fill the vacancy. Hopefully, you all remember that, but it should also say, um, associate justice vacancy, because for about a business day and a half we had a full branch. We do have a vacancy currently. So, if you know anyone

that would be interested in, um, being an associate justice, anyone you feel would be great in the judicial branch, point them towards that application. I just updated with that position in it. We'd love to get a full branch for the spring election cycle before things get really rolling. Speaking of that, we are hopefully going to have the spring election rules in front of you next week. A big presentation about the amendments we changed. So, you can look those over, think about them before you vote on them hopefully before the end of the semester. But we've been working on that in JB. It's taken a little bit longer than I thought, which is good, because it means we're getting really, really in depth on every single line. It took us like an hour to get through a page and a half on that day. But we were supposed to have our meeting with the source office last Friday. That got moved to yesterday. It was great. Hopefully, the Judicial Branch will be involved in the student organization approval process moving into the spring semester. So just reviewing new student organizations, constitutions, making sure they have everything in order, roster, things like that they want to become new. and active on the campus, because that's something the judicial branch used to do a while ago. The only thing other thing that's not up here is we had a meeting with parking, UAkron Park this morning. We are probably going to have a sort of AMA tabling event with them Friday the 21st downstairs in the union from 11am to 1pm just to sort of go over with the student body, some of the changes that they've made to the parking rules and make sure everyone's updated on the parking rules in general and advertise their customer satisfaction survey that was asking about parking on campus. If you are interested, you can kindly fill that out. Just be like five questions about your experiences with parking. But are there any questions about any of that?

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: Hello. Um, so first off, Dr. Messina is not here. He told me to share two messages with you. First one is go to class. Second one is, go to Rob's giving. Um, which is next week, which is very exciting. Anyways, the report. Same reminders, all USG email, um, find that hidden question, answer that. Vacant EB positions. We just have the NPHC Greek Life Liasion still, um, that is subject to change, but that's it as of right now. Um, shirts are being ordered soon, I believe, everybody in this room has given me their shirt size. Yes. Cool. Okay. Um, so we're probably gonna get those ordered, um, tomorrow or early next week. Um, so hopefully those'll be in by the holiday party. That would be fantastic. So yeah, very exciting. Um, some events, we

have safety walk tonight after Senate, 7pm to 8pm, um, it is the Power Street route. So down by between the McDonald's and the University Edge Apartments, down by the fields down there, down Power Street, doing a loop down there. Um, we have the pride flag dedication ceremony. So, for those of you who don't know, Senate Passed a resolution last spring to install permanent pride flag in the Union. in the piano lounge. Um, so we're having a dedication ceremony officially for that. Um, I will be speaking, our deputy director of LGBTQ plus and gender equity, Lexi Parsons will be speaking. Um, and then a representative from, um, LGBTUA will be speaking as well. Um, we also have, you've probably seen it in the office, um, but we're gonna have a small art display from, um, students and staff, faculty, um, who identify as LGBTQ plus. Um, with some light refreshments there as well. So, I highly recommend you come down for that. Like I said, it's in the piano lounge. from 2pm to 3pm on Monday. Um, and then the day after that, on Tuesday, the 18th, from 5pm to 6pm in room 314, we have a Trans Remembrance Day event. Um, so that is a collaboration, again, with LGBTUA and our mental health task force. Um, and they will be doing a remembrance walk and they will also be doing some crafts related to that. and just having conversations that way. Um, and then the day after that, tomorrow or next week's a very busy week. On Wednesday, the 19th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, um, there is a cultural night celebration. So that is our diversity committee, um, our diversity, um, team, our DEI team, um, as well as, let me see, ZAB, the international student organization, and the Muslim student association. Um, we have a whole bunch of different activities planned. Food will be there. Um, so definitely I encourage you to stop by, um, if you're able to. Um, it'll be a great time. I'm really looking forward to it. And then, lastly, the USG holiday party is Thursday the 4th from 7pm to 9pm, which is after our all-USG Senate meeting. More information about that will be coming out soon. I believe we're doing a white elephant gift exchange, which is very

exciting. Um, and just some different holiday activities and stuff. So... I believe that's all I have off the top of my head. Does anybody have any questions about anything? No. Okay. Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, President Shaw. We will now be moving onto the Finance Report given by Director Damson.

€ Finance Report

Director Damson

Director Damson: Hi everyone. You hear from me again. Finance Report. Hope everyone's doing well. So, for this week, or for last week's Financial Report. So for travel, this is what we had. And the non-travel, the different student organization that participated, and it was a total of about \$3000 reallocated. And for USG expenses, we had the Night at the Akron Art Museum, and we spent about \$200. Yeah. Any questions? No, thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. We will now be moving to the DLT Report given by Senate Chair Kasik.

€ DLT Report

Senate Chair Kasik

Senate Chair Kasik: So, reminders to submit shoutouts every week, uh, for the meeting recaps, we had our bonding activity, which was if you could have dinner with any celebrity, who would it be? Had some interesting answers. For the EB branch updates, the SAMS Rock-A-Like went pretty well. We won audience choice. I got invited to the President Suite for the Akron-Kent game, which was yesterday. Uh, Night at the Akron Art Museum went pretty well. USG Holiday party is coming up. Everything's well with that. Uh, the USG shirt design is ready, and we're going to be ordering it as soon as everybody gets there, uh, shirt sizes, which I think in here is good. For our branch updates, we have our vacancy once again. We have a card for Provost Price, and Mia Yaniko, in the office that you can sign. We've begun work planning the spring calendar, of the speakers and everything. The JB update, the election timelines update, the

October newsletter is almost done. They're changing memberships that has happened recently. Uh, you know, their meeting with source yesterday. Their meeting with the UAkron Park yesterday. Anyway, OSGS, their initial emails were sent out and they're reaching out, back out to the block booking. The DLT summer early transition reports are mostly done, should be done soon. The DLT branch meetings are being scheduled, and, the DLT retreat is also being planned and our upcoming USG events. As already mentioned, the pride flag dedication, this Monday at 2pm to 3pm, the all-USG meeting, December 4th, and immediately after is our holiday party. So. Well now be moving on to the, uh, committee reports starting with the F.A.S.T. Committee given, uh, President Shaw?

President Shaw: Can I add something quickly on the DLT report? So, the midyear-awards will be presented also at the holiday party. So the final day to submit those is November 26th. Um, Whenever we get back from Thanksgiving break and everything, um, DLT will look over those submissions and, um, get those awards out accordingly. So yes, just one big thing. Please get all of those submitted no later than, um, the 26th.

Senate Chair Kasik: Chief Justice Stillion.

Chief Justice Stillion: Another thing to add on to that. Please do not submit members of DLT for the midyear awards. We will not accept it. Because we do get paid for this, so it's a little bit unfair to compare it to the level of work to members that don't get paid.

Senate Chair Kasik: Anybody else? All right. Now we will go to the Committee Reports starting with the F.A.S.T. Committee Report given by Senator Shelton.

IX. Committee Reports
● F.A.S.T. Committee

Senator Shelton

Senator Shelton: Hey guys! Okay, so FA.S.T. tours are Friday, November 14th, tomorrow, from 12pm to 1pm, and we're going to Polski. Are we remembering guys? Yeah. Um, Zook, if it's

snowing, which it doesn't look like it will be. So, we're going to check Polski and my feelings will be hurt if you are not there. So, our next one, this was like, guys, if you need USG sponsored events, it's so much fun. Aren't I good time? So, our last one is November 25th, and we're going to go to Schrank, which is not a far walk. So, it's from 5pm to 6pm. Uh, the same as our usual fast meeting time because there is no Senate that week, and so we're, we're making the most of it. As per our individual updates, Senator Blankenship is establishing that baseline, getting projects going, and just trying to hammer it out. Um, Senator Messmer. I'm so sorry guys. Uh, is implementing some suggested revisions to the 1st draft of the dietary survey, uh, given by Dr. Grove, and has the go ahead to send out the survey, and is currently figuring out, uh, who it needs to go to. So, if anyone has any help for Senator Messmer, much appreciate. Um, Senator Moore is reaching out to some of the first-year classes and trying to visit them by the end of semester for the College of Health and Human Sciences. So, pretty locked in. Senator Pence has received responses about reaching out regarding, um, some of the aggressive solicitors on campus. You may have seen them recently. Um, and yeah, just trying to fight out that situation. Interesting situation. Um, and myself, I've been fighting out some legislation. There should be, like, three on the floor next week, so... Uh, one of them is about the, uh, university ice. I mean, not ice rink, bridge. You know, it's only an ice rink after it starts snowing, and slip of the tongue. Um, so yeah, University Bridge, and then just don't read about it next week. So be there, be square. Um, and, uh, for our little body activity, we did go to the A.K. Rowdy's tailgate altogether, and we were representing USG very well. We all had a wonderful time. Yeah, and that should be all. Any questions? Any comments? Anyone going? To the F.A.S.T. Tours? I know, that's right. All right, that's all. Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Senator Shelton. We will now move moving onto the A.P.S.S. Committee Report given by Senator Gnap.

- A.P.S.S. Committee

Senator Gnap

Senator Gnap: All right, so for this week's meeting, Senator Swaminathan is working on the zips for sips proposal, which is, like, trying to put a water fountain on the first floor of the REC center. Um, and writing legislation for that. Senator Prough is meeting with the associate director of Athletic Facilities and Operations tomorrow about the Buchtel Fields. Senator Sterns is continuing to write the Bright Space legislation, and we did go over the meeting, or the minutes from the meeting with the bright space. Like, people staff for that. Um, and then I'm waiting, still waiting to set a date to film the workday video and I'm brainstorming. So, if you have, you know, any ideas, you can run and buy me. Um, and then we have a meme for this week. All right, any questions? Thank you.

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

Committee Report given by Senator Spears

Meme:

- S.E. Committee

Senator Spears

Senator Spears: This week... Uh, we talked about, um, some updates on our projects, reviewed some legislation, um, from Senator Shelton, which was great, pieces of legislation that we're happy to see on the floor next week. So, what we're working on right now is we're waiting on statements of support for Senator Kleinschmidt's legislation, and then Senator Simas is looking at reaching out to the students of his own project. The whole committee's brainstorming for new projects. We actually had a really good, like, moment, I think we were talking about potential projects, um, and then Senator Sonntag in the same position. Um, and then making sure our

office hours and membership requirements were in order. And our Q&D was, if you could be president of any university, other than our fine University of the University of Akron, what would that be? And there's some really funny answers, some also cool answers, and I think the answers really reflects a little bit of personality of each person. So, you can take a look at those. That's all? Any questions? All right.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Senator Spears. Alright.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: I forgot to add to our LB report.

Senate Chair Kasik: We've sent some people emails, and some people have not been responding. So, if Senator Kasik or I send you an email, it is very important that you respond to that in your office hours. Like, we just want to know what's going on. So, please check if you have an email from us, please respond to it. Thank you.

Senator Shelton: Um, I forgot to mention personally. There's a project I'm pursuing. I know a lot of us and here are the big advocates for peace, and we actually have a peace memorial on campus that's kind of in disrepair. It's actually right outside the union. It's just a stake in the ground, paints chipped off. It does have words. So, if you'd be interested in working with me on that, I think it'd be a great little project to help revamp that and, you know, make our campus stay looking nice. so, yeah. That's all.

Senate Chair Kasik: Does anyone else have anything for the meeting? If not, then we are adjourned.

X. Adjournment

☞ Pass the Gavel