

Rationale for SENATE RESOLUTION 08-25-26

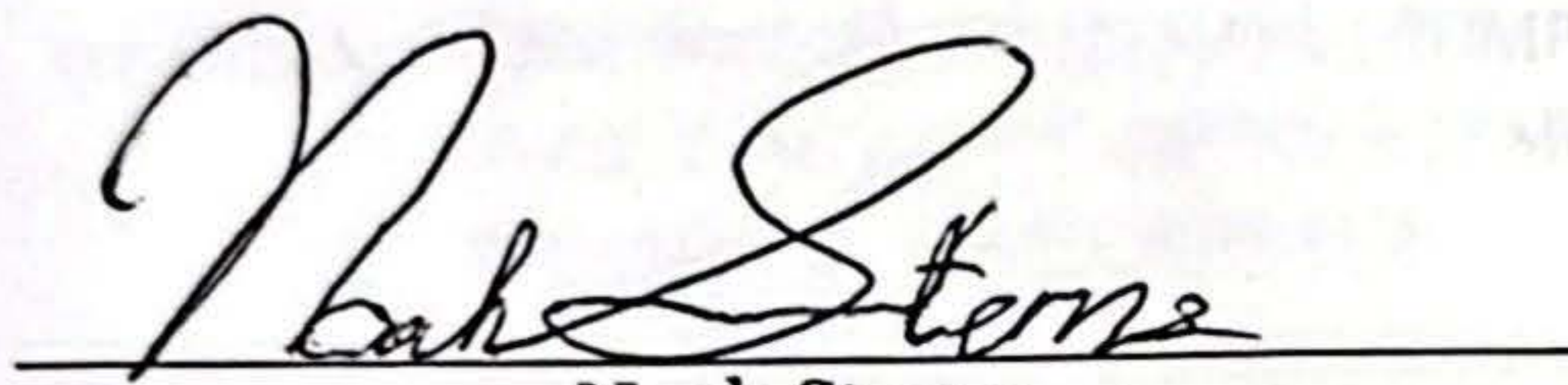
All,

The Undergraduate Student Government serves as the voice and governing body for the student community at the University of Akron. It has come to our attention that Brightspace, the Learning Management System on which students receive their grades, is not being utilized as effectively as it could. There have been reports of students not receiving grades in Brightspace for completed coursework. This lack of clarity on student success in the classroom can be frustrating and stressful.

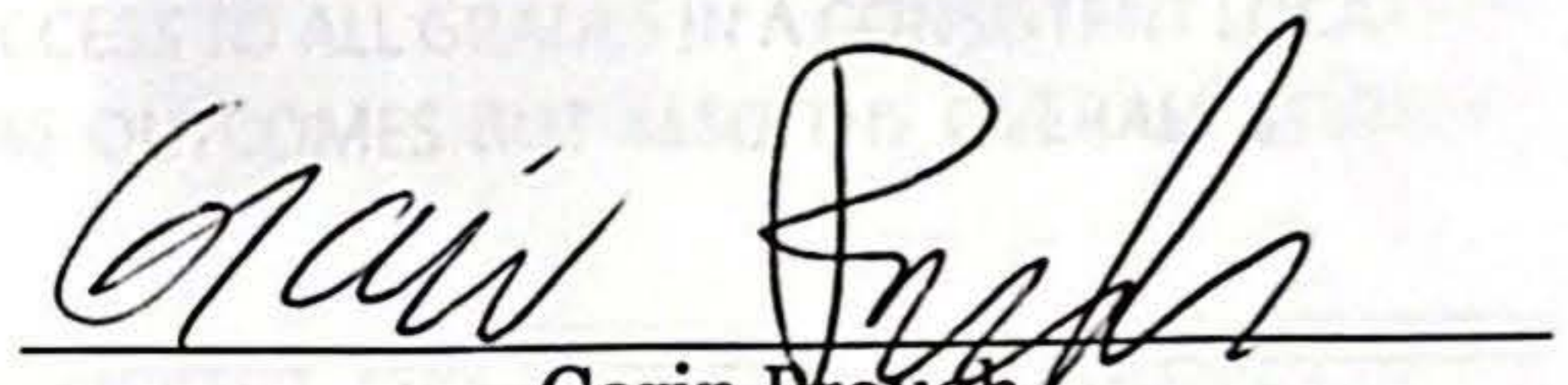
The Undergraduate Student Government requests that the University of Akron ensures that students are able to freely and easily access their grades on assignments, exams, and other coursework. Ensuring students have prompt access to grades in a consistent location would not only improve learning outcomes but also the overall student experience.

This would include requiring that all graded coursework be listed under the "Grades" section of that course's Brightspace page after being graded. We believe that the current situation is not conducive to effective learning and that students should have easily accessible feedback on how they are doing in their classes with consistency in the location of the feedback.

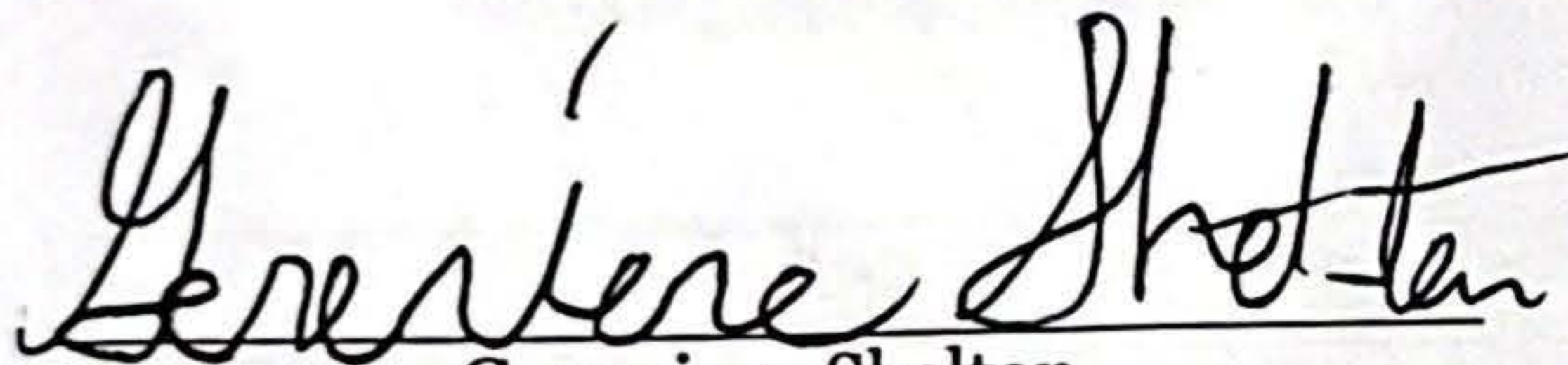
Respectfully,



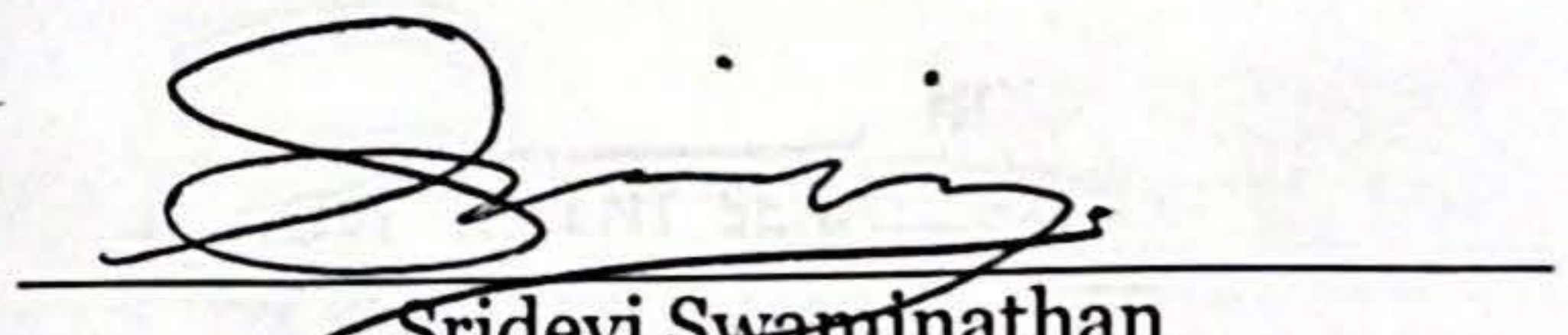
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LEGISLATION NO.: SR 08-25-26

SUBJECT: Brightspace Grade Reporting

REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE: Facilities, Amenities, Services, and Transportation Committee

ON: 24 February 2026

SPONSORS: Senators Sterns, Prough, Shelton, and Swaminathan

DATE INTRODUCED: 5 March 2026

A RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE GRADE REPORTING IN BRIGHTSPACE

WHEREAS: BRIGHTSPACE, THE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ON WHICH STUDENTS OBTAIN THEIR GRADES, IS NOT BEING UTILIZED AS EFFECTIVELY AS IT COULD; AND

WHEREAS: STUDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO FREELY AND EASILY ACCESS THEIR GRADES ON ASSIGNMENTS, EXAMS, AND OTHER COURSEWORK; AND

WHEREAS: STUDENTS DO NOT ALWAYS RECIEVE COURSEWORK GRADES IN THE "GRADES" SECTION OF A COURSE'S BRIGHTSPACE; AND

WHEREAS: THE LACK OF CLARITY ON STUDENT SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM CAN BE FRUSTRATING AND STRESSFUL; AND

WHEREAS: ENSURING STUDENTS HAVE PROMPT ACCESS TO ALL GRADES IN A CONSISTENT LOCATION WOULD NOT ONLY IMPROVE LEARNING OUTCOMES BUT ALSO THE OVERALL STUDENT EXPERIENCE; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED: THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASKS THAT THE UNIVERSITY ENSURES THAT COURSEWORK GRADES ARE ENTERED INTO THE "GRADES" SECTION OF BRIGHTSPACE AFTER BEING GRADED

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

ACTION TAKEN BY SENATE: Passed

[Signature]
USG SENATE CHAIR

3/5/26
DATE

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USG PRESIDENT

3/6/26
DATE

Appendix to Senate Resolution 08-25-26

To the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government at the University of Akron,

When running for President for this academic year, Amplifying Academic Opportunities was, and still remains, an essential pillar of the All4UA Platform. Academics is the primary reason of why students are here at the University, and having the privilege to hold a position to advocate and improve the academic experience and process for undergraduate students is a large reason I decided to run for office.

As Undergraduate Student Body President, I support the proposed legislation of improving the student academic experience when it comes to grades on the Brightspace Learning Management System (LMS) platform. Aiding students in locating and accessing their grades for academic courses greatly supports the individual and institutional advancement of students at the University. Student success is at the forefront of my goals as President, and with this proposed academic improvement, I believe this legislation can provide great strides in this objective. Using the LMS system to consistently apply student test, paper, and/or assignment results to the 'Grades' section of Brightspace can add the clarity to students on where they stand academically, eliminating stress and uncertainty, and effectively boosting academic performance overall.

With this, I greatly urge the Senate of the University of Akron's Undergraduate Student Government to vote in favor of this resolution to help support the goal of improving academics for students, and effectively continuing the support of one of the many objectives of the All4UA Platform.

With best regards,

Madilyn Shaw

Undergraduate Student Body President
Undergraduate Student Government
The University of Akron