



Legislative Branch

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2026-2027 All-USG Agenda

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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. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Senate Chair Shelton: May I entertain a motion for the adoption of the agenda. Senator Prough?

Senator Prough: Motion to adopt the agenda

Senator Musgrave: 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.

V. Approval of the 08.27.26 Minutes

Senate Chair Shelton: May I have a motion to adopt the 08-27-26 minutes.

Senator Sterns.: Motion to approve the 08-27-26 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 08-27-26 passes: The ayes have it.

VI. Open Student Expression

Senate Chair Shelton: Now moving on to open student expression.

Project Coordinator Wise: Guys, It's Sri's birthday tomorrow, can we sing happy birthday to her?

Senate Chair Shelton: I'll allow it.

All-USG: *Sings Happy Birthday*

Vice Senate Chair Swaminathan: Thank you guys!

President Shaw: A little more of a serious topic. Just want to give another reminder, um, just a little bit of advocacy, that September is suicide prevention awareness month. So make sure that you're taking care of yourselves, taking care of your peers. Don't be afraid to ask for help, especially with the beginning of the semester. Things can seem hectic And spirits can go down as semester starts. So just a general reminder, it's okay to ask for help. Um, if you see someone that is in need of help, um, for example, through zip assist, is, um, always a good resource, there's a lot of resources on campus, um, that your leadership can connect you too. So just another reminder, to look out for yourself and your peers.

Director of Campus & Community Outreach Senko: Um so tonight, there's a lot of zip sports going on. The men's soccer team plays at West Virginia tonight. at 7 PM. Our football team plays at Wake Forest tonight at 7 p.m. You can watch both of those on ESPN plus. And then our women's soccer team plays at home tonight at 6.30 PM. Woo, woo. Go Zips!

Senate Chair Shelton: Associate Justice Jones

Associate Justice Jones:Um, tonight is my sorority's school night, at 7:22 p.m. Um, I'm sorry about my breath. I was just lugging over the stuff up here. But we do have cookies lemonade, and we're giving out prizes. I think they're cool prizes, if i do say so what he myself. I did get them. Um, but yeah, if you guys want to join, because I know you guys won't be in senate because it will be over.

Senate Chair Shelton: Vice President Spears

Vice President Spears: I have the honor to soft launch. Jammie's at the jar. will be next Friday. This is an event where it's gonna be a sleepover at the JAR before a big day of Akron sports. So the women's volleyball team will play that morning, right as we wake up and wake up, the call will be the fight's song, waiting right for that game at 11 AM. and then there is the football game, the offensive coordinator the game would be a big push. In between those 2 things is the party on vine, hosted by athletics. So it's gonna be a big fun day. Just another way to kind of, you know, show school spirit, sleepover the jar, really fun idea. And then, since our Advisor Ferguson-Mike isn't here, I'll, um, want to talk about light up the night again, which is the 24th of this month. There will be a drone show and a festival. So after said on the 24th at coleman common.

Senate Chair Shelton: Membership Development Coordinator Roskam

Membership Development Coordinator Roskam: I also want to second Jammies at the JAR and I really wanted to announce it, but it's okay I didn't raise my plaque. But there's a lot more information that's gonna come out on the Rowsies Instagram page, if you guys want to follow.

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Kleinschmidt.

Senator Kleinschmidt: I'm a student member of the SAVE team, and they offer these trainings to come to different, um, student orgs. So if you're on the exec board of a student org or like any Greek life, that's just something to think about. If you go to their website, there's like a button that says, request a training.

Senate Chair Shelton: Vice Senate Chair Swaminathan

Vice Senate Chair Swaminathan: Kind of bouncing off of that. SAVE team has a club called SAFE. Students advocating for empowerment, and I know a lot of you guys are political science majors, are really interested in advocacy. We will be hosting a series of workshops and panels, um, where we invite Summit county prosecutors, office individuals, and also just, um, mental health and sexual advocacy professionals, and you guys can actually get trained to be, um, rape advocates, per se. So if you guys are interested, our first meeting is September 14th, um, Tuesdays at from 5 to 6 in Bierce, 140... 154.

Senate Chair Shelton: Anything else for open student expression? Perfect. Now, I'm moving on to our guest speaker, vice president and general counsel, Mia Yaniko.

VII. Speaker: Mia Yaniko

VIII. Advisor Report

Senate Chair Shelton: All right, now moving on to branch reports. Starting with our advisors report. Advisor Adams

Advisor Adams: Just a quick note for everyone. Coleman Commons has opened. So that should all be cleaned up very shortly. I would like to thank Mia for coming, I will tell you legal counsel is always wonderful to work with. It's always best to ask a question, prior to interacting in a negative way on campus. And that's all I have.

IX. Legislative Branch Report

Senate Chair Shelton: All right, now moving on to the legislative branch report given by Senate Chair me.

Senate Chair Shelton: So... we are almost filled with our COB vacancy. How exciting. We're extending an offer tonight, and we'll let you know when they accept. Would any returning senators, so senators who've been here more than a year. like to take on another Mentee? Rylee? I got it down my mental notes. All senators have now been assigned a committee. Please make sure you're aware when you're set, uh...

Chief Justice Reimer: Point of privilege, can you please zoom in a little bit? It's hard to see in the back. Sorry.

Senate Chair Shelton: I can figure out how to do that. here.. Oh. Oh, no. Okay. No, no, no, no. Oh, beautiful. Better?

Chief Justice Reimer: Yes. Thank you. All right.

Senate Chair Shelton: Please make sure you know when you're going to do your meeting, and attend regularly. Uh, S.E. is at Wednesdays 5 to 6. Uh, Facilities, Amenities, Service, and Transportation (F.A.S.T) is Mondays, 3:30 to 4:30. And then A.P.S.S., to be determined, but the moment I have that information, I will get that up to. And committee chairs and vice chairs will be disseminating all committee information to senators. So, you won't be getting that for me. Senate mentorship program. All of our mentors and mentors are sitting next to each other. Wow. It's not like we designed it that way. But, um, yeah, here's our mentor-mentee list. If you have any questions and you're scared to ask me or Sri, we're really good. Uh, Mentors are good resources if you want to write legislation, you need, you're gonna need a buddy. All pieces of legislation require 2 signers, so it's a good place to start. And then more information about that will be given at the end of today. Please make sure you're CCing the right people and having emails approved. Pretty please. Um, And if you have any concerns about committee mentorship or anything, Senate related, please feel free to email or text me or talk to me, your choice. Moving on to the judicial branch report given by Chief Justice Reimer.

X. Judicial Branch Report

Chief Justice Reimer: Yep. Better.

Senate Chair Shelton: Wonderful. I thought I fixed that, but I guess I did not. Mm, I don't know. I'll go in the middle today. All right. Um, so for J.B. this week, we just got a couple of updates. We actually left 15 minutes early from our two hour meeting on

Monday. So, uh, not too shabby if I do say so myself. And so we started our junior justice program this week, which is basically I'll have a lovely young little associate justice next to me that will be calling all the point of orders for that meeting, or at least the ones that they feel comfortable calling. So, I'm sure all of you noticed that Associate Justice Geib is sitting in the back right next to me at this meeting. All of you were very aware of this when you walked into the room, you were sitting there just like, I wonder why. Associate Justice Geib was sitting next to Chief Justice Reimer at this meeting. Well, that would be why. So make sure you guys mess something up so that way he gets a chance to point a word to you. Additionally, last week, we had our meeting with the Department of Student Conduct. It was super fun. I was sitting there enjoying my life, and all of a sudden, I got a notification that I had a meeting. I totally forgot about it, but we made our way over there. Um, a lot of what we talked about were, um, the 1st year seminars. So every year we help them present to the first year seminars information about the department of student conduct, and at the end, we get to do a little plug for USG, more particularly the election cycle. But there's been a little bit of a change in how that works this year. So usually it was like a week or so at the very beginning of the semester. Now it's gonna be spread throughout the entire semester. If you know the deadline, which will be brought up later, for the 1st year senator election cycle is September 10th. So instead of doing just the election cycle, we'll be giving a little bit of information about what USG is. Um, so we all signed up for that. And then I have sent President Shaw an email with a link to so that everybody else can sign up. There's like, I think, 4 or 5 extra slots open. So if you're available for any times to help with these 1st year seminars, you're just gonna go in. There's a script for the presentation, you help give the presentation, and you talk about USG at the end. It really easy. A lot of us have done it in the past. Associate justices, what did you think when you did that last year? Was it easy?

Associate Justices: Yeah, It was easy.

Chief Justice Reimer: So it's really easy, and it'll count as a USG sponsored event as well for you. So you get that hour in there. So, um, hopefully information will be going out about that, uh, either in this week or next week, depending upon when that happens. Um, we also voted on the bylaw amendment that all of you guys made last week. So we had originally voted on the bylaws on Monday, and then you guys made that amendment, so we had to vote on the bylaw amendment so that we approve the amendment. Um, so now, since we voted in favor of that amendment, that amendment is also in effect. Because last week, it wasn't in effect, because only you guys had voted on it, but now it's in effect. Um, so that's really great and fantastic. Also, we started records coordination this week,

so there should be emails that are currently being sent to people who are in charge of records, and you'll be meeting with our associate justices, and they're gonna tell you what kind of things that they want from you, whatever documents. So those are being done this week. And then, last but not least, we talked about the newsletter, so every month we have a newsletter that goes out in Zip mail that we also put up on our website. I'm just talking about what USG did during the semester. So we just went over that and made sure everybody knew what was expected of them for that. So that was really great. And now we can do the meme. Thank you. Oh, any questions? Oh, wow. Yes, Senator Sterns.

Senator Sterns: Who's Peter Cullen?

Chief Justice Reimer: Um... It's the voice of He was the voice of Ewer in Optimus Prime. Yes, the voice of you are in Optimus Prime. Any other questions? Uh, Senator Bass.

Senator Bass: Um, sorry. Um, whatever your title is. And I have kind of, like, strange question. Have we do the 1st year seminar? Yes. Outreach, would that count as an outreach requirement? That would be up to your branch leadership, so I would ask them and see if they would be willing to count that for you.

Senate Chair Shelton: Yes. Okay, I'm sorry, that would count for probably, yeah, one of those hours.

Senator Bass: Okay, double dip. I love it.

Chief Justice Reimer: Well, no, not a double dip. It's only one dip. You only get the count it as for one of those things. But, yes, it would count, so you don't worry.

President Shaw: As long as it promotes feedback.

Chief Justice Reimer: It does promote the feedback form. Anybody else? Wonderful. Thank you guys.

XI. Executive Branch Report

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

President Shaw: Hi, guys. There you go. Hi, everybody. Um, long report today, I apologize, but I'll get through it quick. I promise, there's a lot of important things in here. Um, so, another reminder, um, All-USG email. I sent it out on Monday, and a lot of you have been answering this week's question, which is great. Keep doing that. Just a reminder, next week, we don't have class on Monday. University's closed. So my email would be going out Tuesday morning. So keep an eye out for that. Um, additionally, office hours. So office hours have begun this week. So be sure to be completing those, and at the end of every week, make sure to submit the office hour form, kind of reporting. When your office hours were, what you did, um, just so we had that documented. Additionally, headshot and bioform. So, um, if you have not already, please submit your headshot bio for our USG website. Um, that's where all of these are linked on the document that you were sent. So, easy access there. Um, so please submit that by, um, Friday the 4th, so tomorrow, so we can update our website. Homecoming nominations. So, if you are eligible and interested in being nominated for homecoming court for USG, there's a form that is linked on this document as well. Um, there are some different requirements for being nominated for homecoming court. So, um, you must be senior status at the university, which means you have completed, um, 90 credits or more. Um, you have, you possess a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, and you must be in good standing with the University of Akron, but you're all in USG, so you are already all in good standing. So, as long as the other two are done, and you are interested in being in that election that is happening next week. Yes? Homecoming?

Vice President Spears: Friday and then Tuesday evening.

President Shaw: Thank you. So yeah, that voting will be tomorrow, starting tomorrow. Um, and the formal close, the end of Senate, or, like, 630 around there? So, um, if you're interested, that phone closes very soon. So, please get that submitted. Additionally, I need some representatives for some things. So, um, Aramark's Student Food Committee, um, is, of course, the student food committee on the Aramark. Three students are needed to serve on this committee. They're appointed for the whole academic year, and attend meetings on the 3rd Friday of every month at 12 p.m. at Robs.. They act as a liaison between dining services and the student body. They provide different feedback, recommendations, and engage in discussions with the dining team to enhance and promote the dining program, and they work with the dining team to educate the student body about special events, promotion, meal plans, and surveys, innovation, I don't know. And special projects like dining services. This is the reason that we got rid of the campus dining experience committee in USG, because we already have a committee at the university, they handle setting, and we have representatives on that anyway. So, um, the

only thing is to be on this. I think it says is that you need a meal plan. Um... That is the only requirement, um, to be on this committee. Would anybody be interested? Garen? Beautiful. Okay. Give me a second. Anybody else? Genni. Lovely. We need one more. Mia? Beautiful. Thanks, guys. Thank you. All right, so I will be, um, forwarding your names and all of your lovely, little information to, um, Heather Piper in dining. So, be on the lookout for email communications from her, so, thank you, guys. Um, additionally, mental task force still needs a chair. Um, is anybody interested in that right this second? If not, I might be hunting down some people that I think would be good, so speak now or forever, hold your peace. Mental health task force, as a reference, is, of course, a committee that we have in the executive branch. It just handles anything mental health related. Um, they usually hold events in different initiatives, collaborate with zip assist on some certain things, um, different fun things, um, like that. It's pretty open to, um, whatever you would like to do with the committee, mental health wise, um, sometimes we get to apply for different grants from the university so we can hold events, different things like that. Would anybody be interested right off the bat? Or no? If not, Colette? Yeah. Okay. Beautiful. I'm intrigued. Cool. Awesome. Thank you, guys. Um, one more thing regarding committees. Um, if you remember back in the spring, if you were, um, at that inauguration meeting, um, you filled out a form, um, indicating any interest in university council, um, committees. Um, I am making those appointments this weekend, um, and getting those times and everything. So, see, um, keep an eye out for emails from me regarding, um, which committees I think you would all fit best on. I'll also provide the times, the dates and times of the committees, like I said, last spring. It's one hour per week. Once a month. So pretty low commitment. If you can still do that time, let me know if you can't. Let me know. Um, but we want at least two USG members per, um, university council committee, so... keep an eye out for that.

Um, okay, and then the last thing is my faculty senate report. So, um, as president, I get to serve on both university council and faculty senate, um, and I usually like to report back some of the important information that they've disseminated to us, um, at those meetings. So, um, Vice President Spears and I had that meeting right before this, so I have some highlighted notes, um, that were talked about in faculty Senate. So starting off with chair remarks, \$150,000 was granted to the Faculty Research Grant for faculty members at the university, which is very exciting. Um, the universe, that was from donor dollars. So the university originally got rid of the faculty research grant at the end of last year, but a donor was gracious enough to grant \$150,000. Back to that grant for our faculty members, which is very exciting. Additionally, something that is happening is we are, the university is getting a visit from the higher learning commission. It is September 14th and 15th. And this commission comes and visits the university after a 10 year comprehensive

evaluation. And they come back to kind of see how we continue to meet different accreditation standards. So it's making sure that the University of Akron is up to code with accreditation and things like that. Um, that's something fun that's happening, I guess. Um, in meeting, we also made a couple, We did a couple voting for ratification, so we approved, let me see, nine program proposals and two course proposals. Um, we also ratified the summer 26 graduation list. Um, Provost remarks, um, just wanted to update that the search for the College of Engineering and Polymer Science, um, Dean is underway, so they're actively searching and hiring, um, a new dean, hopefully, maybe by the end of the semester, we'll see how that goes. Let me see. Something else from the provost. Innovation Day. So innovation day is something that the university is starting. It is October 29th, and that is, they will release more information, but that's basically any student involvement for any research or anything that people would like to present. Um, so, like I said, if they're, I believe it's an application basis, Vice President Spears, if I'm right, the innovation day? Yes. Um, so that'll just be, like, presenting a research project. Um, so more information will be coming out on that, and then we already talked about it once, but Light Up The Night festival in Coleman Common is also September 24th from 6:30 to 9 with a drone show at 8:30. Lastly, um, the curriculum review committee, they also, um, voted to ratify two programs and four course reviews. for classes at across campus. That is all I have for Faculty Senate, and my report. Does anybody have any questions? About anything I went over? Yes.

Vice Senate Chair Swaminathan: What is University Council of Faculty Senate for new senators?

President Shaw: Thank you. Yes. University Council and Faculty Senate are two governing bodies for the faculty staff administration on campus. So university council mainly deals with strategic planning of the university. Within university council, like I mentioned a little bit earlier, they have 6 to 8 different committees, focus on different things on campus, so that's communications, physical environment. Um, Oh my goodness, finance. Institutional advancement. There's a whole bunch of different things that they focus on. But it's basically a governing body to improve the strategic planning and the strategic operations of the university. Whereas faculty senate is more focused on the academic side of the university. So, like I mentioned, like, we approved, like, program and course proposals. Anything really academic related goes to faculty senate, and anything strategic planning for the university goes to university council. Good question. Anything else? Beautiful. Thank you, guys.

XII. Finance Report

Senate Chair Shelton: Now I'm moving on to the finance report given by Vice President Spears.

Vice President Spears: Hello? Um, I know, uh, director of finance Jovacic, looks little different this week. He had a prior engagement at his fraternity. So I'm here giving a really lengthy and really expensive USG finance report. Spent five bucks. We got some markers for the USG office, so we can keep updating that milkshake counter. Any questions? Yes.

Senate Chair Shelton: How many milkshakes are you adding personally to that counter?

Vice President Spears: Um, like in Parliamentary. Uh, no, uh, zero so far. Senator Sterns.

Senator Sterns: What color were the markers?

Vice President Spears: Chief of Staff McCracken?

Chief of Staff McCracken: Multicolored.

Vice President Spears: Senator Pastoria

Senator Pastoria: What's the counter at?

Vice President Spears: Eight or nothing. Director Senko.

Director Senko: I've added two.

Vice President Spears: Alrighty. Thank you very much.

XIII. Elections Boards Report

Senate Chair Shelton: All right, now moving on to the elections board report given by election chair Reimer.

Elections Board Chair Reimer: All right. Not too much this week. Things are about the same, because the application is just open, so application open, it closes on September 10th, if you know any first year students, tell them to apply. Um, looking at all of you guys, because you may know first year students. Anyways, the candidates' meeting is also impending. Um, should be coming up pretty soon here. I'm sure I see lots of you like that verb. Um, so that'll be very exciting. So be aware. There will be a day. And there will be

a candidates meeting, and so I'm preparing for that, so that's what we did in a lot of our elections board meeting was preparing for that, talking about the presentation, everything like that. Um, any questions before the meme? Okay, we can go to the meme now. Thank you, guys. wait.

XIV. F.A.S.T. Committee Report

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

Senator Flickinger: Hi, everyone. I'm Senator Flickinger. I will be serving as the committee chair for the F.A.S.T. Committee. Um, F.A.S.T. committee, so fast stands for facilities, amenities, services, and transportation. So, we work on things like transportation issues and accessibility and went to the facilities on campus. So a big thing that we do is, um, what's called a F.A.S.T. tour. So we will go to buildings and check out, you know, the accessibility and how the facilities are looking in that building. and kind of reporting any issues that we see, so... Yeah, that's basically it. Thanks, guys. Yep.

Senator Prough: Don't these F.A.S.T. tours also count for USG sponsored events?

Senator Flickinger: They do count as usually sponsored events. Guys, show up. Um, they're pretty simple. We just walk around buildings and say, Hey, that staircase doesn't look good.

Senate Chair Shelton: What time do you meet?

Senator Flickinger: Our... It was already mentioned, but... Oh, mention it again. We meet on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30. We will not be meeting next week, because, well, yeah. We're not meeting next week as Labor Day. More questions?

Senator Bass: Can you pronounce your last name for those of us who are here?

Senator Flickinger: Just say how you want. My dad and his twin sister say it two different ways, so... Okay. It really doesn't matter. Anyone else?

XV. 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: Good evening, everyone. Hello! New senators, welcome. I'm Noah. I'm the head of the APSS committee, which stands for Academic Policy and Student Success. Senator Prough over here is also our vice committee chair, so welcome to him, as well. Some of the things that we have worked on, I myself worked on last year, a policy to, um, a legislation that was sent up and passed to have professors, uh, consistently put grades into the grading section of BrightSpace, uh, your assignments. Um, I was told last that they were working on implementing that, so I don't know how they went, but, um, and Garren, last year, worked on putting a new recreational, new recreational space somewhere at the university. Issues arose. Anyway, happy to be here. Happy to have you all

XVI. S.E. Committee Report

Senate Chair Shelton: Now moving on to the student engagement committee given by Senator Kleinschmidt.

Senator Kleinschmidt: We actually have a very productive committee meeting, which I was not expecting for the first meeting, but good job. Senator Simas is the vice chair. He's doing a very good job. So, we did introductions first. Our fun fact was what our middle names were, and I thought that was fun. And then, uh, Senator Simas and I went over what the student engagement committee does. So for anybody who isn't aware, 'cause I wasn't really last year, we are supposed to, like, go about legislation and having meetings with different people, about student orgs on campus, and making sure that students feel engaged and happy here. Um, and then building connections with the appropriate departments within the university. So that would be, like, meeting with the Department of Student Conduct, maybe, or athletics, or really anybody you can think of, because students are part of everywhere in the university. And then, we went over old business, which is the sexual violence campaign that we must conduct. We decided that we will do that during April. It can be during October, but we figured that's not a lot of time to plan something, but we still want to do something less involved during October, so maybe something like tabling. Um, and then new business. I don't know why that's not updated. But there's more there. Um, most of us are looking for projects. Um, Senator Marshall has a lot of great ideas, uh, that she's already working on, and Senator Simas has some

great ideas that he's already working on, and that's great, and I'm so happy about the energy. Um, One of Senator Marshall's ideas is bringing back the homecoming parade, and that would be really cool. You can scroll down. Cool. That's true. Thank you. Um, and movies in the union theater, which would also be really cool. Um, and then Senator Simas is attempting to open a composting program, which would be super cool. I know that I feel, um, guilty throwing away food scraps, so I think that would be a very nice thing to engage in. Action items, reaching out to certain people, and or looking for projects and brainstorming. And then our Q of the D was, what is the silliest thing that got you to genuinely laugh recently? And those are our answers. Any questions? Thank you. Oh, I'm sorry.

Senate Chair Shelton: When do you meet?

Senator Kleinschmidt: Oh, we meet Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It's right now. Yay.

XVII. Project Coordination Report

Senate Chair Shelton: Now moving on to the project coordination report given by Project Coordinator Viator.

Project Coordinator Viator: Hi, guys. I'm the only executive branch director to submit a report. And it's mostly, whoa, to beg you guys to start planning events, please, for the love of God. So we had our 1st meeting this week. and we got to know each other a little bit because everybody in this team is new except for me. And, um, and then I told everybody how to access everything, and I'd gotten everybody admin access on RooConnect, and we're all onboarding, and everything's good. Um, Yeah, so we're gonna jump right in and start planning events, you know, or helping people plan events and submitting all the forms that you guys, who are planning events, who should submit the form. It's all updated. If you go to... Sorry. If you go to the USG SharePoint, there's one of the 1st links that you can see is how to plan an event. If you go there and you submit the form, you can plan an event with us, and everything will be so awesome and cool, and I'll be happy. Thank you guys, please. Um, so, and then, yeah, I'm working on a town hall event that was started before the semester, so I just kind of picked that back up.

Coordinator Wise is our election liaison, and then coordinators, Adams, Bialec, and Director Hajec have nothing to do. So please, for the love of God, submit things. Please. Thank you. Any questions? Okay.

XVIII. New Business

A. Voting on EO 20-26-27

Roll is called. EO 20-26-27 Passes.

B. University Council Presentation

Senate Chair Shelton: Now, moving on, we are going to swear you guys in after our new business. Our university council presentation, given by vice president President Shaw.

President Shaw: Hello, I'm back. Um... alrighty. So, um, topic at hand, we need to, um, vote to represent, um, appoint a representative for university council. So you heard me talk a little bit about university council earlier. Maybe? There we go. Yes. So you heard me talk a little bit more about university council earlier, but this is a little bit more about what you may be doing as a representative if you are interested. Um, so university council meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 3 to 4:30 in person. They're in Lee Hall, I believe, 208. Representative.. University Council is the representative and legislative body that deliberates and makes recommendations directly to the board of trustees at the university president. Like I mentioned earlier, they focus on strategic planning, university policy, and other subset of matters related in the strategic direction and the operations of the university. Um, so within student government, um, we elect three voting USG representatives. One of those representatives will be the USG President for the bylaws, so myself, and then two representatives will be elected from the USG General membership. One is currently, um, director of finance, Djordje Jovicic, um, and we are voting on one representative today. Um, then the only requirement is, you must attend all university council meetings. We are once a month. Like I said, the second Tuesday from 3 to 4:30. Um, and then, don't do that yet. And then we need to collect nominations. Yeah.

Senate Chair Shelton: Are there any nominations? We're gonna stand here in silence till there's one.

President Shaw: It could be a self nomination or a nomination for another person as well. This can be anybody, by the way. Correct. Senator Musgrave?

Senator Musgrave: Senator Flickinger.

Senate Chair Shelton: Do you accept?

Senator Flickinger: I accept.

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Prough?

Senator Prough: Rescind.

Senate Chair Shelton: Anybody else? Elections are a lot more fun when more than one person is. Senator Prough?

Senator Prough: I'll nominate myself for fun. Make it fun.

Senate Chair Shelton: All these smiling faces, not one of them?

Senator Musgrave: Oh. Can I nominate someone else?

Senate Chair Shelton: Yes, you can.

Senator Musgrave: Senator Sterns.

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Sterns, do you accept?

Senator Sterns: When was that council?

Senate Chair Shelton: Uh, every Tuesday from 3 to 4:30.

President Shaw: Every second Tuesday.

Senate Chair Shelton: Every second Tuesday from 3 to 4:30.

Senator Sterns: All right, I respectfully decline.

Senate Chair Shelton: All right. Senator Prough.

Senator Prough: I'm gonna nominate Senator Simas?

Senate Chair Shelton: Do you accept?

Senator Simas: Uh, I decline.

Senate Chair Shelton: Ciel, Wise?

Project Coordinator Wise: Am I allowed to nominate someone?

Senate Chair Shelton: Yes.

Project Coordinator Wise: I nominate Senator Kleinschmidt

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Kleinschmidt, do you accept?

Senator Kleinschmidt: I accept.

President Shaw: I do want to let you all know, it could be other members as well. It doesn't just have to be senators. So, just to throw that out there. It could be DLT too. Anybody.

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator Sterns? Um, I nominate, uh, Director Hajec.

Director Hajec: No.

Senate Chair Shelton: Final call? Oh, Senator Prough.

Senator Prough: Uh, I'm gonna nominate, uh, Director Senko

Senate Chair Shelton: Director Senko, do you accept?

Director Senko: No.

Senate Chair Shelton: All right. Moving on.

President Shaw: Um, so this is a secret ballot, meaning that everybody in the room can vote on it, please. Um, and then the directions on there, sorry, Noah. The directions on there, um, will be to indicate whether you, who you vote for, I guess, or you can abstain if you so please. So I'll give it a minute, leave this up there. Yes.

Executive Justice Reimer: Can we try to let the nominees to speak on behalf of themselves, or the nominators to speak on the behalf of the nominees, or are we just... Would the nominees like that? It's okay to say no.

Senator Musgrave: Oh, I already submitted my vote.

President Shaw: If anybody wants to. Yeah. Just raise your placard and you can speak.

Associate Justice Geib: If there is debate, is it open to anyone in the room?

Senate Chair Shelton: I don't think there's debate, but it would be open to anybody in the room. Okay, there can be debate, but... Do you have something to debate? Uh, Vice Senate Chair Swaminathan

Vice Senate Chair Swaminathan: I think it would be very, very nice to have a senator. Are they all senators, right?

President Shaw: Yes.

Vice Senate Chair Swaminathan: I rescind whatever I was gonna say.

Senate Chair Shelton: Senator, Flickinger?

Senator Flickinger: Motion to open debate.

Chief Justice Reimer: Second.

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

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay.

Senator Musgrave: Nay

Senator Prough: Division

Senate Chair Shelton: Division declined. All right, we are... debate is not open. So...

President Shaw: Can I say something really quick? I'm going to delete all responses since we're in debate, um, so everybody will have to vote again, when debates over. Thank you.

Senate Chair Shelton: Debate is open for all. Senator Simas.

Senator Simas: Motion to close the debate.

Senator Prough: Second.

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

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Shelton: All opposed, nay.

Associate Justice Geib: Nay.

Executive Justice Reimer: Point of order, Is that how that works? No, uh, you would have to decide whether or not the ayes or the nays have it. The ayes would have it, theoretically, that's how it was.

Senate Chair Shelton: Well, I don't want to hurt. Associate Justice Geib's feelings, but it's... it's I. Okay. Okay. Well, I guess then debate is closed, then.

President Shaw: Give me one second. Okay. Okay. If everybody can please vote again. Thank you.

Senate Chair Shelton: When you're done voting, please put down your phone so I know that you're done. Does anybody else need more time? Seeing none. Senator Kleinschmidt, you are now the representative. Moving straight along, we're going to move into our swearing in

C. Swearing In of Rachel Konkoly and Hadley Bialek

XIX. Adjournment

Senate Chair Shelton: Is there any final business? Seeing none, we are adjourned.