



# **Legislative Branch**

## **Undergraduate Student Government**

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### **2026-2027 All-USG Agenda**

**August 27th, 2026**

#### **I. Call To Order**

Senate Chair Shelton: I'd like to call this meeting to order. Vice Senate Chair Swaminathan, call the roll.

#### **II. Roll Call**

#### **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **IV. Adoption of the Agenda**

Senate Chair Shelton: Moving onto the adoption of the agenda. Senator Flickinger?

Senator Flickinger: Motion to add open student expression after the adoption of the 4.30. 26 minutes.

Senate Chair Shelton: Can I entertain a second?

Senator Musgrave: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All those in favor of adding open student expression please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay. Perfect

*Motion to add open student expression to the agenda passes: The ayes have it.*

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Flickinger?

Senator Flickinger: Motion to strike the committee reports

Senator Musgrave: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All those in favor, say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay. Perfect. Consider the committee reports stricken.

*Motion to strike committee reports passes: The ayes have it.*

Associate Justice Adams: Point of order. In EO 19.26.27, Adams, last name is spelt wrong. It should be ADAMS.

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Flickinger?

Senator Flickinger: Motion to amend the title of EO 19.26.27 to Ruth Adams with an S.

Senate Chair Shelton: All those in favor, say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay.

*Motion to spell Adams with an S on EO 19.26.27 passes: The ayes have it.*

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Flickinger?

Senator Flickinger: Motion to approve the agenda.

Senator Musgrave: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All those in favor, say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay.

*Motion to adopt the agenda passes: The ayes have it.*

## **V. Approval of the 04.30.26 Minutes**

Senate Chair Shelton: Perfect. So, we're now moving on to the approval of the 04.30.26 minutes. So, Senator Flickinger?

Senator Flickinger: Motion to approve the 4.30.26 minutes.

Senator Musgrave: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All those in favor, say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay.

*Motion to approve the 4.30.2026 minutes passes: The ayes have it.*

## **VI. Open Student Expression**

Senate Chair Shelton: **We are now on open student expression. Anything? Director Senko.**

**Director of Campus & Community Outreach Senko: Tomorrow, the Akron men's soccer team plays Wake Forest at 7o'clock. Be there, fill up the stands.**

Senate Chair Shelton: Open student expression is a time where anyone within the meeting may express an event happening if there's something to say. So, anyone has anything to say?

Associate Justice Jones: Hi guys, my name is Arden, I'm an associate justice. My sorority is hosting a school supply drive. We have the drive located in the student life office. If you guys have any old school supplies that you are not using or wishing to donate to children in need, You guys can donate those in the life office. We also have an Amazon wishlist. We also use monetary donations on our Instagram. You guys can see that flyer. We are also hosting our first event next week. It's next Thursday, a bingo night. We are giving out prizes as well. It'll be at 7:22 in room 314 here.

Senate Chair Shelton: Director Viator

Director Viator: If anybody's interested in working for the engineering co-op office, there is an opening mostly for Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you're interested, come see me. Also, if any of you like hiking, our first meeting is tomorrow at five. You should come along. It's a really fun club, guys.

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Sterns.

Senator Sterns: Good evening, everyone. Phi Psi is currently outside the union. We're trying to raise money for the Akron Children Burn Institute. We're there from seven a.m. to 10 p.m. all the way up to Sunday. So we appreciate you to come donate some money for kids in need. Thank you.

Senate Chair Shelton: Point of inquiry for Senator Sterns. When will you be out there?

Senator Sterns: I will be out there from three to five on Friday, and then from six to 10 that same Friday.

Senate Chair Shelton: Anyone else, Senator Flickinger?

Senator Flickinger: I know there's a lot of political science majors in here. The Bliss Institute is hiring a student assistant. It's a great opportunity. Their previous student assistant just graduated, and she has nothing but good things to say about them.

Senate Chair Shelton: All right. That being said, we would like to move on to our guest speaker. Welcome, Dr. Messina.

## **VII. Speaker: Dr. Messina**

## **VIII. Legislative Branch Report**

Senate Chair Shelton: Moving right along, to branch reports

Executive Justice Reimer: Point or Order, there is no advisor report on the agenda, but according to the bylaws there needs to be on.

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Sterns.

Senator Sterns: Motion at add the advisor report to the agenda

Senator Flickinger: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All those in favor, say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay.

*Motion to add the advisor report to the agenda passes: The ayes have it.*

Senate Chair Shelton: We'll be right along to branch reports. We're gonna start with the legislative branch. Hi, guys. I'm Senator Sheldon, the senator's boss of yours, We have a COB vacancy. We are one vacancy in Senate, and we're currently interviewing, so this weekend and next week. Hopefully by next Senate, we will have a new senator. Oh, welcome to all my new senators. I am so excited you're here for my returners. I am so excited you're back. At the end of the meeting, we will have a committee form to determine which committee you'll serve on for the next year. This will have, if you're interested in vice senate chair, not vice senate chair, that's Sri's job, or committee chair, or committee vice chair, that'll have interest in those, and then we'll email you the appointments. Um, we're doing Senate mentors and mentees. This will be announced next week. This program is designed to pair our newer senators, with someone who's a little more experienced and can serve as a resource with questions and guidance and support. I know I'm really scary. I know Sri seems scarier. This will hopefully be a little less scary for you. Um, emailing, communication wise, please make sure you're CC both me and Sri for all of your outgoing emails. That way we know what's happening and if you're gonna say something a little off the wall, we can hopefully stop that before that happens. Sri sent out to an email to all senators recently. Please make sure you filled that form. It is for us to get to know you better, make sure we know everything about you. But also for a blooket. So, yeah. If you have any questions about communication or concerns, please talk to me or email me. We're assure you at any time. We are here to help, so please don't hesitate to reach out. Any questions?

Vice Senate Chair Swaminathan: I just want to add one more thing. If you guys want to email the Vice Senator chair or the Senate chair, don't email our personal emails. We have USG, Vice Senate, we have our own separate emails, because I didn't know that when I was a senator, and I was sending Megan her personal email, and she didn't tell me until, like, midway through the semester. So we have our own emails, make sure to send that. And then committees for those of you who don't know, for all senators, they'll be put into committees. There's three different committees, academic policy and student success, student engagement, and then F.A.S.T committee, which is, like, disability, access, stuff like that. If you guys have questions, you can ask the senators around you or come up to us at the end. We could talk about it more.

## **IX. Judicial Branch Report**

Senate Chair Shelton: Moving onto our Judicial Branch report, given by Executive Justice...Chief Justice Reimer.

Chief Justice Reimer: Yeah, I upgraded. All right. Uh, so... Not too many updates, as it was the first week that we did have our first meeting of the year, um, on Monday, so that was very exciting. We have a couple new updates to JB. So nothing too crazy, but things that you may be hearing tell of around the office and things like that. So, first of all, we're doing personal projects this year, so each semester, the justices will have a personal project that they have to complete over the course of the whole semester. It is required of them to complete. It can be within anything but preferably something within the 4 pillars of the judicial branch. Those 4 pillars would be parliamentarianism, records keeping, elections, and advocacy. We work with the department of student conduct, UAkron Park, as well as the SOURCE office, for advocacy. So anything that kind of falls in those categories is hopefully we'll be working on. So hopefully you'll hear some updates about that throughout the semester. but I'm looking forward to that this year. We also have a new thing called junior justice that we're starting to do to help with parliamentarianism in the judicial branch. Parliamentarianism really is, is about parliamentary procedure, so Robert's rules of order. You may hear me in the background once in a while, giving a porn order, 'cause people are doing things wrong. So that's usually just the chief justice that does that. Oh, somebody's really driving. Um, so we're trying to incorporate our associate justices, and that, as well, kind of what Dr. Messina was talking about, teaching somebody to do it better than you did. So I don't want them just to be sitting back there silently the whole time. So every all USG Senate meeting, I'll have a junior justice, and they'll be helping me, basically, point of order everybody. So I'll give them some tasks and some things that they should be doing, things to look out for during the Senate meeting, stuff like that.

For SOURCE. So last semester, if you all may remember or for our new people who were not there last semester, we added a new response to the judicial judicial branch where we help prove new student organizations. So basically, they send all their documents to us. We review those documents, send them back to them with any edits. They send their edits back to us, and then we approve them for the whole process. So, we had some issues with that last year because there was a 60 day deadline to get everything fully submitted, and there wasn't a lot of clarity in what that really meant. So we added an additional deadline 2 weeks before that 60 days, uh, that they have to submit their documentation to us, so we have time to review it before the final submission is due. If that makes sense to everybody. So we're adding that into the process this year. So when we do our outreach,

the form is open until September 11th. So if any of you guys are interested in, you know, forming this new organization, or you know someone that is, that's the day that you can start submitting those. We'll be sending out emails about stuff like that to everybody that submits their request. We also have an updated process for reviewing those. So instead of last semester, we would just talk about it in our meetings. The Constitution's usually. This semester, Kristen, or sorry, Executive Justice Groen, will be handling all of that information in the correspondence between the new student organizations and USG or the judicial branch. And then once we get documents submitted to us, we will be immediately sending them to the associate justices to then be reviewed at our next meeting.

So just getting things done ahead of time and making sure we're keeping up with that. Additionally, we'll only be reviewing the Constitutions in our meetings because all the other documents are kind of like things that usually there are no issues with. So I don't want to waste our meeting time on a member roster that nobody in JB can really do anything about, we just need to outreach them again. Um, records keeping rules have been assigned this week. So you should hopefully, if you're a committee chair or if you're a director of a team or if you are just a cool guy, you should be getting an email. We'll be reaching out and setting up meetings with people to go over what records we're expecting from everybody. So if you haven't done an app before, it's pretty easy. It's not too crazy. So hopefully in the next week or two, you should be getting those emails and getting those meetings done. We do have a new associate justice, associate justice Duziak. Yes, okay, perfect. And so she'll be being onboarded by Associates Justice Geib. So that's very exciting for us. We also did some updates for our onboarding documents next to some people from our process. But that's always very exciting to have a new person in our branch. We are also going to approve Dale Adams in the back as our advisor. So once we get everybody and all the different branches have gone on that, that should be going into effect. But we were the first, which is always fun, and then we also reviewed the bylaws in order to improve all the amendments in our meeting. So later in this meeting, when the Senate may or may not vote to approve the bylaw amendments, once that is done, then those will go into effect, because 2 of the 3 branches need to improve bylaw amendments in order for them to go into effect. And now for the meme.. Before I leave, I do want to, let you all know that there is a secondary meme. Unfortunately, the elections board report is not in the agenda, so if somebody wanted to add that to the agenda, then you could see the second meme.

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Sterns.

Senator Sterns: Motion to amend the agenda to add the elections boards chair report.

Senator Flickinger: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All those in favor, say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay.

*Motion to add the elections board chair report to the agenda passes: The ayes have it.*

## **X. Executive Branch Report**

Senate Chair Shelton: We are now moving onto our executive branch report, given by President Shaw.

President Shaw: Hello, everybody. This is so exciting. Um, yeah. Um, just some updates, um, from the executive branch. I'm sure you saw it in the email. If you read the email, that was actually my first point. Make sure you are reading my all USG email that goes out every Monday, usually afternoon, evening ish. It has a lot of good information, especially this week. There's a couple things that we need you guys to do. Um, including the headshot bio form, um, an office hour reporting form for the semester. All that fun stuff is in there. Um, and we also have a weekly question there, so that's, the way I make sure that people read my email is if you find that question, and you answer it on the off topic channel of our Microsoft teams, that would be lovely. They're always fun questions. Um, we also need a chair for the mental health task force. Um, that could be, that's one of our committees that we have in the executive branch, um, that committee is open to any student on campus, so you don't have to be in USG. You can be, but you don't have to be. But the chair is always someone in student government. So if you're interested in sharing mental task force committee, it doesn't matter what branch you're from, please let me know. Um, and then it's, like, really echoey in this corner over here. Did you notice that? Yeah. I can like hear myself so. Um, and then EB directors keep an eye out for a whentomeet, um, to schedule EB cabinet meetings. I'll be sending an email. So that'll be coming out either tonight or tomorrow for my executive branch of directors. Additionally, we have a couple events coming up already. So next Monday is our student leader summit. Um, like I said, Monday the 31st, from 5:15 to 6:30 in ballroom CDE in the union, um, that is taking place over our DLT meeting, so DLT won't happen next week.

Um, That's just a place where, um, student leaders from across campus can come and learn about our funding, different ways that the, um, different resources that we have that the university has for the student organizations and for them as leaders. It's a great time to meet other leaders from student orgs. It's always a great time. Um, thank you, Chief of Staff of McCracken for organizing that. Um, then additionally, we have the Akron rubber ducks game. So, every year, we give away a handful of tickets to the River Ducks game, to just encourage people and students to get downtown. Um, so that game is next Tuesday, not Wednesday, I believe. Is that a Tuesday or Wednesday? Am I crazy? Can someone fact check me. One second. There's one second. Okay, so I'm right. Okay, beautiful. Um, it's next Wednesday. The second, and the game starts at 6:35 at the 7:17 Credit Union Park downtown. Um, tickets are free. As long as you have a student email. Um, and one ticket per student, um, you can stop by the USG office to scan the QR code that is on the desk in there, um, to claim your ticket before they run out. I believe that's all I have for now. Does anybody have any questions? Thank you.

## **XI. Finance Report**

Senate Chair Shelton: All right. Now moving on to the finance report, given by Director of Finance, Jovicic.

Director of Finance Jovicic: Thank you. Uh, hello, everyone. My name is George, Director of Finance Jovicic. A little context, if you're new to USG about what finance report is for, its so you can see kind of where our money is going every week. Um, This week, just because everybody's getting right back onto campus, there's not a lot going on with all the student organizations, just some student organizations, getting some money for the roofest materials. And then inside USG, we have the DLT summer retreat. After the student leadership summit on Monday, so probably 2 weeks then, and after that, you know, you expect to see more and more of the finance report as people start spending more and more allocations. Any questions? All right, thank you.

## **XII. DLT Report**

Senate Chair Shelton: All right. Now, moving on to the DLT, or directional leadership team report, given by President Shaw. Oh. Uh, Senator Flickinger?

Senator Flickinger: Can you go back to the agenda?

Senate Chair Shelton: Of course.

Senator Flickinger: Motion to amend the agenda to change it to August 27th.

Senator Musgrave: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All those in favor, say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay.

*Motion to amend agenda to change the date to August 27th passes: The ayes have it.*

President Shaw: It's okay. You guys are gonna do a great job. But... Hi guys. I'm back. Um, so the directional leadership team, um, who are we? What is that? So, we call it DLT for short. That is basically your branch heads, so myself, Vice President Spears, Chief of Staff McCracken, Director Jovicic. Your lovely Senate leadership and your lovely judicial branch leadership. And of course, our advisors, we meet weekly, um, just as a leadership team, um, to go over some things for the organization. And we usually rotate who gives this report every week, but I'm giving it this week. Um, so some reminders, um, that we talked about is, like I said, the office hours reporting form, um, and the headshot and bios form. I believe the headshot bios form we want done next week, so don't worry about that. But what we really want, um, this week is that office hours reporting form. This week, office hours are a little bit lenient since everybody's getting back on campus, learning their schedules. But once you have kind of some time figured out where you can be in the office, with your office hours, please submit that form. Um, so we can keep track of everybody. Um, and then going into a little bit of the meeting recap, this is very abbreviated. Just a heads up, too. DLT meetings are open to anybody. So if you're interested in seeing what we're talking about, or how our meetings run, please stop by every Monday. Um, so meeting recap, we went over some branch reports. Um, talked about some USG membership. We do only have three remaining vacant positions, which is very exciting. Deputy Director of Finance, Social Media Strategist, and Senator for the College of Business. The general application with those positions are not currently accepting submissions, since we have, I think, what, five or six interviews that we still have to conduct, so, um, once once that is done, um, that'll go live again. Um, what else? We also discussed our own individual, like, branch weekly meetings with, like, your branch leadership and our advisors. Got those scheduled, discussed a little bit about the first year center application. Um, which is open until September 10th, I'm sure, um, Chief Justice Reimer will go over that a little bit. Um, and then we just discussed some other upcoming events, but it's the same as what I said earlier. Um, yeah. So you've got any questions? Thank you.

### **XIII. Elections Board Report**

Senate Chair Shelton: Now moving onto the elections board report, given by...

Elections Board Chair Reimer: I know, I switched it up on you guys. So, in addition to being the Chief Justice, usually the Chief Justice also serves as the election chair during the election cycle we are currently in an election cycle. I'm also the election's chair. But obviously, she misplaced my report. Senate chair Shelton, so... Elections? Electric. Fantastic. All right, so, um, in our meeting this week, we have an election board meeting. Um, we reviewed the timeline, so everybody in our branch knows what's up, but the timeline for the elections, when it closes, when other things open, when events are, things like that, um, The application, as President Shaw had just mentioned, we'll close on September 10th at 11:59 p.m. So if you're in correspondence with any first year students, please let them know that they should apply to be a part of our election cycle to allow two first year senators to our Senate. So, you know, let them know, they want to know. They're gonna join, and they're gonna do great things. Other events will be added to the USG calendar after the application closes, so I will order all those to our lovely Chief of Staff McCracken, and she will update those on our calendar. One of the events that we have every year is we do candidate meet and greets. So I would implore all of you senators to go to some of those if you're available. It's a great way to meet people who may be a senator to ask them questions about why they're running. It's always great and super exciting for these candidates to meet the actual senators that they would be working with. So I do, I would like for you guys to do that. It'll be up here once we get closer to those dates, but definitely start thinking about that. The new senators will be getting sworn in, hopefully, as long as everything goes well, October 1st, so not next to all USG Senate, but the next, all USG Senate, October, October 1st. So everybody should be here and get to see their lovely young, youthful little basses. And then the last thing we did in that meeting, because it was very brief, about 15 minutes at the end of our regular meeting time, we assigned roles to associate justices, to outreach to people, set up emails, create digital signage, things like that. And also, you should have seen that there are lovely, lovely old yard sides around that say the application is open. So if you see any of them that are falling down, please put them back up or bring them back up to the office, because, um, we're trying not to lose any. We already lost some, because of our previous chief justice, Sam Stillion. So I'm trying to break that curse. If you'd like to go down to the secondary meme. All right, any questions? Thank you all.

### **XIV. Advisors Report**

Senate Chair Shelton: Moving on to the advisor report given by Advisor Ferguson Mike.

Advisor Ferguson-Mike: Hi, everyone. So I normally do this up in the back, just so you know. So, um, hi everyone, I'm ready for this. I serve as a co advisor for USG. In my full-time role, I am the director of student life. What about you?

Advisor Adams: I'm Dale Adams, I'm the director of Student Code of Conduct and Community Standards. Um, temporary co-advisor until I'm voted in, okay? That's how it works Audrey?

Advisor Ferguson-Mike: Advisor report. will have some announcements here in a minute, but just wanting to let you all know, we're here to be your biggest cheerleader, but also, um, challenge you in a variety of different ways. So, if you ever need anything, I'm just downstairs on the first floor, he's across campus, so I'm probably a little bit more... Just accessible, we go all the way in the center.

Advisor Adams: I'm happy to meet with you guys in my line of work, though. Depending on what's happening on campus, you may not know what's happening on campus. I might be behind closed doors and top secret meetings. But, um, if you teams chat, like send me a message on teams or an email, we arrange something, you'll be able to get back to me, but if you just show up at my door, my staff probably will not let you get back to me. definitely.

Advisor Ferguson-Mike: Any questions for us before I give you, like, announcements? Okay, often. So just, um, reminders. So we have homecoming royalty applications that are open. So if you are a part of other organizations on campus, fraternity, sororities, club scores, whatever it may be, we do have homecoming, the applications open. You do have to be senior status to be nominated, so 90 credits are more, 2.5, or GPA are higher, and in good standing. So deal with someone that helps me standing enough. Also wanted to tell you guys to save the date, I'm finally able to officially announce this, so, um, September 24th, 6:30 to about 8:30 to 9, we are doing, um, what's called light up the night. So it'll be, like, a welcome back, similar to, like, springfest, very miniature springfest, to wrap up the event, we'll do this very large drone show. So, 6:30 to 8:30, there will be food and inflatables and all the things that we normally do. Starting at 8:30, actually, above Buchtel, we're gonna do a drone show. So this will be open to students, faculty, staff, and then their families. Okay. So please save the date. I know it's a Thursday. I'm assuming that we will be done with it by 6:30, wink, wink. Okay. Awesome. Do you have any questions for us? Thank you.

## **XV. New Business**

### **A. Swearing in Senators and EB Members (SB 01-26-27 to SB 08-26-27, EO 18-26-27, and EO 19-26-27)**

### **B. Bylaw Amendments**

Senate Chair Shelton: Alright, we're moving onto bylaw amendments given by DLT.

President Shaw: Um, we're back. So this is just to go over some of the, um, bylaw amendments that we made over the summer, or proposing for over the summer. Every semester, we always go in and amend our bylaws during our breaks, during our summer, and winter DLT retreats. And these will be voted on by... just the legislative branch. Yes. Yes. So this would be voted on by our lovely senators today. Um, so, yeah, we get started. Um, I can start since I do the first portion. Okay, so then in a couple changes we made across all sections. didn't want to, like, screenshot and put in every single little change that we did. So some minor changes that we did, we updated our cable contents. Um, some general wording and grammar corrections, um, one main one was, um, specifying, like, the in session academic days, um, kind of dictates when we can do things, and all that fun stuff. Formatting corrections, table contents was put in. We changed, um, everyone in the document where I said advisor to advisors, so, um, we can have more than one, if we so choose. Um, we changed DLT to the DLT. something fun across the document, and then we changed, um, all USG to all USG Senate, just to make it a little bit more clear that all USG includes everybody. Yeah. So, 1st portion, are common bylaws. I will go into these, ignore that. Okay. So our 1st thing that we're changing is some of our membership requirements. So, membership requirements, we just eliminated some of the wording of our pillar, for our pillars, for the all 4 UA platform, simplified it into four word, academic, community, growth, and perspectives. Um, just so it's a little bit easier for members to kind of find, um, events on campus to fill these, um, And we, let me see. Just changed some wording underneath there as well. So just, we just simplified it. Pillars are still the same. All that is still the same, but just making it a little bit easier for members to fit certain events into certain pillars. Um, and then additionally, we did change the um, on campus hours requirements. So, um, last semester, I mean, this semester and last semester, there are 6 on campus hour, um, membership requirements. Sorry, I'm stuttering over my words. Um, But how I used to be, it used to be, um, four hours within our four pillars, and then the other two were miscellaneous hours for different events. Instead of keeping, we got rid of those, um, two miscellaneous hours, um, and we are doing two outreach hours each semester. So outreach hours includes the doing... either of these, sorry, um, 10 submissions accredited to an accredited member to

the USG outreach form, make up for one hour. So, if you have 10 people submit this student body feedback form, that would count as one hour for membership requirements, or additionally, speaking to one student organization, um, for one hour. We'll count for one hour. Um, and then, of course, evidence of attendance must be submitted. Um, But that's just a little change that we made to our membership requirements. So we had to reflect them in the bylaws. Additionally, we got rid of, if you complete, a volunteering event off campus, is preferred that the event occurs within the greater Avern area. You can volunteer anywhere. It doesn't have to be here. It could be anywhere that you would like. You just got rid of that. Additionally, let me see. Um, the Volunteerism Award, um, we just outlined what that would look like, um, if a member is sworn in during week 9 or later of the regular academic semester, since we only required them to do half the amount of membership requirements, um, we wanted to put in writing that they would receive half of their Volunteerism Award. at the end of the semester. Which the Volunteerism Award for those who aren't aware is basically, if you complete all your membership requirements, including all of your office hours during the semester, we place a couple hundred all campus dollars on your zipcard that you can use across campus. Thank you. Um, did you skip one, Genni? Okay, sorry. Um, So just in the event of transition documents, this is specifically for, um, DLT, I guess. It used to be that I had to review all of our directional leadership team, transition documents, but this past year, we changed it up a little bit. Um, so we just reflected, um, gave a little bit of flexibility in the language, um, in our, um, bylaws, for that. Um, and then same with submitting vacant positions, updates to zip mail, um, that used to be, um, we didn't really know who used to do that, so that was really happening in the past. So we assigned that to the chief of staff or their designee. Um, we... changed it to, um, so our retreat, we have one retreat every semester as an organization. And in the past, DLT, as a whole, used to kind of plan that, but in the past year or two, it really fell on the chief of staff to plan that and they've been doing a great job, or their designee, of course. So, we would have that changed in the bylaws. So the Chief of Staff or someone from their team could do that. Um... We updated the description of goal setting propositions. Um, so this is just broad language, um, applicable to review other sworn office. So just for goal settings, for mid semester and end of year reviews. So we can review them with members.

Chief Justice Reimer: All right. Yes. You can tell, because I used Dark Mode on my computer. Okay, so we added a section for DLT, the directional leadership team, um, because there was no mention really of a specific description of DLT in the bylaws, so that it was important to add that there. So you can see, the describes who will be a part of DLT, um, when we'll meet, um, and things of that nature, planning the DLT retreat, we

have one in the summer and in the winter to do all of these bylaw amendments that you're seeing today. So you just added that section there. All right. We also changed closed ballot to secret ballot, because that is more accurate to how we actually do, um, voting for faculty center representative at the end of the year. All right? We also added a description for appointed university council committees. So there was a section for university council representatives and themselves, but we also serve on university council committees or some people in USG do. And so we just added language there so that way that was in the bylaws as well. And you can see there's just some adjusted language down below to reflect that. We also had our new description for the representatives on the AraMark Food Committee. So the student food committee is literally what it's called, which I think is very boring. But I'll refer to it as AraMark Food Committee because that's what it's on. So this language here is just representative of the requirements that you need to fit in order to serve on that committee, not our requirements, it's their requirements. But you can see that will always have at least one representative from USG on that committee. And this is kind of a replacement we'll see later on for our campus dining experience committee that we used to host in USG. Oh my gosh. Um, we adjusted this section here. This is in our diversity committee section. Previously, if a student organization had space within the rooclusive space, which is over there in Shrank, they had to have a member of their organization serve on our diversity committee, but due to some things that happened in the world, we had to change that. So they get the option between this committee or our other committee mental health task force. We got rid of the textbook scholarship because we don't really do it anymore since we did the book bundle. Same thing here with what I just said about adding the language about the rooclusive space. Remove the CDE committee. This was something that we actually did through executive order at the end of last year or during the spring semester, excuse me. Basically, there wasn't a lot of interest in our campus dining experience committee. So we suspended the committee at the end or during the spring semester, and we just took a look at it and decided to completely get rid of it, and just replace it with that Aramark food committee representative, because that's a little bit more beneficial to our cause of trying to look at food on campus. We weren't getting much done in there. We changed this language here for a little bit of clarity, so all USG related communications that are external to the organization must be submitted to branch leader. I don't know why we would ever say goes outside of the Bylaws. I mean, that's kind of lame. Um, and then this has to do with approving emails. So all approvals will be completed within 3 days instead of within 5 days. Last year, we adjusted the language to 5 days because all emails had to get approved through the president. Um, and then last spring semester, we changed that so that anything that is, um, not going outside of the university, so anything that's kind of like inside the university can

be approved by branch heads unless we decide to send it up to the president, uh, for further review. So since we've enacted that system, Madi's gotten, or sorry, President Shaw, has gotten much less emails, and so we decided to lessen that kind of time constraint on getting those approvals completed. All right. Again, just adjusting the kinds of ballots that we used. So getting rid of closed ballot, we didn't really use that at all, and then we have secret ballot there and instead of using ballot paper, we do virtual voting, and we actually are paperless senate. so that makes more sense anyways. All right. This is just taken out of there to match or change within records coordination rules, which I'll get into in a moment. Um, we added some clarity here for when the executive branch would vote on my law amendment. according to the Constitution, the executive branch, or sorry, all branches will vote on the bylaw amendments in their regular branch meeting times. But if you know anything about the executive branch, they don't have a full regular meeting time where everybody in the executive branch is there. So the closest that we felt would come to that would be the executive cabinet meetings. So that's how we'll be able to vote on the bylaw amendments.

Senate Chair Shelton: Legislative branch, woot woot. All right, first, this is a language adjustment that we'll get into later. There is no more senate clerk. Uh, Senate members, to senators, just a language adjustment. Um, adding elections to how senators become senators, with all those options, and elections is one of them. This was removed for redundancy. Because this is something that all of a sudden members can do, all members in general. Um, this was moved to a different section. Because it is a duty, not a power, right? Yeah, it's a duty not, it's something I gotta do and not something that I have the option to. Membors, to senators, members wrong though. I Um, this was moved to the proper section, so that's just all of my duties, not my powers. Um, there is no more Senate clerk and members to senators. So, again, redundancy, which I will get into later. Uh, membership redundancy, because everybody can do those, not just us. We're members too guys. Uh, members to senators. Uh, again, redundancy membership. We all can do this, not just general members of Senate. Um, the addition of the International Senator, so I'm gonna talk for a minute. Uh, so, we believe that an international senator will be more effective than a international liaison, because a lot of things passed international liaisons said that what they wanted to do was a power of Senate and not a power of an international student liaison. Although an international student liason still, has value in their position. It's very different than what some people envisioned it to be. So by adding this in, we believe that we can better suit the voice of the student population.

President Shaw: Additionally to this, since, um, I created the International Senator position was they don't have a representing body on campus. So, um, there's a Black Excellence commission, there's RHC, there's all these different, um, I guess, governing bodies on campus, but the international students don't really have one. So we thought that having them in our governing body, having them get the ability to write legislation, which, of course, their opinions and concerns, um, in our Senate was super important as well.

Senate Chair Shelton: All right, this is our no more Senate clerk discussion, guys. So, Senate Clerk, we have found to be a redundancy that you have not, they one, go against the Constitution, not existing, which is sad. Um, two, the vice in a chair believes that they can have enough ample time to do the minutes. Uh, they, it was supposed to, like, the intention of a Senate clerk was to be like a junior member of Senate, but they were not doing any of those things for as long as I've been here and I've been here a while. So they were not part of any committees. They did not assist senators in legislation. So we removed them. Members to senators. So we're broadening what you guys can do, which is really cool. You don't have to be just a resolution, which we never followed before. Um, to have a piece of legislation can be reviewed. So no more just resolution, a piece of legislation can be reviewed by any standing committee in Senate, not just the one that you wrote it in. So for expanding... Um, This is just a movement thing to the proper section. requests for information, are going into new requests for information section. You can see up here down there. Um, So senate chair is the head of senate, uh, and committee chairs are under them in a hierarchy of USG. It was our belief that it is the discretion of a Senate chair to cancel committee meetings and not just the committee chair. Because what if there's this bad chair who decides to cancel every meeting and you never meet. That's just not good. And then we're giving you guys more time to email me things. You don't have to submit it 24 hours in advance. You can submit it before that. 36 hours in advance, 48, worlds your oyster. Um... Adding F.A.S.T. committee Life Awards, they've done this for a little bit now, so now it's just written down.

President Shaw: So, executive branch, it's a lot of position heavy changes, since year to year, depending on the platform, we can add, or subtract, or change. our members in our branch. So this is just kind of like a quick little overview in our list of descriptions at the very beginning of this section. I'll go into each of those a little bit. Some are just limiting the amount of members to a position. For example, we had four project coordinators last year. Um, but the project coordination team thought that that might have been too many. So we moved it down to three. Um, and then same with social media strategists. Um, let

me see. And then we used to have two deputies, um, in our DEI team. But we thought it would be better to just combine them and remind all their duties into the general director and deputy to have them cover everything. And then additionally, just some warning things. It was the deputy director of campus and community outreach. It was community and campus, but that's not the position name. So we just changed those words around. Yeah, um, we change a little bit of language of who presides over meetings and how they can be executed. So, requests for excused absences, it depends on the, um, I guess, meeting, since we have in the executive branch, we have team meetings, we don't have one big branch meeting. Um, and I think it would be exhausting if someone from the, let me, like the communications team, emailed me, hey, I'm not gonna be this meeting. Okay, thanks for letting me know, but does your director know that? So we thought that it would be, it would make more sense to change the language to having me, having those requests for excused absences to change it to the member presiding over the meeting. Yeah. Um, we removed this duty from the chief of staff, um, uploading most current versions of governing documents to the Microsoft teams, because traditional, judicial branch stuff. Um, we also changed and edited the, this language under the deputy chief of staff. Um, and setting all executive branch member meetings, unless otherwise excused, because we don't really have member meetings. Past leadership, and years before me, used to meet with members almost biweekly. Like every single member individually, which is crazy. Um, I love you guys, but I don't have that much time. So we just eliminated that and replaced that point with must be a member of the Ohio Student Government Summit Committee, which you will learn about in a little bit. So. Um, and like I said, we just combined the 2 previous DEI deputies into one, so we just updated that um, name there. Um, and then, like we mentioned earlier, um, just got rid of the international student liaison position within the executive branch, because hopefully, it'll be a position in the legislative branch. Also got rid of the Health and Safety Officer position. This position was created a couple years ago, with some growing concerns with mental health on campus. While it's still a priority, the person that was in this position last year felt that they weren't really making meaningful progress on anything. Um, so they recommended that we get rid of that and kind of combine some of those duties and responsibilities into other positions. So we did. And then we adjusted language for the Greek liaison. So, last year, we used to have three Greek life liaisons, one for the Panhellenic Council, one for the Interfraternity Council, one for the National Panhellenic Council. We also felt from our members that they were telling me that they weren't really doing a whole bunch, or that some of their work wasn't as meaningful. So we wanted to combine all of the, all of those, I guess, governing bodies into one position. Um, but we also, I didn't put it up here, but we also left a little parentheses S at the end, just in case

we need to add another greek life liaison. If these duties get too overwhelming, um, for the current greeklife liaison, we can add another one if we so choose. Cool.

Chief Justice Reimer: We're almost done. This is the last branch, so... Okay, um, so, uh, I ask the judicial branch, do we hear cases regarding disputes. So, basically, if, um, somebody breaks the elections or somebody breaks the bylaws of the Constitution, we get to hear a case regarding that and decide who's wrong and what we're gonna do about it. Um, so, basically, justices are required to keep all that information confidential, we actually reach out to people, ask them questions, get answers, to help us make our decisions. But I added this clause here, acceptable information is shared within the official decision because we actually shared that with all you guys. It gets posted up on the website, so you can see what our decision was and why we made that decision. So obviously that information should be able to be shared with everybody because we already shared it anyways. Um, I took that from the chief of staff. I wanted it, so I took it. We also adjusted the way that we worded the office hours for USG, so, uh, sorry, not for USG, for our judicial branch, for our associate justices. So they have 4 total office hours, 2 of them are served, are judicial branch meetings. These are like working meetings, so we're actually getting stuff done during those meetings, and then the other 2 hours should be conducted in the USG office, but in the past, as leadership, we have allowed them to count activities such as attending another meeting or helping us table for the election cycle or things like that, as an office hour for that week. So we added this clause here of other activities pertaining to the role of associate justice may be counted as an office hour at the discretion of branch leadership to kind of fit that into there. Um, we changed this to fit some amendments that we made last semester. So last semester, we had a, we have record coordination positions for a bunch of different categories in USG. One of those such categories was the elections records coordinator. And each justice is assigned one of those records coordinator positions. Typically, the elections records coordinator was assigned to the Chief Justice or the elections chair. So it was kind of pointless to have that position, be active during the regular semester, because it's always going to be the chief justice. And theoretically, I should be doing that stuff anyways, if I'm the election chair. So last semester, we made an amendment to make that position only if needed. So if the, uh, Chief Justice isn't also serving as the elections chair, so if, for example, executive Justice Stallions was the elections chair, then we would still then we would have an elections records coordinator. So this language was never changed when we made that change, so we just added this language in here to fit what the change was that we made last semester. Um, we also address as a language down here, so we, um, have a Senate records coordinator, um, and so we just changed legislative branch to Senate, and then we

added this section here about updating our USG website with information regarding the Senate, uh, which means all of our meeting minutes and signed legislation will go up on the website, and that's something that that records coordinated position will do. We also added this section here for the judicial branch records coordinator. So last year, our executive justice Groen, actually served in this role, and she created a transition document at the end of the semester, compiling a bunch of information from all the different justices and the roles they served in as records coordinators, to have one big document that our new associate justices, as they come in, can look at and know what they're kind of getting into and what work they're going to have to do. Um, so we just added that um, right here in that section because that's a, they did last semester, so we want them to continue to do that. Um, this, uh, we changed the way that the events records coordinator worked. So in the past, they just took information about what the event was, who was at the event, but maybe how many people they expected to have at the event, things that the project coordination team kind of like keeps track of. and they just put it in a, like, a Word document. It was kind of pointless because all the information was already in the teams. They were just grabbing it from the teams and putting it into a work document. We don't need that. So we're adjusting this to get a little bit more feedback from the student body using this rule. So they'll be responsible for maintaining and collecting attendance records. So who was actually at the event and then reaching out to those students who were at the event for feedback purposes. So whether that's feedback on the actual event itself, so we know what to do for next time or what worked and what didn't work, or just feedback in general about what's going on on campus, things that they would like for us to work on fix, whatever. All right. We added a responsibility to our historic records coordinator. So this was a role that the previous Chief Justice kind of created, to look at old documents that we have, because we have a ton of documents in our Microsoft Teams folders. And so we added a little bit of clarity here as to what we're actually expecting from that position. So we have a lot of physical records in our office. So that historical records coordinator will be focusing on digitizing those records, scanning them and uploading them into our Microsoft Team folders. And then that is everything. Does anybody have any questions about anything that we just want over? Senator Simas?

Senator Simas: In the section regarding membership requirements, specifically, like, outreach hours, it says you have the option to attend a student organization meeting and then submit proof. What kind of proof, I guess, was the intent behind that?

President Shaw: Um, just make sure that people are actually going to the meetings. That's kind of the reason to just pull people accountable in that way. That could be anything from an email chain with the president, or a picture at the organization, or anything so you can find a group that you were there in that way, if that makes sense. We're pretty flexible to accepting that.

Chief Justice Reimer: Senator Bass?

Senator Bass: Um, what was the, like, um, I guess thought behind 10, the number 10 of, um, sorry, the same, like, senator requirements.

Chief Justice Reimer: Yeah, so we actually looked at the response time of how long it took for people to respond to that feedback form. And in general, it was about like, I can't remember the exact number it was, but adding all of those up will equal an hour. So it's like, Yeah, 5 or 6 minutes or it took for them to complete the form. And so that's what we did basically. We just said that because it takes 5 minutes or 6 minutes for somebody to complete the form, doing that 10 times would be one hour. if that makes sense. Other questions. Senator Flickinger?

Senator Flickinger: Can somebody explain how, um, reviewing legislation works now?

Senate Chair Shelton: I got it. I got it. So basically, it's what we were doing. It just wasn't reflected in the words. of the bylaws. You can bring it to any committee, as it were, and have it reviewed, the same way it's always been reviewed.

Senator Kleinschmidt: Just to clarify that, that's because before you had to get a resolution reviewed, but not a bill. So now you have to get both to you.

Senate Chair Shleton: Yes, perfect.

Chief Justice Reimer: Other questions? Senator Bass?

Senator Bass: The requirements for outreach. How will the specific senator know that they've completed that hour and like, is there a part where we can put our name on it?

Senate Chair Shelton: Like, We will let you know. Like, um, myself and vice senate chair Swaminathan. Like, we will email you saying, this has been... Senator spears. Vice president. Vice president Spears.

Vice President Spears: My roots are in senate. No, so, I just created the membership requirements form. So, in that form, I just dropdown menus, you know, in there, it can report who you said that there's ten, there's two. It just you just list their names. So if you're in the union walking around, just grab their name, meet a new friend, and if you've done it by email, you can just obviously read that off and copy paste. So if they don't answer the outreach the form, then that's not on you.

Senator Bass: Yeah. Oh, okay.

Vice President Spears: The goal is just that you're not penalized for somebody not doing anything. You've done your job.

Chief Justice Reimer: Anything else from anybody? Let's go.

Senate Chair Shelton: All right. Moving on to a roll call vote. Your options are in favor. Abstain, or opposed.

Senator Kleinschmidt: Request for information from anyone on DLT

DLT: Yes.

Senator Kleinschmidt: Are we able to enter debate on this?

DLT: Yes. Yeah.

Senator Kleinschmidt: Motion to enter debate.

Vice President Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All in favor?

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay. Alright we're in debate. Senator Kleinschmidt.

Senator Kleinschmidt: I believe there to be a typo in the executive branch section, 3A1, I-R, um, where it says that there will be 43 project coordinators and 43 social media strategists.

President Shaw: Oh, there's not. There's not. That might have been a typo, um, in the actual document, we will note that that we will reflect that in the actual document, whatever it is amended. These are just free grabs from that document.

Chief Justice Reimer: It's just, the four... This isn't right on the board. You just can't see it. But that is actually not.

Senator Kleinschmidt: Um, I am of the mind that, per the discussion that we just had about the, um, the 2 outreach hours that we should rephrase section one, A, 2, I, 2, I, C. I don't know. Um, Because currently it is phrased that speaking at, or nope, that's the wrong section. 10 submissions accredited to the member in the USG outreach form. That's not necessarily indicative of the actual reporting mechanism. And I feel that could be clarified a bit better.

Senate Chair Shelton: Request for information from Chief Justice Reimer.

Chief Justice Reimer: I accept.

Senate Chair Shelton: What do I do for a bylaw? Anything else. Senator Flickinger?

Senator Flickinger: I think a proper rephrase would include something like 10 submissions, self-reported by USG numbers or something like that. Do we do this?

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Flickinger.

Senator Flickinger: Motion to amend section IA2, IC, section one, to 10 submissions self reported by the senator, with evidence, may count for one hour. All members. Of course. Sorry. Yeah. This is for all USG members. I misspoke for all members.

Senate Chair Shelton: Any seconds?

Senator Bass: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All in favor say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay. Perfect

*Motion to add this comment to the bylaw passes: The ayes have it.*

Senator Prough: Motion to close debate and enter voting procedure.

Senator Bass: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All in favor say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay. Perfect

**Roll is called. The Bylaws pass.**

Senate Chair Shelton: The voting of our new advisor. Um... would acting advisor Adams have anything to say? Yeah, do you want to say anything? You don't have to.

Advisor Adams: Oh, why is it appropriate?

Um, just a little bit about me. My name's Dale Adams. I'm the director of student conduct. I have worked university back in 21 years. I was actually an undergrad here in 1998, which was a long time ago. And I was a senator on government for two years. In my daily work, I meet with students, I took investigations into student misconduct on and off campus. I write policy for campus. I work with a lot of upper administrators. So if you're looking for someone to be touchy-feely, hugs, and run programs, how it's not me, if you're looking for someone that, um, will, uh, help you write legislation, make sure we're following policy, connect you to upper administration. Um, that would be my my role. I was very involved in undergrad, in student government. I was an ambassador, I was an fraternity. There's a year book float around somewhere that will show me as involved during the year or something in 2001, maybe. Um, that's a little bit about me. So if you guys are looking for someone to help you with policy writing, legislation or

budgets, that's my wheelhouse. Brittany would be the one that's the programmer, party thrower.

Senate Chair Shelton: All right, thank you. Do we have any questions for, uh, acting advisor Adams? Yeah, you can say sitting here. See, none. I would like to enter into a Senate roll call vote.

Roll is Called. Advisor is approved.

Senate Chair Shelton: President Shaw.

President Shaw: Um, we are about to adjourn, but, um, if you have a hard cut off at Seven, seven, if you have a hard cut off at Senate... You have to be hard to cut off at 7:00, and you have to leave. Feel free to leave at 7:00. Please don't leave before then. Um, but we are gonna move into some other things and discuss it. But like I said, if you do have a hard cut off at seven, not seven, you can hit out then. Thank you.

Senate Chair Shelton: Any final business? Seeing none, this meeting is. Adjourned.