



Legislative Branch

Undergraduate Student Government

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2026-2027 All-USG Agenda

September 3rd, 2026

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Dobson?

Senator Dobson: Motion to add the elections board report after the finance report.

Senator Prough: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All in favor please say aye

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay. Perfect. That will be reflected in the updated agenda

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

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Marshall

Senator Marshall: Motion to approve the 9.10.26 minutes

Senator Kleinschmidt: Second.

President Shaw: Point of Order. The person that we need to be sworn in is not here, so we will need to strike that.

Senator Musgrave: Motion to strike EO 22-26-27 from the agenda.

Chief Justice Reimer: Point of Order. That's not what the president said.

Senate Chair Shelton: President Shaw.

President Shaw: Just to clarify, the E.O. is staying, but the swearing in needs to be struck because he is not here to be sworn in. We are so voting on that, but he's just not here.

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Musgrave.

Senator Musgrave: Motion to strike the swearing in from the agenda

Senator Prough: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All in favor please say aye

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay.

Motion to strike the swearing in from the agenda: The ayes have it.

Senator Prough: Point of order. Did we approve the agenda first.

Senator Musgrave: Motion to approve the agenda.

Senator Simas: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All in favor please say aye

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay. Perfect

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

IV. Approval of the 09.10.26 Minutes

Senator Mitchell: Motion to approve the 09-10-26 minutes.

Senator Musgrave: Second.

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

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay. Wonderful.

Motion to approve the 09-10-26 passes: The ayes have it.

V. Open Student Expression

Senate Chair Shelton: Yay. Moving on to open student expression. I'll go first. Great job, all of our new senators. I know I kind of sprung that on you. I had that idea when I was walking you here, just 'cause I wanted to hear you guys talk. I'm so happy you guys are here. Thank you, guys. All right. Vice President Spears.

Vice President Spears: Thank you. Uh, want to mention, again, uh, one last time before next Thursday, uh, that there is light up the night. It is a big festival that our President is hosting alongside Department of Student Life, and some other campus partners. It's gonna be a really cool festival. trying to, you know, grow community here on campus. Like there's gonna be a bunch of free food. The zippy keychains that you got in SpringFest are changing their shirt, so you can go to a little family. And then there's might be a 1st ever drone show on campus alongside my life show as well.

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Simas.

Senator Simas: Uh, if you're still passionate about the steel tire rivalry. Zips, volleyball, plays Youngstown State at home, starting at 6, so if you want to watch the penguins slide into a defeat, that game starts at 6 after senate.

Senate Chair Shelton: Chief Justice Reimer

Chief Justice Reimer: Next week, pre-law society, will be having our 1st guest speaker come in. And the prosecutor, Chloe Schoffsville, or something? I don't know how to say her last name. So that will be in Lee Hall room 306 from 5 to 6 PM next Wednesday, the 23rd. There is a flyer up on our Instagram right now. So if you're interested, make sure you come. It'll be super fun when you'll ask professionals about how she liked law school and what scores she got on the LSAT and all that dramatic things and stuff. That's cool.

Senate Chair Shelton: Vice Senate Chair Swaminathan

Vice Senate Chair Swaminathan: On October 8th, the save team and the safe organization on campus about sexual assault, advocacy, they are doing a trivial pursuit, tapering event, from 12 to 1:30 in the union, I believe. Um, if you guys go to every single table that talks about control and power, and its relation to sexual violence, um, you guys will be entered into a raffle, and I know we all love raffles, so I'm just like, when you guys walk through the union that day, make sure to check it out.

Senate Chair Shelton: Director of Finance Jovicic

Director of Finance Jovicic: All right, I got three things. One, uh, tomorrow, starting at 4 o'clock, 12-4 at JCPenney. The University of Akron is having the suit up week. There's a massive sale going on, for some items, 45% off all formal layer, considering we are all in the Senate, we wear forma to some extent, it's a great opportunity. Additionally, on Saturdays, the actual latin festival is going to be going on downtown. That's with downtown akron partnership. Those festivals are always so much fun. And then 3 weeks from today is Fleaji, which is a massive, a vintage market coming on campus. They sell some really nice clothes. We bring them from across the country to Akron for one day, 10% of all proceeds are going to Katie's kids, which is going to be down in North Canton to help out young children who don't have the money for extracurriculars in school. If

you have any money and would like some cool vintage clothes, keep, keep your eyes on the lookout for fleaji in three weeks.

Senate Chair Shelton: President Shaw

President Shaw: Hi, guys. Tuesday was National Federal Education Day. So just a reminder, if you were not registered vote, why not? You should be. And if you're registered to go in another state, make sure you request your absentee ballot, as they might take some time to get to where you are living on campus. But I highly recommend, if you have not registered a vote, or if you have not requested your absentee ballot, then you are registered to vote, to do so soon, because the election's coming out, they do cover

Senate Chair Shelton: After this, we're doing pass the gavel, which is a fun little game, where we pass around the gavel, and we say something, I'm gonna have us all do a fun fact. Or this is a poll, you guys want to do Rose, Bud, Thorn or one fun fact? Rose, Bud, Thorn? All right, we're doing Rose, Bud, Thorn. Rose, Bud, Thorn is one good thing going on in your life. One bad thing going on in your life, and one thing you're excited for. Okay anything else to openly express? Perfect.

VI. Advisor Report

Senate Chair Shelton: Moving on to the reports, starting off with our advisor report, giving by advisor, given by advisor Adams.

Advisor Adams: Just a couple quick announcements. One, Brittany wanted to remind everyone that when you're in office hours, that's, do you work for USG and not homework? So please be mindful of the work you're doing in office hours. And Dr. Messina asked me to give another plug for next Thursday evening. Drone show, it will be hosted by the president. If you're able to be there, please make it there!

Senate Chair Shelton: President Shaw.

President Shaw: The DLT report is not on the agenda, please add it somebody.

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Prough

Senator Prough: Motion to amend the agenda to add the DLT report after the financial report

Senator Simas: Second.

Senate Chair Shelton: All in favor please say aye

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay.

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

VII. Legislative Branch Report

Senate Chair Shelton: Hey, guys. Um, so we're interviewing for our COB and International Senator. Um, our first year senators will be coming in just a few weeks, so please make sure we are super welcoming when all of our new senators come in. That'll be four, four new faces, in our Senate. So please make sure you introduce yourself, talk about committees, talk about work you've done, give them ideas, support them, be super kind and friendly. Make them feel welcome. Town Hall. That's put on our listening ears. 11 1026. We also have just gotten a calendar invite about this from our Chief of Staff McCracken and. It's at 5 to 7 PM on a Tuesday. I assumed that most of us didn't have class at that time. I could be wrong. So if you do have something there at that time, please send me an email excuse. This is mandatory for senators, because this is an opportunity for members of our community who might not know that they can just come up to us and talk, or come up to our office, to come, see us, find us, it will be open forum, so there'll be, like, a QR code that they can type out their questions in, and it'll be proctored by me or another member of DLT. Just make sure that they aren't saying anything crazy. or... I don't know, I don't know what they could say, but I don't want to know. Um, yeah, so if you have any questions, please ask me. Or, uh, vice senate chair Swaminathan. As for emails, please make sure that we're following all the email rules that we have said at every other meeting. Um, yeah. If you have any questions, please talk to me, or another member of DLT

VIII. Judicial Branch Report

Senate Chair Shelton: We are now moving onto our judicial branch report, given by Chief Justice Reimer.

Chief Justice Reimer: Okay, so, we did have JB this week, unlike last week. It was very exciting. I missed all my little justices, um, and we had a great old time. Personal projects, all the associate justices are doing personal projects throughout the entire semester. So they all have to have a decision made by our meeting on Monday. So here we can see all the different projects that they've decided to do. So Associate Justice Adams will be reorganizing the USG teams. We were doing a records project in JB last year about this time that we kind of gave up on as former Chief Justice, Sam Stillion, did not want to do it anymore. He was being lazy about it. So, um, as so associate justice Adams will be kind of taking that on, um, as part of what she'll be doing. She'll probably just be doing a folder, 'cause I don't know if you guys have tried to venture into the depths of the folders of the teams, but they go so deep. It's crazy. Uh, so associate justice Dudziak, uh, will be making the website more accessible for students, um, so she'll have access to some of our, uh, accessibility checking tools, um, and so I will be meeting with her to get her set up with that. Um, because we do need to make our website accessible. Associate Justice Geib will be creating a document or a page on the website for every resource on campus to make things easier for students to find. We do have a campus resources tab on our website, but it's not very comprehensive. It's not like the date. So he'll be able to update that. Um, and that's probably gonna take a long time because there's so much on campus that you just can utilize. Executive Justice Groen is working with me on the website as well as records coordination. I don't know why that's on there, actually, because that's not a personal project, but I just copied this from the minutes, so... that's fine. Um, associate justice Jones will be working with USG to inform about, uh, NPHC, which is the National Panhellenic Council. So she should be coming into a Senate meeting soon to speak to you guys about what NPHC does. So that's really exciting, and hopefully she'll also be able to inform NPHC about what USG does. But that's been a little bit harder for her to be able to get done. But we'll see what she does with that. And then associate justice Papatonis will be doing an advocacy project with ASL. So she wants to host a tabling session for the month of September because that's, I believe, national deaf awareness month, so she is planning that out right now to bring some awareness to that. Because. Next, with student conduct, we had some interviews this week. so they're getting a new coordinator in their office, so me, Executive Justice Groen, um, and Associate Justice Adams was supposed to be there, and she couldn't make it,

unfortunately. But me and executive justice Groen were in doing those interviews. So that was super fun to be in there. At least I like the guy that I talked to at least, but I didn't see the other one. I heard tell that he was awkward, but I don't know. But that was super fun, a great experience for us. And then we're continuing on with those first year seminar presentations. So, I just have mine this week, and it was actually with the 1st year seminar class that I helped teach through the office of orientation programming. So that was really fun. Teaching my little students about USG, although they just wanted to leave at that point. But that was fine. The new student organization, the application of approval process opened on last Friday. We had 13 orgs that we outreached 2 on Friday, 15 total. As of I, when I wrote this, and now we're up to, I think, 17 or 18 different organizations that we are currently working through that process with. We reviewed one Constitution 'cause this guy was really pushy. Um, so that happened on Monday, and he's still working through some member roster stuff, so that should be approved soon. We have another one to approve or look over this Monday in our next meeting, and I don't know if we've received any other, um, constitutions or anything yet, but I don't know, because they don't like to CC me on those emails, because I don't know, students think that CC, you know, everybody on an email is scary or something. But I want to know what's going on. But we'll be working on approving those student organizations throughout the entire semester, because that process ends, I believe, the very last a week or the last day of finals week. Um, so that's very exciting to get into that process. Definitely a lot more orgs than last semester, so super fun. And then the USG website, we did a brief overview of the USG website, how to go on there and edit the different things, how to edit the membership list that we have on there. You should see that most of those headshot and bio things are adjusted to whatever you submitted to us. But there are some people that have not submitted, their website headshot and bio form yet. So that person may need to do that pretty soon here, but that's okay. We have some new members that also need to submit at this point in time. But those will be updated once we get those submissions in. We did go ahead and update the bylaws on the website, so I showed them how to put a PDF up on the website. That was really fun. Um, and yeah, just a reminder here to make sure you submit your headshot in bio form. And, um, before I move on to the name, any questions. Fantastic. Did you have a question?

Senator Pastoria: Where do I find this form?

Chief Justice Reimer: This one was sent out in the all USG emails for the past, I think, the first three weeks, first two weeks, something of that nature. But if you need it, I can also email it to you. Okay. Okay, moving on to the meme. Hold on a second. He needs to

get ready. Is he just flying, or is he stuck? Well, he might be stuck. No. Well, this is that guy where he goes. He, like, you got the framing right? And then he goes, Love you, bro. And then he counts down from three, and then he jumps off. But it's not working right now. But just know that that's what would happen, and it does, that is how I feel when I send my emails. Thank you.

IX. Executive Branch Report

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

President Shaw: Oh, hello. Give this a second, as well. Hi. Okay, um, EB report. So, of course, same reminder, same first reminders every week. Please read my email. There's a lot of fun, fun info in there. Lots of things for you to look at. Um, USG T-shirts. If you have not filled out that form yet, just a reminder that everybody's getting a shirt, so I do need everybody's size. Crewnecks, only if you're interested, indicate what size you would need for that. Um, that is linked here, that is not in this week's all USG. I think it might be, actually. I don't remember. But it's definitely in last week, so if you have not done that yet, please do that, or if not, our lovely director of communications will be reaching out to those who have not filled out, so. Please do that. Um, we have also received our budget from, um, the student affairs office. So we are working on different allocations to our internal accounts, and there will be a presentation and a vote coming on our budget next week. So, everybody be prepared. Um, additionally, there's a couple different things that I need people to do things with, maybe. Um... So, first is Zab mocktails. So if you don't know what Zab mocktails is, it's a competition where, of course, soon organizations, there's a theme in student organizations make, like, mocktails, which are, like, cocktails without the alcohol, of course. For alcohol, awareness month in October. Um, and we compete in the winners, the top three winners get, um, money towards their organization. We did, what was the theme? I know our theme, but what was the overall theme last year? I don't remember. It was like. Like TV or groups of something I don't remember, but we were Hamilton last year. We dressed up as Hamilton characters last year. Didn't win, which I was very disappointed in, but it's okay. Um, but this year, the theme is cities. So we have to pick a city and make a drink related to it. But if you're interested in that, that will be counted as a USG sponsor event. Um, that is Monday, October 12th from 7 to 9. Um, so please let me know if you're interested in that. Um, Serve Akron, make a difference day is also coming up, so that is something that the university has done for the past, I believe, 10-ish years, maybe a little bit longer, um, where we, there's a big group of people from, or students from the university, from different student organizations

usually. And we go out in the Akron community and just volunteer for a morning or an afternoon. It's a great way to fulfill your volunteering hours, which is why we always like to take a group with USG. Um, and we get to pick, um, kind of the location, either on or off campus of where we would like to go. Um, so that is Saturday, October 24th from 9 to 12. I know it's on a Saturday, but it's okay. Um, from 9 to 12, and if you are interested in that, there will be more information coming out hopefully next week. Um, from our deputy director of uh, community outreach. So, please look out for that. Um, and then additionally, um, RHC, the residence hall council, was holding their, um, students against multiple sclerosis, or Sam's, rock alike. That is a lip sync competition. Um, we, we won audience choice last year, so we got to keep up our report, our rapport with RHC and the, and the crowd there. So, um, that is coming up as well. Again, let me know if you're interested in doing that. That is Monday, October 26th at 8 PM. Um, okay. Thank you. So, yeah, that is the 26th at 8. Um... So again, just let me know if you're interested in that. Or if you have any questions about any of these things, let me know. And that was my report, so if anybody does have any questions. About anything? Yes.

Senate Chair Shelton: For the mocktail. Can we make it jelly bean? Chicago bean with jelly beans, like the Chicago bean. That's huge, actually.

President Shaw: That's a really good one. See, another recommendation I heard this week was we do a Pittsburgh thing. We do a Pittsburgh themed one, but it's pickle, because they have Picklesburg.

Senator Sterns: And then you have fries on them.

Vice Senate Chair Swaminathan: What about a D.C. ? Like, some cupcakes... some mocktails are, like, judicial themed. Some are legislative. Some are executive.

President Shaw: Cute. Okay, now we're cooking. Senator Sterns

Senator Sterns: I like the Chicago theme. That's like that's the Sears Tower, right?

President Shaw: I think so. Someone could dress up as a big building. Yeah, the sear's towers. Okay, circling everybody back in. If anybody has any recommendations for anything, even including what songs or, I know that Senator Marshall wants to, um, choreograph our dance for Sam's rock alike, but if anybody has any recommendations for cities or drink themes, or song recommendations, or anything like that, please let me know. And if you're interested, these are all really fun. So please let me know as well. There'll be more information coming out. Next week. Any questions? No. All righty, perfect. Thank you.

X. Finance Report

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

Director of Finance Jovicic: Hey, guys. We have exactly one thing on the finance report this week. Uh, Crumble Critics, give a random applause for them. We'll give it \$172 these guys. 48 cookies. Now, this is really all we have right now. We're gonna have more with the next few as we start moving to the election cycle and some of the stuff with that, but it's everything we've got right now. And then, as Maddie said earlier, sneak peek for next week, we will be talking about the budget. There will be a presentation. Um, which means we'll have some real numbers to look at. Any questions? Uh, Chief Justice Reamer.

Chief Justice Reimer: How do you say your last name?

Director of Finance: You-vi-Cheech.

XI. DLT Report

Senate Chair Shelton: Now moving onto the elections board report....Now moving onto the Directional Leadership Report report given by Vice President Spears.

Vice President Spears: It's a big day. My first deal to report, um, it's also a big day, 'cause it's Constitution Day. It is. 239 years ago. They put pen on paper. Bless up. But anyway, this week was really light. We ran over a lot of these things already, so I'm not gonna exhaust it. But we did a bonding activity, which we do every week. This week was a question of the day. Some really funny answers. So if you want to look at what musicals you might be in, what roles would be in, go look at those minutes that Vice Senate Chair McCracken sent out, branch updates, some things that weren't mentioned is that all team meetings are being finalized. excuse me. And committee meetings are being scheduled. USG participated in the HLC visit, the Higher Learning Commission, which is our accreditation with the state of Ohio, to remain a good institution. So, LB, I just put applicants, 'cause that was a big thing that I saw from our meeting, JB, Candidates for the First Year Senator meeting went well, a lot of people. And then they talked about this as well already. OSGS committee meetings are starting next week. There was a whentomeet sent out. So if you can choose to help with, uh, the OSGS Committee, uh, ask Chief of Staff McCracken, and then some upcoming events were already mentioned, remember, the next all USG meeting will be October 2nd. Any questions about the DLT? Alrighty, thank you.

XII. Elections Board Report

Senate Chair Shelton: Now moving onto our elections board report given by Director of Elections Chair Reimer

Elections Chair Reimer: You know, we're getting closer every day. drive. All right. Aren't you guys so glad to see me back up here? I know, it's your favorite part of the meeting. Whenever I'm up here these two times, first year senators closed last week on actually, last Thursday, 11:59 p.m. We had our candidates meeting this past Monday in this very room where you all are seeing right now. There were some unfortunate circumstances with this. We offer a virtual candidates meeting. It would be allowed for people who maybe cannot make this meeting time to watch virtually and then respond to certain questions to make sure they actually watch the video. And I was made aware by our former Chief Justice, Sam Stillion, that I may have left the video on mute. And I went back and I checked, and I did. So I had to refilm that and extend their deadline, but that's okay. Um, I guess it's a rite of passage, as the elections chair to just film a whole candidates meeting, a whole 30 minutes of elections on mute. But that's all right. The campaign will begin next Monday at 8 a.m. and then we have some candidate meet and greet next week in the Stream Union concourse on the 2nd floor. So it's right downstairs, right where the union market is. You go down there from 11 to 1, any of these three days, the 22nd, 23rd, 24th, which is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. You should be able to see some nice little young candidates there, look some fresh, youthful faces, jubilant faces, and please, as senators, go talk to them, engage with them, figure out why they want to be senators. It'll be very exciting for them to see people. Who are actually doing what they want to do. Um, and then nice to build a book with some people who may end up, you may end up working alongside of. Um, and that's all I have for you guys. You have any questions for me? Senator Bass.

Senator Bass: How many people did you have at the morning?

Elections Chair Reimer: I cannot disclose that information until Monday. Any other.. any other questions? We'll move on to the second meme of the day.

XIII. F.A.S.T. Committee Report

Senate Chair Shelton: Now moving onto our F.A.S.T. Committee report given by Senator Musgrave.

Senator Musgrave: Everybody, we had our first fast committee meeting, this previous Monday. Whoop, whoop. Um, we covered office hours and inspection.. or expectations. I think we crushed that part. Uh, individual updates, uh, Senator Flickinger is receiving a response from, uh, David Musar. I really don't know who that is. I'm sorry, guys. Oh, that's the PHOC guy. He'll be attending our meeting on the 21st. She's waiting for a response from Coma for their meeting on October 5th. She's waiting for a response about the bookstore, and then she's brainstorming snow plow initiatives. I'm still working on my maps, reaching out to Zipasist, I guess. Um, and reaching out to Senator Prough. I already talked to you about that earlier today. Um, Senator Mitchell is reaching out to Senator Sterns for bright space legislation, ideas, and context, and then, um, Senator Pastoria is reaching out to PFOC to look for black mold. That's all we got. Thank you.

XIV. A.P.S.S Committee Report

Senate Chair Shelton: Now moving onto our A.P.S.S. Committee report given by Senator Sterns.

Senator Sterns: All right, so... uh, Garin checked in the orientation office, and they have a bin full of whiteboards, so... we're gonna try to go forward with this white board event idea, so that would probably involve contacting, uh, events to make that happen, so that'll be... Well, after we get our new senators, that would be an APSS committee event going forward. And for individual updates, I'm gonna go on to the RHC meeting on the 22nd, and every week after that, from 5 to 7 p.m. And, uh, I was told that the USG feedback forms aren't in the dorms. Is that true? Anyone know that? Okay. So I will see if we can do that. And then I'm waiting for other information about other projects.

Vice Senate Chair Swaminathan: RHC BGMs are from 5:15 to 6:15.

Senator Sterns: 5:15 to 6:15? Yeah. Okay. Um, And Senator Prough, he had some meetings for the outdoor courts and the weather data projects. He's making some moves on those projects. So... we're all excited to see what you can do.

Senator Prough: Point of Order! There's a meme.

Senator Sterns: I'll try not to do that next week. Here's the meme. Thank you.

XV. S.E. Committee Report

Senate Chair Shelton: Now moving on to the Student Engagement Committee report given by Senator Kleinschmidt.

Senator Kleinschmidt: Okay, student engagement committee, we meet on Wednesdays, just a reminder in case you ever want to join us. So, some of our old business, we just went over campaign stuff, but that'll come up later, too, because that's also new business. Because it's a super ongoing project. So Senator Bass is looking into more consent campaign information for April. Um, and has met with hope and healing, like the hope and healing advocate for Akron. hoping to get the ball rolling on that sooner rather than later, just so that we can figure out what's going on, since it's still a very new campaign. Senator Dobson met with the dean of her college, and is looking to expand collaboration with specific majors within the college because it's very separated. And I think that's a great initiative. Um, I spent a lot of time collecting resources and information about sexual assault awareness month, and, uh, am looking into the feasibility of also working in child abuse awareness because, um, sexual assault does not just happen to adults, unfortunately. Um, the fact that it happens at all is terrible. And then Senator Marshall is doing further research into tabling in October. I believe has submitted the project request. Has not happened. That's okay. Um, and then talk to... talk to, I believe, a couple faculty members about the potential homecoming parade for next year. Um, and then organize an appropriate and fun sexual education week, which I think is also a great initiative. And then Senator Simas organized some membership details, followed up on composting and continued drafting AI legislation. And if you want to look at all of our action items, um, you may do so. Can you go back up real quick? Of course. I just want to point something out. So mine was to officially reach out to Dr. Goodrich to attend one of our meetings, and I have an update, because he responded. He will be at our meeting on September 30, if anybody wants to join us. Hey. And our Q of the D was, what is your favorite vine? We had a lot of extra participants. Any questions?

XVI. New Business

A. EO 22-26-27

Blake Kurtz was voted into the position of Social Media Strategist.

XVII. Adjournment

Senate Chair Shelton: Do we have any further business? Seeing none, we are adjourned.