DLT NEWSLETTER

Here's what has happened this summer and what's to come!

Directional Leadership Team:

- The Directional Leadership Team (DLT) was hard at work over the summer filling vacant positions. Overall, DLT gave 17 applicants interviews over this summer, filling 14 positions.
- With USG's previous advisor leaving the University last summer, DLT worked to find qualified replacements that will benefit USG as a whole organization.
- Staffed a USG breakout session at 20 orientation days this summer to share what USG is to incoming students, as well as promote vacant positions.
- Cleaned the USG office in preparation for a new school year!

Executive Branch Updates:

- Worked with USG's former advisor, LGBTUA, and the Student Union, to permanently install the most inclusive pride flag in the Student Union Piano Lounge, along with a plaque describing the initiative.
- USG was awarded with a Ohio Dept. of Higher Education Grant for 50k to put towards student safety on campus and related projects/initiatives.
- With the help of SOuRcE, began revamping the RooClusive Space in Shrank Hall with purpose of this space being to provide office, meeting, and collaborative spaces to student organizations.

Legislative Branch Updates:

- Created standardized templates for all work related to the Legislative Branch, i.e legislation, reports, project trackers.
- Created improved onboarding plans, presentations, and documents to help members ease into new positions.
- Modified and added to the Senate Clerk position to increase the responsibilities and value of the role.
- Added accountability checks for Senators and Committee Chairs.

Judicial Branch Updates:

- Reviewed, formatted, and amended the USG governing documents.
- Updated and improved on onboarding documents and processes to increase Associate Justice participation.
- Met with the Dept. of Student Conduct to discuss fall programing.
- Began planning and excecuting the fall Election Cycle.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Student Leadership Summit: Monday, Sept 15th @5:15-6:30 p.m. in SU CDE

USG Fall Elections Candidate Meet and Greets: 9/22, 9/23, 9/24 from 12 to 1 in SU Concourse

Safety Walks, TENTATIVE DATES: Sept 25th, Oct 16th, 7:00-8:00p

All-USG MTG, Oct 2nd in SU 314

USG Retreat, Oct 24th, 5:00-8:00p (More details to come!)

Ohio Student Government Summit: Jan 31st and February 1st

Elections Updates:

- The Fall Election Cycle has begun, as a reminder, only first year students can apply and vote!
  - The First Year election application is open until September 11th at 11:59pm
- There will be several Candidate Meet and Greets, that USG members are encouraged to attend.
  - These are 9/22, 9/23, and 9/25 from 12-1pm in the Student Union Concourse
- Voting will open on 9/29 and all first year students will receive a link to an individualized ballot in their UAkron email.

Events:

- **New Roo Orientation** (all summer): Provided a USG breakout session/presentation at 20 orientation programs.
- **Akron Bicentennial Parade** (July 5th): Walked the parade as representatives of USG and the University of Akron, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the City of Akron.
- **DLT Retreat** (July 27th): Gathered to discuss goals for the upcoming year, revise the bylaws, and determine how to move forward with the vacant advisor position.
- **Akron Pride Parade** (August 23rd): Participated and represented USG at the Akron Pride Parade, handing out free shirts and celebrating Zips Pride!
- **Welcome Back Carnival** (August 23rd): Tabled along with other campus organizations to inform new students of what USG is, as well as how to get involved with USG.
- **Roofest** (August 24th): Tabled with over 200 clubs to get new students involved in USG.

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