



Undergraduate Student Government
The University of Akron

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Senate Agenda

March 6th, 2025, 5:00-7:00 PM

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

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| Senate Chair Feezel | Present |
| Vice Senate Chair Winters | Present |
| Senator Breon | Present |
| Senator Clark-Kelley | Present |
| Senator Martinez | Present |
| Senator McCracken | Present |
| Senator Rahman | Present |
| Senator Raymond | Present |
| Senator Schuhart | Present |
| Senator Shelton | Present |
| Senator Smith | Present |
| Senator Sterns | Present |

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Senator Breon: Motion to strike the SE committee report.

Senator Raymond: Second.

Senator Schuhart: Motion to adopt the agenda.

Senator McCracken: Second.

V. Approval of the 02.27.25 Minutes

Senator Breon: Motion to approve the 02.27.25 minutes.

Senator Schuhart: Second.

VI. Remarks of the Senate Chair

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving onto the Remarks of the Chair. Welcome everyone to the Undergraduate Student Government Senate Meeting. This meeting is conducted via Robert's Rules of Order. To speak, raise your hand or your name placard and wait for recognition from the chair. When speaking, please stand if you are able and direct your remarks to the chair, myself. During Open Student Expression, all university undergraduates are offered the opportunity to speak. With respect for time, please keep your remarks concise. During the remainder of the meeting, only USG members or Senators will be able to participate.

VII. Open Student Expression

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving onto Open Student Expression, would anyone like to speak?

VIII. Branch Reports

⌘ Legislative Branch Report

Senate Chair Feezel

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving onto Branch Reports, starting with the legislative branch report. Vice Senate Chair Winters do you want to start with the project trackers?

Vice Senate Chair Winters: Yeah! I'm going to be sending out calendar invites for our little 2:1s that we're gonna do. Cam is not able to make a lot of them, so it's really just going to be me, but he's still going to be CCed on everything. I'm just going to send them for when your office hours are and if those don't work, just email me and we'll figure out another time that'll work for you. That's it!

Senate Chair Feezel: The only other things I had on it were the appointments being made today for Senate Bill 15 and 16-24-25 and the remaining vacancies are Senator for the College of Health and Human Sciences and Senate Clerk.

⌘ Executive Branch Report

Chief of Staff Lane

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving onto the Executive Branch Report given by Chief of Staff Lane.

Chief of Staff Lane: Lots to talk about with you this week. First is office cleanliness, I know it's a hassle as we get towards the end of the school year, but just make sure you're picking up after yourself that way Isaac and I don't have to do all of the heavy lifting. If you get a little bit of food on the table, go get a wipe and clean it off. If you see any

cleaning supplies that need replaced email me. Student Trustee application, this is huge, that form is open right now! This is open until March 21st, that's the Friday before Spring Break I believe. Does everyone know what the Student Trustee is? We've had them here before. Cool, so you should be pushing this out to as many people as you can, it's a really cool opportunity for anyone who is here at the university for the next two years to serve in a really big capacity on behalf of the voice of students. You can apply yourselves, and I also encourage you to tell everyone you know to apply as well. There are two info sessions next week and the details are on the USG Instagram already. Shoutout Marketing! End of Year Awards, this is also on the DLT Report, they are due Monday, March 10th at 11:59pm. Who here has submitted an End of the Year Award Nomination? This is sad! Only two of our Directors have submitted one. Everyone needs to submit at least one. Honestly they are really cool, our End of the Year Awards Ceremony is really nice. It's a great way to recognize all of the hard work that you guys have done this year. These nominations are a little more substantial than the midyear awards, so make sure you guys delegate enough time to completing them. Then we have the Provost Candidate Interviews. Grace as President of the Undergraduate Student Government in a constituency group on campus, is sitting in on those interviews. As you know, the Provost is stepping down from his role at the end of the year, and she is part of that search committee to find a new Provost. If you have any questions about that specific process, I would ask Grace I'm sure she can't tell you a tons of details right now though. EB Cabinet meeting happened Wednesday March 5th. I won't go over what all of our Directors said because they are all going to come up here and give you their lovely reports later. If you ever want to join us, those are biweekly meetings, so not this Wednesday but next Wednesday in that room around the corner! Then the Johnny Appleseed Fundraiser game, so this is this Friday at 7:00 pm in the JAR. It is a fundraiser for a cancer charity I believe. It's really cool, I did this as a sophomore when I lived in Honors, you get a little pot and you put it on your head and you wear a flannel and you go to the game. It's a little silly, but we actually have tons of fun doing it. This time it's for a good cause, so you guys should definitely do it! USG is doing a prize basket, so you guys should show up!

€ DLT Report

Chief of Staff Lane

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving onto the DLT Report, also given by Chief of Staff Lane.

Chief of Staff: We had a grievance discussion, unfortunately this happened in executive session, so I'm not gonna tell you about it. It was a constitutional grievance that the Judicial Branch heard, but we did talk about the solutions and how we wanted to go about

addressing it. You will hear a statement on behalf of all DLT early next week that will come out from Grace to All-USG. That way you guys know what we're actually talking about behind these closed doors and you get clarity of what we're doing in the future moving forward. Once again, the End of Year Award form closes Monday night. Self nominate yourself! DLT is also going to be looking at AKey Blue and AKey Gold Awards, specifically just our voting members of DLT, so not me and are Director of Finance McCracken. They were originally going to do these tonight, but they were pushed to Monday. Also, you can't attend that because it's an executive session, sorry guys. Then we also discussed stoles, in addition to the USG cords that seniors get upon graduating we are adding another honor in USG. That will be a stole if you have served 5 semesters in your undergraduate career, aka the majority of your undergraduate career, in student government. DLT meetings are Mondays from 6:30-7:45pm in Student Union Room 318 and you guys can always come join us! Maybe ask one of us ahead of time to make sure we're not going into executive session, sometimes we kick Brian out, but it's always a good time. Any questions on either of those reports?

President DeWitt: Sorry I couldn't be here for the EB Report because of Faculty Senate, but I did just want to add this. The Provost search was mentioned in the EB report, and I just wanted to share with you all that we did our last interview for that today. So, what's going to happen from here is that the President is going to interview them tomorrow and then next week there will be these forums, I guess is what we'll call them, where students can go and ask questions and interact with the applicants. I definitely encourage you to attend those. It is very important, the Provost does a lot of important things for the university and is involved with retrenchment, so big stuff. I don't know the dates yet, I know that there will be various dates. Any questions?

Chief of Staff Lane: Awesome, any more questions? Make sure you submit an End of Year nomination, those are my last words for you. Thanks guys!

∄ Judicial Branch Report

Chief Justice Stillion

Senate Chair Feezel: Thank you. Moving onto the Judicial Branch Report given by Chief Justice Stillion.

Chief Justice Stillion: While it may not be reflected completely in this Judicial Branch Report, we have been very very busy. I just made it very concise for you all, because I didn't want to waste your time. In our meeting this week, we did vote to hear another elections grievance, so that should be heard this next upcoming Monday. We are continuing our records project through the JB 2020-2021 folder in the USG teams. Last week, we worked on the 2019-2020 folder, organizing everything in there, starting to get

our records project picking up in pace as we continue to work on it. Very fun, very fun. Because we have been busy with the elections cycle and all of it's various aspects, the newsletter is going to be delayed hopefully, cross your fingers, it should be out before the end of March. Well, I guess after Spring Break is what we're shooting for, which I guess is after the end of March, but we're working on it. Our Associate Justice position is still open, so that is in the application if you know anyone that is interested! Any questions before we get onto the meme? Alright...



Chief Justice Stillion: This is how we're all feeling in the Judicial Branch, but that's okay!

IX. **Committee Reports**

✧ Elections Board Report

Chief Justice Stillion

Chief Justice Stillion: Now onto the Elections Board Report given by Chief Justice Sam Stillion.

Senate Chair Feezel: Now onto the Elections Board Report.

Chief Justice Stillion: A little bit more comprehensive over here, as I mentioned this is a little bit more of what we're focusing on in the midst of our Spring Elections Cycle. That

says Candidate Meet and Greets last week, they were actually this week! That's my bad, but they were Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday (today) downstairs in the International Lounge. They were pretty successful, I think we handed out all of our Zippy cookies and we ordered 12 dozen, I think for all three days. Four dozen per day, so we definitely had a lot of people attending, meeting, and talking to our candidates. Those candidate posters, which I'm sure most of you have seen, are displayed downstairs for this entire week, but that was the opportunity for students to directly campaign. It was pretty successful! Upcoming next Monday night at 6:00-8:00pm in here, I think... is this 312?

Senate Chair Feezel: No.

Chief Justice Stillion: On this floor! Room 312 from 6:00-8:00pm we will have our Presidential and Vice Presidential debate, that should be very fun! I definitely encourage you all to attend, we will have food, beverages, Starbucks vouchers for the first 50 people that attend. There is an opportunity to submit questions for those Presidential tickets if you are interested, that was sent out in the ZipMail and the All-USG email. Plenty of opportunity for you to get to that link and submit any questions if you want to ask these tickets anything about their platforms, what they are planning for the future. There will also be an opportunity at that event, we will have the QR code up on the screen so if you can't think of anything right now, but something comes to you in the moment at that event, I definitely encourage you all to attend. Should be very fun. Then the week after, Monday March 17th, voting opens at 8:00am and all undergraduate students will get an email with their individualized voting link to the ballot as well as a link to all of the candidate information, their headshots and bios, and that will be open until that Thursday, March 20th at 5:00pm. So, definitely spread the word about that and make sure that you yourself are voting for our Senate and President for next year. Winners will be announced that week, the day before Spring Break Friday, March 21st. Any questions about anything upcoming with the elections cycle? A very exciting time. Alright, thank you.

∄ F.A.S.T. Committee

Senator Shelton

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving onto the F.A.S.T. Committee Report given by Senator Shelton.

Senator Shelton: Hi everyone! So, we had our second FAST accessibility tour this monday. It was very successful and we had a really great turnout. Our next one is the 17th from 1:00-2:00pm. We will meet in the USG Office. We urge you to attend, it'll be a really great time and it teaches you a lot about accessibility issues in our facilities on campus. As for individuals on the FAST Committee, Senator Smith is working on new projects and some new legislation. Senator Raymond is meeting with the Chief of Police

biweekly and is working on pickleball courts. I am working on flag legislation and continuing the tours and I am hoping to partner with CDE for lent accommodations. Senator McCracken met with UAkron park this Tuesday and if you want to here a very detailed report please talk to her, but UAkron Park is transitioning to a new system called Smart City Solutions soon. That is just interesting to know and if you want more details please talk to her. That is all, thank you!

∄ A.P.S.S. Committee

Senator Clark-Kelley

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving onto the A.P.S.S. Committee report given by Senator Clark-Kelley.

Senator Clark-Kelly: Alright, so just three things on the agenda. Friday 11:00-2:00pm we are doing tabling for the Brightspace survey. Please fill out the survey, I beg of thee. Speaking of the amazing Brightspace survey, the great President DeWitt got it sent out in ZipMail. We got a lot of responses, so we're doing good on that! Then, FAST Committee and APSS Committee are kind of working together on lent accommodations, its like Aristotle and Plato working together, so hopefully we can come in clutch. That's it, thank you!

X. Constituency Reports

∄ Faculty Senate Report

President DeWitt

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving onto the Faculty Senate Report given by President DeWitt.

President DeWitt: I said this once before, but I'll say it again. The pro to getting this immediately after Faculty Senate is that it's hot off the press, the con is that my notes are messy and I haven't practiced my report. So, please bare with me, this is kind of a long report, it was a very long meeting and we voted on a lot of things and there was a lot of good debate. First off the Chair's Remarks, this is Chair Budd of Faculty Senate. She notified everyone that there was the Rethinking Race Resolution by a Faculty Senator last time we met to reinstate it or ensure that it is still in the budget for next year. That went up to President Nemer he forwarded that to the Office of Community Engagement Opportunity and Belonging, so they will look more into that. She mentioned the Senate Bill 1 protest, there were around 200 people there. She mentioned the "Dear Colleagues" Letter, if you are not familiar with that she described it as saying that funding could be denied if we violate federal law on discrimination basis's, any DEI initiatives lead to defunding. I believe that is, correct me if I am wrong, from the state or federal government.

Senate Chair Feezel: I believe it was from the Department of Education.

President DeWitt: Yes you are correct, thank you. Chair Budd shared that she thought it was alarming that they received this letter, but has sympathy with administration and upholding laws and regulations that come to them since we are a public institution. She does call upon them to protect academic freedom, and then I believe we went over a resolution written by the University of Toledo Faculty Senate and we actually voted to support that. I believe it was unanimous, maybe one decenter, so Faculty Senate is supporting that resolution from the University of Toledo to be sent to the state.

President Nemer gave his remarks as well. The Provost search and Director of Athletics search is still continuing. They are hoping to have decisions for both of those by April 1st, so that is quickly approaching. I already told you guys a little bit about the Provost search things that will be going on next week, so let me know if you have any questions or interest in attending that. He talked a little bit about future plans, they're really focusing on recruiting, retaining, having meaningful programs, and enhancing the student experience moving forward, so really trying to hammer in programs like that. There was a Faculty Senator that asked a question regarding the university's presidents lack of stance on Senate Bill 1. The IUC, which is basically to my knowledge the council of university presidents of Ohio, they did not decide to support or oppose Senate Bill 1, and that was made weeks ago. Basically, President Nemer reasoned that there was not a unanimous consensus regarding opposing it or supporting it so basically he stated that he believes that UA has not taken any action towards Senate Bill 1 as it has not fully passed yet. So he said, since there was not that unanimous feeling they did not move to take a position, so that was his rationale to that question. Continuing on to my next page.

Provost remarks, he talks about enrollment ever time. It's fluctuating day to day, nothing has really changed from the last time he brought it up. It's still really early on for that, so they're really encouraging everyone to continue working to strong numbers in the fall. Whether that's faculty talking to students or students recruiting in their own ways, telling their friends to come here. So please spread the word, we want them to come to UA! There was also an evaluation on some of the deans for reappointment. The University of Libraries Dean and the BCAS Dean have been reappointed to congrats to them. There is also currently an international student task force operating, that has kind of been split in two groups. The first one is how to support students on campus already. They think that they are going to have a greater number of international students coming in. Then the other one is to create a more robust pathway for students to enter from the international sphere. They're kind of focusing on those two things, and then I believe he also mentioned on working on a joint committee task force for retrenchment. So they signed a memorandum of understanding, MOU is what it's commonly know as, they signed it

with Akron AUPP, which is the union basically for professors, and Akron's campus to extend deadlines and seek alternative proposals. Overall, they had 26 proposals come in, which is a lot of information. They're focusing on further developing seven of those, and then ultimately those will be incorporated into their overall recommendation to President Nemer, who will then present it to the Board of Trustees. That is the broad timeline for you all on that. Then Chair Budd did ask, following up on that joint committee task force, if any of the submitted proposals saved money through administration, and he said he did not believe so at this time.

Now, I have all of the voting for you! This is the last part to report! Everyone voted to approve the formation of the Institute of Computing Data and Informational Sciences, which is created by the Academic Policy Committee in Faculty Senate, so there wasn't even any debate on that. We approved 22 program proposals and 79 course proposals, which is kind of normal business. There was also large voting on general education requirements. This was heavily debated and it took like an hour and a half. The first one was a recommendation to reduce the general education Arts and Humanities from nine to six credits, so they'd be taking three credits from each area. This passed actually, so there were 22 in favor and 8 opposed. The second was very, very debated, it was taking away the speech requirement. A lot of thoughts on that, it was very close, 14 in favor and 15 opposed, so they will not be getting rid of it as of now. Student's will still be required to take it, this would have made it an elective, but it did not pass. Lastly, was the creation of the First-Year Seminar course, which was a category. It wouldn't necessarily be a specific course, it'd be like a section. For example, the Akron Experience course would probably fall under that. All First-Years would be required to take some form of a seminar for their first year, but they would be developing learning objectives later on for that like they usually with this kind of categories, that's precedent. Unfortunately, there was heavy debate on that. They didn't feel comfortable approving a category when they didn't know what courses would fall underneath it. One of the Faculty Senators proposed a motion to instead revisit that, develop those learning outcomes, have a proposal and maybe a few examples of the classes that would fall underneath that. Ultimately, that motion did pass, so it was returned to the committee for further review. That was a lot, does anyone have any questions?

Senate Chair Feezel: Would you be willing to share the direction that yourself and Vice President Kozma voted on the debated?

President DeWitt: Yes, so I abstained on the reducing the general education Arts and Humanities and I believe Elena also abstained. I voted in favor of the general education speech requirement, Elena voted opposed. Then, I believe we both voted in favor on the

motion to revisit the First-Year Seminar Course. Any other questions? Cool, thank you guys!

XI. Director Reports

€ Finance Report

President DeWitt

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving onto the Finance Report also given by President DeWitt.

President DeWitt: We have a new Director of Finance, Director McCracken. As you can see, he is excellent! He has went through and given all of you a report. Basically, it's a recap of everything from the last report you guys saw. As you can see, it's broken down pretty much how it was in the past. So the UAF allocations, these are like student organizations, and he broke it down into Travel, Projects/Events, and Non-Travel Activities. We gave away almost \$8000 in travel, which is awesome! We get to help out our student organization. And lots of Non-Travel, so \$16,000 grand total, but Projects/Events \$18,000. So, you can see the breakdown there. I'm glad we got to contribute to student organizations. A lot of USG expenses too, \$5500 roughly. You can see the breakdown there, it's mostly Projects and Events, but some elections stuff. SAF Expenses, we just had OSGS come out of that and it was like \$4000. Any questions on the Finance Report? Awesome.

€ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

President DeWitt

President DeWitt: All right, Cam, which one is next?

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving onto the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report given by President DeWitt.

President DeWitt: My computer crashed during Faculty Senate, so please bear with me. I love reading things that I'm voting on and then my computer crashes. So okay, this is on behalf of Deputy Director Cosgrave, so this is the DEI report. So some past events since the last time we had an All-USG was United We Stand, which happened on February 12th at 5:00pm basically this event served for Black History Month. It was an opportunity for people to get together as a solidarity event, organize, share their thoughts, brainstorm solutions and foster, ultimately, solidarity among you as, underrepresented student groups. We had people from the Roocclusive space. It was a great time. We even had to pull up more chairs for people, which was awesome. Director Donray Bennett also came to speak, and we had a discussion with him, but it went very well. Black History Month event was called a Past, Present and Future. You might have seen the Student Union. It was that big display, and it had a bunch of nominated faculty, staff, administrators, students, alumni. It basically just recognized them for their hard work and

their contributions to UA. So that was Black History Month events, reoccurring events. Diversity Committee still occurs biweekly on Wednesdays, from 2:00-3:00pm in the Rooclusive space. Sometimes they meet on the first floor, sometimes the second floor. So just ask either Deputy Cosgrave or Director Minard beforehand, and they can let you know where it's at. But yeah, we had some new people show up this week, so that was awesome. So please attend if you would like. Some other upcoming events, a big one is Women's Empowerment Summit. That is March 19th, from 7:00-10:00pm in Student Union 312 so that's a big collaboration between a lot of predominantly like women student organizations on campus. So Ignite, Women in Psych, Women in Business, and Society of Women Engineers are all on the committee to plan it with USG, so that's very exciting. This is an annual event. It's going to be really cool. The planning meeting is every Thursday at 7:00pm on Microsoft Teams up until the day of the event. So a lot of work is being put into it. It's focused on women's leadership, accomplishments, excellence and collaboration in various areas. This year, they're taking it really an intentional focus on uplifting and empowering women at different stages in their career. So there's going to be a panel of speakers. They'll give key insights into what it means to be a woman in their area of expertise. There'll be round tables. There'll be chances for networking, prizes and food. So good food, come on, guys, food free. Attend, so it'll be good. And then lastly, projects, ideas and initiatives. They want to bring back Cultural Night. Raise your hand if you went to cultural night last year. Yeah. Yeah. Oh, okay, good. You guys were shy, okay, but it was really cool. It was very well attended. We had a lot of students represented there, so they want to bring this back, probably closer towards the end of the semester, since it takes a lot of planning, but yeah, hope to have lots of participation from student organizations in the Diversity Committee, Rooclusive Spaces, things like that. And then lastly, they're collaborating with Project Manager Pence and LGBTUA for a gender inclusive professional clothing drive and perhaps an educational LGBTQ+ event. So that's what's in the works. They're doing a lot of stuff. They're busy. So any questions for the DEI team, I will try to answer.

✶ Project Management

President DeWitt

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving on to the Project Management Report, also given by President DeWitt.

President DeWitt: Okay, the project management team is currently working on a Paint and Prank event in conjunction with ZAB, so they're primarily leading it. We're helping out. We're providing some cake pops, some things like that. It's gonna be on April 1st, on April Fool's Day, there's going to be an egg hunt event through Project Manager Pence,

which is very exciting. It's going to be a USG Student Takeover event with 647 Coffee. A potential fast fair event in the future that they're collaborating on with FAST Committee. Please let any PM, know if there are any projects you would like them to tackle or discuss, make sure to email Sarvesh, who is the Director of Project Management, rather than the project managers directly, to allow for a smoother allocation of tasks within the team. That way it can be delegated from there. So cool. Does that sound good? I see one of our project managers was able to make it. So if you have any questions, we can answer them. Cool.

€ Membership Development

President DeWitt

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving on to the Membership Development Report.

President DeWitt: Okay, so this is on behalf of Director Leipold, so basically, nothing crazy for this one. Basically, he needs Seniors to get back to him about their speeches and post by next Friday, March 14th, so that is coming up. If you did not receive an email and you are a senior, please let him know ASAP. So if you're not familiar, we do something special for seniors in USG, basically, we have someone give a speech for you. You're supposed to ask them. I've gotten a lot of questions about what the speech looks like, and it really is up to you guys. You have creative freedom. I can tell you that sometimes it's been more emotional in the past and has been more funny. You could share a story about the senior. You could share their accomplishments in USG, what positions they've held, kind of their journey throughout the organization. It really is up to you, but it generally is a little bit more lighthearted, but it can be whatever you want! You have the creative freedom. So feel free to talk to some of our older USG members. I know that some of our leadership has experienced some of those speeches before, and they can shed some light on some ideas if you need some.

Senator McCracken: Can I ask a quick question? My brother told me he was writing the speech and I would have to read it. That's not correct, right?

President DeWitt: Correct, yeah. So unless that's what you guys work out together, it doesn't really matter. But in the past, it's been a senior ask someone else in USG, and then they write one together.

Senator McCracken: I thought that sounded weird, so thank you!

President DeWitt: Yes! Okay, but Director Leipold did want me to do a recap of the seniors that he has, and please let me know after this if I did not call off a seniors name, and we can write it down so: Joanna Shafer, Hania Rahman, Nicholas Raymond, AJ Stewart, Natalie Gardner, Leah Schuhart, Cam Feezel, Michayla Minard, Ashley

Cosgrave, Nathan Flint, Gwen Bushen, Irene Garcia Cruz, Olivia Lane, Isaac Machar, Elena Kozma, Nicholas McCracken, Brian Nguyen, and Grace DeWitt. I'm getting claps. I don't think we missed anyone. Okay, perfect. Any questions? Is that it?

Senate Chair Feezel: Yeah.

President DeWitt: Thank God!

€ Events

Director Mahaney

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving on to the Events Team Report given by Director Mahaney.

Director Mahaney: Hey guys! My contacts are really dry, so if I look like I'm crying, it's not about you guys. Anyways, not too much going on with the events team right now. We're mostly working on catering for USG Awards and Women's Empowerment Summit. You should definitely go to those. You have to go to USG Awards, but also go to Women's Empowerment Summit. The food will be very good. Along with that, the Johnny Appleseed event is on Friday. Sign up for that. It's in the sponsored event signup sheet. There are a ton of empty spots on it. I think the events team has been doing a great job at keeping up with the sponsored signup sheet, and that's really helpful to all of us, so take advantage of it, and that's all.

€ Community and Campus Outreach

Deputy Director Senko

Senate Chair Feezel: Thank you. Moving on to the Community and Campus Outreach Report given by Deputy Director Senko.

Deputy Director Senko: Okay, so first small business passport project, so we made great progress on that this week. That'll be happening, hopefully beginning of April. So right after spring break, that first Monday, and right now, or I guess the SORF was submitted yesterday, all the forms are done. Waiting on that to communicate with different small businesses from downtown. That's about it right now. Also, that's going till April 28th, it's March 30th-April 28th if anyone's curious. Spring cleanup, good emails are still being sent. They have a meeting set up for March 13th, to discuss this. USG x Rotary Club coming eventually. Would love to collab with them. They had a meeting yesterday to discuss this. Safety Walks, last one is next Wednesday, from 5:30-6:30pm covering Polsky and the College of Business. Cycling class for USG, it will be happening on a Sunday, and waiting on people to respond about the best times. Take Back the Night, slowly moving and kind of crazy with the main person going on maternity soon after. RHC and USG collab, tt'll be April 28th from 12:00-2:00pm. Then Mental Health Task Force events. Their next meeting is on the 12th of March from 5:00-6:00pm. Mental

Health Monday on March 10th from 10:00-2:00pm in the concourse for the sleep awareness. Questions?

€ Communications

Director Shafer

Senate Chair Feezel: Thank you. And then finally, moving on to the Communications Team Report given by Director Shafer .

Director Shafer: Hello, everyone. It's so wonderful going last because you know exactly what we've been working on, everyone just talked about it. So if you haven't sent a marketing request, please, do we need three weeks. We would love to have three weeks. If it's less than three weeks, we will survive, but we won't be as happy about it. Yeah, so there's a lot of those coming up in the next two weeks or so, and we haven't got anything further out than that. So guys, what's going on? Send your requests. We've actually been working a lot on stuff outside of social media. We've been making a lot of actual like tangible items, which is fun. So we have some hydration handouts coming up. And then for the Mental Task Force event. Irene made some graphics as well. So those are great. And then we're working on the downtown Akron partnership. And now we're making postcards, those ones are in the work. That one's gonna be really cool. So it's been a fun semester in that way, getting to experiment with different mediums. But yeah, so send in your marketing request, guys. We need more posts. We're eagerly awaiting your emails. Any questions? Thank you.

XII. New Business

€ SB 15-24-25

Ryan Kasik

€ SB 16-24-25

Scott Spears

Senate Chair Feezel: Thank you. And finally, moving on to Senate Bill 15-24-25. I would entertain a motion to blank to read Senate Bills 15 and 16-24-25.

Senator Schuhart: So moved.

Senator Breon: Second.

Senate Chair Feezel: Vice Senate Chair Winters, can you please read Senate Bills 15 and 16-24-25.

Senate Bills 15 and 16-24-25 are read.

Senate Chair Feezel: Thank you. First me and Vice Senate Chair Winters will speak on behalf of the appointees. So we interviewed both of them. They applied for the Senator At-Large positions. Ultimately, we found that the best fit for each position, as well as the

new vacancy in the Senator for the Williams Honors College position. We're appointing Ryan to Senator At-Large and Scott to Senator for the Williams Honors College. They both have great experience advocating for students being involved in the student body in various ways, and we believe that they'll be very successful senators and great representatives for the Senate.

Vice Senate Chair Winters: Interviewing these guys was an awesome time. They're both really qualified for these positions. Obviously, we wanted them both to be a part of our Senate. That's why we offered both of them positions. So yeah, we really look forward to working with them if they are appointed.

President DeWitt: So yeah, this is something that DLT has talked about bringing back, and I think this is a great opportunity, as we have potentially two new senators. So I would just like to ask these two individuals, why do you want to be in USG?

Ryan Kasik: Well, I wanted to get more involved with student and campus life? And I think I have good experience. I'm also in hall government, and I've been representing Bulger. I think I'm qualified for the job.

Scott Spears: I've gotten involved in my first year here on campus. I'm current president of AKRowdies, so it's been my job to represent students interests in the nonacademic side of their lives. So I wanted to bring that experience with me and to help out the Honors College and the body as a whole.

Senate Chair Feezel: Any other questions or debate on Senate Bills 15 and 16-24-25.

Senator Schuhart: Motion to dispense of a second reading.

Senator Breon: Second.

Senator Schuhart: I move the previous question.

Senator McCracken: Second.

Senate Bills 15-24-25 and 16-24-25 are taken to a roll call vote.

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| Senator Breon | In Favor |
| Senator Clark-Kelley | In Favor |
| Senator Martinez | In Favor |
| Senator McCracken | In Favor |
| Senator Rahman | In Favor |
| Senator Raymond | In Favor |

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| Senator Schuhart | In Favor |
| Senator Shelton | In Favor |
| Senator Smith | In Favor |
| Senator Sterns | In Favor |

Senate Bills 15-24-25 and 16-24-25 pass.

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Pride Flags Display

Senate Chair Feezel: Moving onto Senate Resolution 02-24-25. Vice Senate Chair Winters, would you please read Senate Resolution 02-24-25.

Senate Resolution 02-24-25 is read.

Senate Chair Feezel: Is there any debate on the resolution?

Senator Raymond: Request for information from Senator Shelton. I noticed that in like the LGBTUA letter group appendix, they use a shorter acronym. And I was wondering if you can elaborate on the entire acronym in there, LGBTQIA2s+.

Senator Shelton: Yeah, so it's lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, intersex, asexual and then two spirit, which is a predominantly Native American Identifying queer. I hope that answers your question.

Senator Raymond: Thank you.

Senate Chair Feezel: Would the sponsors of the resolution like to speak on behalf of the resolution?

Senator Shelton: Yeah, I would give me one second. I feel like it is important for universities to leave space for dialog, whether you believe that these identities are something that you align with or not, the space for dialog should be upheld and supporting LGBTQIA2s+ students does not invalidate other beliefs. Neither does the installment of the flag, I believe, that it just furthers dialog to create a more accepting environment and a more understanding and diverse campus.

Senator Smith: Yeah, so as senators, it's our job to represent the entire student body, which, as Senator Shelton said, includes a diverse range of identities. So by writing this, our goal was to have more inclusion for those students that feel like it's being diminished.

Senate Chair Feezel: Thank you. Any further debate.

Senator Schuhart: Point of information from the Senate Chair or potentially from Chief Justice Stillion. Will our two new senators be able to be included in debate and voting on this motion, or not until after their official swearing in?

Senate Chair Feezel: Chief Justice Stillion, look at the minutes for Senate late January 2022, to answer that question. The agenda that contains the swearing in of Senator Baig and Senator Damson, there was a vote taken in that meeting I believe. You could find the records of when the swearing-in happened. We'll get back to you once an answer is provided. Assuming there is further debate.

Senator Raymond: Motion to close debate and table this until next week.

Senate Chair Feezel: Hearing no second, the motion is not recognized.

Senator Schuhart: Motion to recess for five minutes so Chief Justice Stillion has time to find the records he's looking for.

Senator McCracken: Second.

A five minute recess is taken.

Senate Chair Feezel: I call the meeting back to order. To answer the parliamentary inquiry. Is that the swearing in has to happen before the newly sworn in senator is able to debate or vote. Remedy for that, if you would like them to vote, is to table this, move on to swearing in and then take it up from the table again before adjournment. If you would so choose, there's the answer. Moving back into debate.

Senator Raymond: Sorry, I have a point of information from the new senators, if they accept. If we're gonna do this whole thing. I just want to know, if you guys were interested in furthering debate.

Scott Spears: I mean, I don't know about debate, but I do know that I would like to vote, you know, but just to represent my constituents a little bit better here, but yes, so this would be something that I would want to see.

Senator Shelton: Motion to table the bill.

Senator McCracken: Second.

Senate Chair: The resolution is tabled, moving on to swearing in.

XIII. Swearing In

Senator Kasik and Senator Spears are sworn in.

Senate Chair Feezel: Is there any further business?

Senator Shelton: I'd like to bring back up Senate Resolution 02-24-25, please.

Senator McCracken: Second.

Senate Chair Feezel: Senate Resolution 02-24-25 is back on the table or back up for consideration. Is there any debate on the resolution?

Senator Schuhart: I am going to say something, and I apologize if this comes out a little bit strange. I did not intend on speaking on this matter, but I want it to be known. I am not, personally, a member of the LGBTQ community, but I do not, under any circumstance, see why this is up for such harsh debate, I see no issue with these flags being present in this building. It has never once harmed me to walk past seeing a flag. I am honestly a little bit disturbed by the disdain that some of my fellow senators seem to have for this motion. I understand there are religious beliefs in play, but I want it to be very clear that I too hold religious beliefs, and as someone who was raised in a Christian church, I do not believe that my God would want us sitting here making people feel bad about themselves. That is not our place. God calls us not to judge, because that is his job. So people may vote however they feel. I'm very bothered by the way that Senator Raymond just got so frustrated.

Senate Chair Feezel: Please face the Chair when speaking, but you are allowed to use third person descriptions, such as that.

Senator Schuhart: I did not see an issue with requesting a recess in order to encourage further debate on this motion from new senators who are here to also reflect the needs of their constituents, and that's all I have to say.

Senate Chair Feezel: Is there any further debate?

Senator Spears: Thank you. I thank everyone for allowing me to be here. So I agree that I'm religious and a member of the community. So I can go a little further upon this matter. It does not hurt me to be either it does not hurt me to celebrate or to support anyone who does not feel the way I do speak, the way I speak, the way I love, the way I pray, or anything that matter. This is for everyone to feel welcome in this big family we call the University of Akron. If you do, if there are people who disagree, I would hope that they could walk a little faster past it, just so that we can all support one another. I'm happy to be here, and I thank you.

Senate Chair Feezel: Is there any further debate?

Senator Smith: I agree with what both of them said. And again, as senators, it's our job to represent the entire student body, which includes people that don't identify the same way as you do. And whenever this issue was first brought to us, we were made aware that students felt unsafe and underrepresented. So I think, considering that this is not a matter of like personal preference. It's a matter of what the students are feeling, which is our job to take care of.

Senator Clark-Kelley: I'm very appreciative that this is a Senate Resolution. I'm glad that this can be debated. However, I really want to emphasize that we cannot make personal attacks against one another, and that we need to debate with ideas and not have personal attacks and calling people out. Thank you.

Senator Schuhart: I want it to be known that the entire point of my comment was that personal attacks and standing over somebody and talking down to them while they are cornered in a room was entirely the thing that I was condemning in my prior debate.

Senator Clark-Kelley: I agree.

Senator Sterns: I moved to dispense the second reading.

Senator McCracken: Second.

Senate Chair Feezel: Is there any further debate?

Senate Chair Feezel: I would entertain a motion for a grammatical clarification on this whereas clause to preface this with, prior to their removal, there were no remove complaints, etc, etc, and then break up the however into another whereas clause.

Senator Shelton: So moved.

Senator Breon: Second.

Senate Chair Feezel: Is there any further debate on the resolution?

Senator Shelton: I motion to move the previous question.

Senator McCracken: Second.

Senate Resolution 02-24-25 is taken to a roll call vote.

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| Senator McCracken | In Favor |
| Senator Rahman | In Favor |
| Senator Raymond | Opposed |
| Senator Schuhart | In Favor |
| Senator Shelton | In Favor |
| Senator Smith | In Favor |
| Senator Spears | In Favor |
| Senator Sterns | In Favor |

Senate Resolution 02-24-25 passes.

XIV. Adjournment

Senate Chair Feezel: Is there any further business? We are adjourned.