
Rationale for SENATE RESOLUTION 05-25-26

All,

The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) is the voice and governing body for the undergraduate student community at the University of Akron. The University Bridge serves as an essential connection between the University of Akron campus, including the College of Business and The Polsky Building, and the surrounding community. It is used daily by students, faculty, staff, and Akron residents. Despite its importance, the bridges' sidewalks have fallen into disrepair, raising safety and accessibility concerns for pedestrians. Because the area surrounding the bridge includes City of Akron parking meters and is frequently utilized by community members, responsibility for its upkeep should be shared between the University and the City.

Therefore, this resolution encourages the University of Akron to collaborate with the City of Akron in planning and funding necessary repairs to the University Bridge. Such cooperation would not only improve safety and infrastructure but also strengthen the partnership between the campus and the broader Akron community.

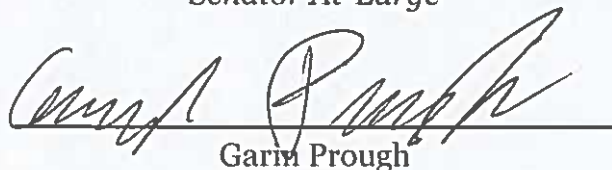
Respectfully,



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LEGISLATION NO.: SR 05-25-26

SUBJECT: University
Bridge

REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE: Student Engagement

ON: Nov, 12, 2025

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A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON AND THE CITY OF AKRON TO WORK ON THE MAINTENANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY BRIDGE

WHEREAS: THE UNIVERSITY BRIDGE SERVES AS A VITAL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON CAMPUS AND THE SURROUNDING AKRON COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS: THE BRIDGE IS FREQUENTLY UTILIZED BY STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS A PRIMARY PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY TO CAMPUS FACILITIES, DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES, AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS; AND

WHEREAS: CITY OF AKRON PARKING METERS ARE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE BRIDGE, INDICATING SHARED USE AND RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN BOTH THE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY; AND

WHEREAS: THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE BRIDGE HAS RAISED SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY CONCERNS, IMPACTING NOT ONLY THE DAILY TRAVEL OF UNIVERSITY MEMBERS BUT ALSO THE BROADER AKRON COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS: COLLABORATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE EFFORTS BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY STRENGTHEN TOWN-GOWN RELATIONS, PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY, AND DEMONSTRATE A JOINT COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AND CAMPUS ACCESSIBILITY;

BE IT RESOLVED: THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT URGES THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON ADMINISTRATION TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVE COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY OF AKRON TO PLAN, FUND, AND COMPLETE NECESSARY REPAIRS TO THE UNIVERSITY BRIDGE.

_____, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE CONFIRMS SAID ADOPTION OF THIS [RESOLUTION/BILL] BY A MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SENATE AS A WHOLE.

ACTION TAKEN BY SENATE:

Passed

USG SENATE CHAIR

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DATE 11/20/25

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USG PRESIDENT

11/21/25

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