UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWSLETTER

September 2025

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Executive Branch hosted USG's annual Student Leadership Summit on September 15th. Presentations were given by President Shaw, Vice President Tsige and Director of Finance Damson to inform students about how we operate our finances, both internally and externally, and how organizations can obtain different forms of funding. The presentations were followed by roundtables where attendees discussed topics like prioritizing balance, innovation and growth, engagement and involvement, and building connections. A total of 41 students attended the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Self Defense Class with UAPD
- 10/28 at 7pm in Student Union Ballroom CDE

Night at the Akron Art Museum
- 11/5 at 4pm

Tailgate with the AK-ROWDIES
- 11/11 from 5:30-6:30pm outside of Infocision Stadium

Safety Walk (Power Street)
- 11/13 from 7pm-8pm

USG IS PARTICIPATING IN...

Rootbeer Kegger
- 10/16 from 8pm-10pm

Make a Difference Day
- 10/25

BRANCH UPDATES

Legislative Branch (LB)

Student Engagement Committee (S.E.)
- They are researching the possibility of recycling medicine bottles.
- They have started an initiative on Consent Awareness.

Academic Policy and Student Success Committee (A.P.S.S.)
- Looking into standardizing the way professors post grades in Brightspace.

Facilities Amenities Services and Transportation Committee (F.A.S.T.)
- In talks regarding legislation for University Bridge.
- F.A.S.T Accessibility tours.

Executive Branch (EB)

The Communications Team
- The team now has a content calendar!
- The USG shirts design has been finalized and will be ordered soon.

The Project Coordination Team
- They have received nine events!

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (D.E.I.) Team
- They have successfully collaborated with ZAB for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Judicial Branch (JB)

- The Judicial Branch onboarded two new members, assigning mentors to help them transition into their roles.
- The branch also helped the Department of Student Conduct present the Code of Student Conduct to First Year Seminar courses.
- JB met with UAkron Park to discuss how USG can help them connect to the student body.
- They are also continuing to organize the old records in the Microsoft Teams.

External Committees

Campus Dining

Voting for the new food options in Polsky:

- Einstein Bagels vs Rising Roll

Mental Health Task Force

- Working on an event with LGBTUA for early November.
- Attended a Safety Walk with the UAPD and ZipAssist.

Historical Records

- Six years ago this month, Aramark came as a guest speaker to Senate to discuss rebranding Rob's and Zee's, changing the hours of food places in the student union, and creating guide maps for dining services.
- Six years ago, the Diversity Committee put on a Know Your Rights Panel, which touched on interacting with police and immigration.

Elections Updates

- The Fall 2025 Election Cycle has concluded!
- Two First-Year Senators were elected, Austin Sonntog and Cheyenne Blankenship!
- 2.7% of the first-year population voted in this semester election cycle.
- The Elections Board held three Candidate Meet and Greets, and one Voting Tabling event.

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Want to get involved?

Apply to open positions here!

- Greek Life Liaison (NPHC)
- Greek Life Liaison (IFC)
- Associate Justice