RATIONALE FOR EXECUTIVE ORDER 22-20-21
Black Excellence Commission
December 1st, 2020

At the University of Akron, the Black Excellence Commission serves as an advocate for the African American population and the governing body for the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB), Student African American Sisterhood (SAAS), Black Students United (BSU), National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Fashion and Professionals United (FAPU), Black Organization of STEM Students (B.O.S.S.), Renew Ministries (Faith Based Organization), and 18:20 (Faith Based Organization). Other governing bodies, like the Inter-Fraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Undergraduate Student Government, Graduate Student Government, and the Student Bar Association, receive annual funding allocations from the Vice President of Student Affairs, in consultation with USG, GSG, and SBA. As a governing body without this type of funding consideration, the Black Excellence Commission should be granted the same privileges other governing bodies have and hereafter be considered for such funding. With the support of BEC leadership, Vice President Allen and I bring this Executive Order before the Senate for confirmation and ask for your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

Kevin A. Feezel
Student Body President

Stevie R. Allen
Student Body Vice President
By the virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution of the undergraduate student body of The University of Akron, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. Undergraduate Student Government will recognize, effective immediately, the Black Excellence Commission as a governing body and will be confirmed upon two-thirds (2/3) vote approval of the Senate.

2. As a governing body, the Black Excellence Commission should have the privileges of such a body—specifically those of annual funding allocations by the Vice President of Student Affairs, in consultation with USG, GSG, and SBA.

3. This recognition and consideration for annual funding allocations, upon affirmation from the Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. John Messina, shall continue indefinitely.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin A. Feezel
Undergraduate Student Body President
The University of Akron