



Undergraduate Student Government
The University of Akron

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Senate Agenda

December 4th, 2025

- I) **Call to Order**
- II) **Roll Call**
- III) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV) **Adoption of the Agenda**

Senate Chair Kasik: We will now be moving on to the adoption of the agenda. Senator Spears.

Senator Spears: Motion to amend the agenda to move Senate Bill 12-25-26 and the swearing in to after the Director Reports, before New Business.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All in favor of moving the Senate Bill 12-25-26 and the swearing in until after the Director Reports to the start of New Business, please say aye.

Motion to amend the agenda to move Senate Bill 12-25-26 and the swearing in to after the Director Reports, before New Business passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right. Are there any other amendments to the agenda? Can I entertain a motion to adopt the agenda?

Senator Prough: Motion to adopt the agenda?

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of adopting the agenda, please say aye.

Motion to adopt the agenda passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Now on to the approval of the 11.20.25 Minutes.

V) Approval of the 11.20.25 Minutes

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Shelton.

Senator Shelton: Motion to approve the 11.20.25 Minutes.

Senator Sterns: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of approving the 11.20.25 Minutes, please say aye.

Motion to approve the 11.20.25 Minutes passed: The ayes have it.

President Shaw: Point of order there needs to be a second.

Senator Shelton: There was a second.

Senator Sterns: I seconded.

President Shaw: Sorry.

Senate Chair Kasik: Now on to Open Student Expression.

VI) Open Student Expression

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Spears.

Senator Spears: Zips Men's Soccer plays, uh, at First Energy Stadium for the last time on Saturday at 1pm against St. Louis in the NCAA Elite Eight. That's a big deal. If we win the game, we will be heading to the Final Four in North Carolina. Three wins away from the National Championship.

Senate Chair Kasik: Director Senko.

Deputy Director Senko: Yeah, Go Zips.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Shelton.

Senator Shelton: After the USG holiday party at 9pm in the Honors Complex, there is Cocoa Grahams. It's from 9pm to 1am.

Senate Chair Kasik: Anything else for open student expression? Okay, we will now move on to the advisor report given by Advisor Ernst

VII) **Advisor Report**

Advisor Ernst

Advisor Ernst: Hi everyone, happy almost holidays. I hope everyone is doing great preparing for upcoming finals, I hope you are all taking care of yourself. Um, make sure to take the take breaks and drink water, take naps if you need it. Definitely need it other than like sitting hours on end. Um, we don't really have any other things I was going to say, like I said, we're into, Britainy and I will be there on Friday night. So, if you want to come, just come and enjoy just some time with your friends before you get out... and go to class dont be last.

Senate Chair Kasik: Now moving to branch reports starting with the LB report.

VIII) **Branch Reports**

⌘ Legislative Branch Report

Senate Chair Kasik

Senate Chair Kasik: So we have filled our, uh, college of business Senator vacancy. We will be swearing her in later this meeting. The first senate meeting, for next semester is on January 15th. And for the committee chairs, we will have a very short FAB 5 meeting after this, so please don't go anywhere. I also would like to recognize new student organizations that have been founded this semester. So far, for the next the next semester, we have four guest speakers, confirmed. Next up, we'll have the judicial branch report given by Chief Justice Stillion.

⌘ Judicial Branch Report

Chief Justice Stillion

Chief Justice Stillion: All right. So, we are also finishing up so we don't have too, too much. We did our semester reviews at our last judicial branch meeting of the semester on Monday. We did

them in less than an hour, so what about that? What did you have with all of your other semester reviews? We did also have election rules discussion as part of that meeting. We had one guest. Senator Kleinschmidt, thank you. Just making discussion about some of the changes that you will be voting on today. We will hear a little bit more about it later. We will be planning for the spring semester in terms of how of our elections events, giving those spaces, and the times locked down as well as our judicial branch meeting time which will be on Tuesday nights, next semester. If you're free stop by, hang out. It'd be super fun. And then we had our holiday party. We have a little annual baby holiday party where we do gift exchange, do a little festive activity, and make chamber bread houses. Have you seen them in the office? Um, yeah, that's it for the semester. Alright, any questions for me?

Meme:

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Chief Justice Stillion. Now moving on to the EB branch report given by President Shaw.

⌘ Executive Branch Report

President Shaw

President Shaw: I apologize in advance. This is a very long one this week, so stick with me here. Okay, of course, same updates as always. Last all-USG email for the semester sent Monday, so be sure to answer the hidden question. Um, so as of right now, vacant EB positions, um, our development coordinator, is graduating this semester. So that will be open for this spring. Um, and PHC Greek life liaison. Um, and potentially a social media strategist dependent on the passage of a senate bill. Um, Last day to submit office hours and membership requirements is tomorrow the 5th, by 11:59 PM. Anything submitted after that, we unfortunately cannot count towards requirements. So be sure to get those in. If you have any final questions about what you have submitted, what you still need to submit, any mix up there, please, email Bethel and I, or

sorry, Vice President, Tsige and I, will be shown to you accordingly. Additionally, office hours are not required for next week. It's finals week. That would be mean. So, um, what Dr. Messina said, just be sure to go to finals, go to class, all that fun stuff. Don't worry about USG next week. Um, mid-year award submissions. So those were judged on Monday by DLT, and we will be giving those out during the holiday party. So that is very exciting. University council awards recognition committee, they're in need of USG representatives. So I believe Senator Swaminathan already reached out to me, but they're taking as many people as we can give them. Um, So, they are reviewing awards for outstanding faculty, outstanding researcher, outstanding mentoring, supporting the student experience, community engagement, and exemplary service awards. So, um, let me know if this is of interest to anyone. Um, either after the meeting, next week, anytime, um, if you need more information, I have more as well, um, that I can send you if you're interested. Additionally, the Excel center is looking for, um, students to serve on their, um, community engagement council. Um, the task, this academic year is to identify, um, impact metrics, um, for UAs ex community engagement report. So their meetings will be from 9am to 11am on those days listed. So again, if you're interested, please reach out to me and let me know. Um, additionally, more volunteers are needed. For the 2026 Goodyear STEM Career Day, that is on Saturday, February 21st from 7:30am to 12:30pm. They're looking for students who are comfortable to lead student groups and to a hands-on activity on campus, and to provide general assistance around the morning. They said that this could be eligible for volunteering and service hours. Um, And they'll give you a free meal at Rob. So, um, those could count as USG hours too, if you're interested for next semester. And then more info to come on that in the beginning of January once they get everything solidified. Um, and then I will quickly go over faculty senate December meeting. So we had that today, right before this. So, I'll just go over some important

points. So, the remarks of the chair. She brought up a couple things, but one thing I wanted to highlight was, um, the one related policies and draft of the final policies is going to be given to the board of trustees for revision and approval. These policies address things like faculty workload, retrenchment, and annual performances. So as that progresses, I will be trying to keep you a little updated on any passage, but those are any changes coming that way. We also voted to ratify the December list of graduates. And the president remarks, he discussed an audit process at the university recently went through. Um, and different entities on campus are studying and finalizing a report on that. A lot of it had to do with athletics funding and money going to athletics and whatnot. So, like I said, they're finishing strategic planning this spring, and they're finalizing a plan by next year. Oh? They say that the current structure of it is not sustainable for the university. And, like I said, the worlds are seen with other members, are addressing it after the audit is fully complete, and after it is reviewed, Excuse me. Um, Provost Price, um, in the Provost remarks also gave an enrollment update. Um, so I'll just share a couple numbers with you that I think are super cool. So, the spring of 26 enrollment is up 12.25% compared to this time last year, so that's fantastic. Increased spring for undergrad is 11.23%. and 32% of the graduates. So it's very exciting for Spring enrollment. Um, additionally, um, so far enrollment numbers are on track for an increase next fall, so even more increase than last year which is super exciting. However, international enrollment is kind of questionable right now. because there have been a lot of national visas um, kind of concerns, um, depending, like, depending on the kind of national environment. So the university, I believe, had Matt Akers, our government relations personal on campus. He is in DC, having a lot of meetings on Capitol Hill about how to address these, along with the language of other university officials as well throughout the country. So hopefully we'll be getting an answer on that soon and how the university is planning

on tackling that and addressing that. So, I'll keep everybody updated as that progresses.

Regarding searches, the College of Business Dean search has been complete and someone has been named, he is starting in January. Um, The Buchtel of College of Arts and Sciences is ready to start their search for a dean. And then the senior director for graduate school interviews are complete and pending a decision. Um... Then, just a couple other things, the curriculum review committee, we are approved probably over 100 programs in proposals. Um, which, obviously, I'm not going to name all of them that would be awful. But reviewed a lot of those. General education advisory committee also revised learning outcomes. their learning outcomes and perspectives, for Gen Ed, and they just kind of tweaked one notable thing is they tweaked the diversity requirement and changed it to just a global requirement. So, they just changed that language to comply with Senate Bill One there. And then there were a lot of constituent reports, but nothing too pressing to report on there, but I believe that's almost it. Of course, we have one event. It's the holiday party. Very excited for that. After this meeting, it'll be in this room too. Yeah, that's all I have. Anybody have any questions about anything? Well, thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, President Shaw. We will now be moving to the DLT Report given by Chief Justice Stillion.

DLT Report

Chief Justice Stillion

Chief Justice Stillion: All right. Another short one. The last time we'll see these reminders, enter in your office hours for this week, if you haven't already, but like President Shaw said, don't come next week. We don't want to see you, focus on finals. Unless your class is done.

Additionally, submit your membership requirements by tomorrow, as was mentioned. But if your membership is changing, that's DLT speak of, if you will not be in this position than you are right now next year. next semester. Let us know as soon as possible. So, we can put that on the

application, start the position, start the process to fill that position. But on the media recap, we did shout outs, branch reports as usual, and then we came to enter executive session, so fun always to make our decisions for the mid-year awards, for a good chunk. We finished planning for the all-USG holiday party, which is today right afterwards. I hope you're all aware. You certainly look like it, but maybe not. And then we had a discussion about the volunteerism awards that we award based on membership requirements. Um, The final day for submitting those, I think, was December 5th, tomorrow at 11:59pm, and then we will send a list of names and those that completed their awards to Advisor Ernst, for dissemination, if you were awarded. We discussed our DLT winter retreat, which would be the December 17th, 1pm to 5pm. We get to come in cold and snow and have so much fun, but we will all be there in person except for our director of finance. And then we discussed the AP awards, which the league was also mentioned in one of the reports already, maybe not. That's okay. But those are awards that we, as USG, give out at the end of the year as part of the Life Awards, we are responsible for determining the specific descriptions of those awards, who is eligible to apply and then be as DLT determine the recipients of that award. So, we discussed and amended the descriptions for those 2 awards, partially in DLT, but then we finished it in our big 3 meeting on Wednesday. So that process is through the amazing Chief of Staff Kelly. And then we also have upcoming events. Well, you're at, one of them, you will soon be at another one. And then, of course, we have OSGS tomorrow. Any questions? Awesome.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Chief Justice Stillion. We will now be moving to the Committee Reports starting with the F.A.S.T. Committee Report given by Senator Shelton.

IX) Committee Reports

- F.A.S.T. Committee

Senator Shelton

Senator Shelton: Hi, guys. Thank you. I appreciate it. Um, so, the F.A.S.T. committee report, things that we've been working on, we were kind of, looking back at the year, how it all went. I hope you all went on a F.A.S.T. tour this year! Yeah, you did. And there will be more next year. So, keep an eye out for those. Those are USG sponsored events. So, helps you get your requirements in. And we talked about what worked, what didn't work. We talked about legislation that came out of F.A.S.T. committee and how we can improve next year. And yeah, as per individual updates, Senator Blankenship is looking into the Myers School of Arts and how to collaborate more with them so we can have more art on campus. Isn't that lovely, guys? Um, Senator Messmer is in talks with senate leadership for his dining project and the student discount hub, and next steps to get that more out to you guys and getting it ready for next semester. Senator Moore is back communicating with the College of Health and Human Science Dean and meeting with final intro classes. So, like introduction level classes within the College of Health and Human Sciences, but let them know that she's their representative and how to reach out to them better. And so, trying to end the semester strong. Senator Pence has been sending emails out regarding AC, Heating, and an email about the solicitors on campus, just trying to understand how to best represent our constituents and those regards and get information out to them. And then I have been wrapping up standard stuff within the committee, getting our paperwork in, such, just brainstorming what needs to be worked on and trying to get the memorial, the Peace Memorial outside the Union, looking nice again. So, that's all. Any questions regarding F.A.S.T. committee? I hope you guys have a wonderful break.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Senator Shelton. We will now be moving on to the A.P.S.S. Committee Report given by Senator Gnap.

- A.P.S.S. Committee

Senator Gnap

Senator Gnap: So, for this week's meeting, Senator Swaminathan sent off the Zip's for Sips resolution which passed, so yay, and then she's continuing to push out resources with our social media strategist Flickinger. And then Senator Prough had a great meeting with the associated director of athletic facilities and operations about the local fields. We just had a few location suggestions, and a lot of good input. And then Senator Sterns is finalizing the bright space initiative. Um, and then my workday video was filmed last week, so we are looking forward to that. Umm, we do have a new meme this week. Any questions or anything? Thank you.

Meme:

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Senator Gnap. We will now be moving on to the S.E.

Committee Report given by Senator Spears.

- S.E. Committee

Senator Spears

Senator Spears: Uh, during our meeting this week we had some legislation which is on the floor, Senator Kleinschmidt. We're excited about that, talked about that in our meeting. Um, Senator Simas is sending out emails to student board leaders, and then I'm exploring meal swipe issues. Because of the rise, I hear a lot of people complaining that they can't use their meal swipe. I feel like they're missing out on their eating or to attend a Zips sporting event, which I think you should have to choose between the two, right? Question of the day this week was Spotify wrapped came out. So, we talked about music, what we listened to, and just asked someone or anyone to share whatever they would like about their wrapped or whatever goes on at Apple. And then, in honor of our wonderful leadership, we made two memes this week. This is the only time I'll meme this semester. But this was from Senator Kleinschmidt, and then I honored Vice Senate Chair McCracken, Megan McCracken... Wicked Witch? Any questions?

Meme:

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Senator Spears. We will now be moving on to the Director Reports. Starting with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report, given by President Shaw.

X) **Director Reports**

 ∄ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

President Shaw

President Shaw: So, unfortunately, no DEI members are able to be here tonight, but that's okay. So, I get to come up here again. See all your beautiful faces. Um, so over the last few weeks, the DEI team wrapped up the semester strong with a couple and a game maybe with strong engagement and meaningful programs. So, they helped successfully implement the PRIDE flag dedication ceremony to November 17th. Um, which created an important moment of visibility, recognition, for the LGBTQ+ students on campus. And we also held the cultural night event, celebrating International Education Week in the International Office. Um, That was with the International Student Organization, ZAB and the Muslim Student Association. Um, they had double of their expected attendance, so it went very well. And they said it was exciting to see so many students connecting with the activities and cultures. The Diversity committee has also seen improvement in attendance towards the end of the semester, which is fantastic. New members representing student organizations have joined in conversation in committee, has been more actively meaningful, and they're excited to build onto this momentum going into the spring semester. And they said, looking ahead, as they prepare for spring; they'll be selecting a new time for their meetings, of course. They're also beginning planning for spring outreach, including brainstorming events for Black History Month, and women's History Month and identifying more opportunities for collaboration with other student organizations since their first couple collaborations went super well, hoping to expand that. And they said a major priority for next semester will be expanding visibility on campus, strengthening partnerships, and creating

programming that students from all backgrounds feel connected to. So, try to answer any questions if you're able to.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, President Shaw. We will now be moving on to the Finance Report given by Deputy Director Jovicic.

€ Finance Report

Deputy Director Jovicic

Deputy Director Jovicic: Unfortunately, Director Damson is sick today. So, I hopefully she gets better soon. This finance report covers the last 2 weeks, so that's the number 15th through 30th.

As a result, it's a little bit longer if you just kind of want to scroll down. So, for student organizations, it was \$8,000 total. All between them got about \$3,000 for travel, about \$5,000 for non-travel. A lot of end of semester events and parties going on. So, a lot of money being allocated for that. For USG, we had our tailgate, Pride flag ceremony, cultural night, about \$700 there. And we also ordered the USG t-shirts for \$850. So, everything combined just \$10,000 for the last 2 weeks. Any questions? Perfect.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. We will now be moving on to the Project Coordination Report given by Coordinator Sandberg.

€ Project Coordination

Coordinator Sandberg

Coordinator Sandberg: Hi guys! Julie and Jess are not here so you get me. So, this semester, we worked on twenty-one projects and events or other. Um, There's a fun little bird map there. One sticking out to be our student. That's good. One of our biggest events was Duncan's birthday party. Oh, this is awesome. Here's the pie chart of the attendance of class standing. So, a lot of involved freshmen at 31.6%. Wow. That's good. Rainbow. So very nice. Other updates. Were working on scheduling our spring semester by weekly meeting times. Director Mueller and Cliff will be working on tweaks, so the projects has a better request form over winter break. So, stay

tuned for updates. And then Director Cliff is updating. Oh, I'm not going to go through that whole thing, but please read what we're grateful for. I'm grateful for my cat. Any questions? All right, thank you guys.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right. We will now be moving on to the Community and Campus Outreach Report given by Deputy Director Senko.

€ Community and Campus Outreach

Deputy Director Senko

Deputy Director Senko: Okay, um, so, update for the past two weeks, uh, Health and Safety Officer Greene. The past safety walk went well. It took place on November 14th. Deputy Salvatore had a collab with the A.K. Rowdies, it went well. That took place before the wagon wheel game. Upcoming plans. So, my passport event is going to be next semester. I've been emailing some different businesses downtown. We're going to get that set up. Greek life liaison Knopp, working on a Thai blanket event for next semester. Director Ruffin wants a peak interest of volunteering next semester to help grow the staff account. Please let him know if you are interested and he will send out information about it. And then Health and Safety Officer Greene, Trans Remembrance Day went well, that took place recently, and then a Care Package event with ZAB is currently being scheduled for spring semester. Any questions? Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. We will now be moving on to the Communications Report given by Director Cameron.

€ Communications

Director Cameron

Director Cameron: Hi everyone. So, some progress. So, our group requests that we're working on are the A.P.S.S. posts series, you know, it was talked about on this already. And then we're also working on the USG t-shirt and OSGS t-shirt. November Vision Board, upcoming dates,

disability awareness, and the average small business series posting, the infographic for that. And then some upcoming projects are on our post reel. Any questions?

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. We will now be moving on to New Business starting with Senate Bill 12-25-26.

XI) New Business

€ SB 12-25-26

Rylee Flickinger

Vice Senate Chair McCracken recites the rationale for SR 12-25-26

Senate Chair Kasik: I entertain a motion to wave the second reading.

Senator Prough: Motion to wave the second reading.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of waving the second reading, please say aye.

Motion to wave the second reading passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Spears.

Senator Spears: Motion to close debate and move to previous question.

Senator Sterns: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of closing debate and moving to the previous question, please say aye.

Motion to close debate and move to previous question passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: We will now do the roll call, your options are in favor, opposed, or abstained.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken calls the roll for SR 12-25-26

Senator Blankenship: In Favor

Senator Gnap: In Favor

Senator Kleinschmidt: In Favor

Senator Messmer: In Favor

Senator Pence: In Favor

Senator Prough: In Favor

Senator Shelton: In Favor

Senator Simas: In Favor

Senator Spears: In Favor

Senator Sterns: In Favor

Senator Swaminathan: In Favor

SR 12-25-26 has passed: All in favor.

XII) Swearing In

XIII) New Business

⊄ SR 07-25-26

Consent/Coercion Awareness

Senate Chair Kasik: We will now be moving back to New Business, starting with Senate Resolution 07-25-26.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken recited the rationale for SR 07-25-26

Senate Chair Kasik: Vice Senate Chair McCracken.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Motion to amending the resolution to fix the wording within this sentence.

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of fixing the spelling on the resolution, please say aye.

Motion to fix spelling within resolution passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair McCracken: Motion to amend the resolution to change the spelling of resolve and access to correct.

Senate Chair Kasik: Is there a second?

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of amending the resolution, please say aye.

Motion to fix the spelling of resolution passed: The ayes have it.

Chief Justice Stillion: Point of personal privilege. Can we zoom in on this, and all further things are displayed? Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Yes... Can I entertain a motion to wave the second reading?

Senator Spears: Motion to wave the second reading.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of waving the second reading, please say aye.

Motion to wave the second reading passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Can I entertain a motion to enter debate?

Senator Prough: Motion to enter debate.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of entering debate, please say aye.

Motion to enter debate passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Would the sponsors of the bill like to speak on behalf?

Senator Kleinschmidt: So, I've been working on this project since the beginning of the semester.

And while it is my baby, I also think that it's important to receive criticism and to take feedback.

If there's anything that, maybe you have an issue with, I encourage you to speak out about that. I

think that it's important to collaborate on things like this. But I've noticed just through personal

conversations that there are a lot of people who feel that something is wrong in a relationship. But they can't justify it logically. They don't have the right words to explain what's happening, but there is actually something wrong, but they don't get help, because they're not sure about that. So, the ultimate goal of this is to encourage students to understand that if they feel that something is wrong, then something is wrong.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Swaminathan.

Senator Swaminathan: As a cosigner for the spill of this resolution, I've seen the amount of work that Senator Kleinschmidt has put into this resolution since the beginning of the semester, and I believe it's a really important initiative to really give a voice for the voiceless and make the student community know that the university itself is a safe space. This initiative itself will foster a safer community, a more informed community, and hopefully these values will grow as these students graduate. So, I really urge you to vote in favor of this resolution.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Shelton.

Senator Shelton: Motion to close debate.

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of closing the debate and moving to the previous question, please say aye.

Motion to close debate passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Your options are in favor, opposed, or abstained.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken calls the roll for SR 12-25-26

Senator Blankenship: In Favor

Senator Flickinger: In Favor

Senator Gnap: In Favor

Senator Kleinschmidt: In Favor

Senator Messmer: In Favor

Senator Pence: In Favor

Senator Prough: In Favor

Senator Shelton: In Favor

Senator Simas: In Favor

Senator Spears: In Favor

Senator Sterns: In Favor

Senator Swaminathan: In Favor

SR 07-25-26 has passed: All in favor.

Senate Chair Kasik: The resolution has passed. Congratulations.

SB 13-25-26

Consent/Coercion Awareness

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Kleinschmidt.

Senator Kleinschmidt: Motion to wave the reading of the supporting documents of Senate Bill 13-25-26 as they are the same as Senate Bill 07-25-26.

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of waiving the reading of the senate bill, please say aye.

Motion to wave the reading of the supporting documents of SB 13-25-26 passed: The ayes have it.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken recites the rationale for SB 13-25-26

Senate Chair Kasik: Vice Senate Chair McCracken.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Motion to amend the Senate Bill to reflect changing the number.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor, please say aye.

Motion to amend the agenda passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Can I entertain a motion to wave the second reading? Senator Spears.

Senator Spears: Motion to wave the second reading.

Senator Swaminathan: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of waiving the second reading, please say aye.

Motion to wave the second reading passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Can I get a motion to end debate?

Senator Speats: Motion to end debate.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of ending debate, please say aye.

Motion to end debate passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right would the sponsors of the bill like to speak on behalf?

Senator Kleinschmidt: Um, I mean, as I'm sure you noticed, a lot of this is the same information that was in the resolution the only thing that is different is the action item, which is why it's a bill and not a resolution. Um, I kind of see the campaign as something similar to the F.A.S.T. tours. And I think it'll, not that the student engagement committee doesn't do anything. I'm part of that committee, but I think it'll give us another project that we can work on throughout the year that will give us a nice goal, something to look forward to. Especially to collaborate and build relations within the committee in addition to the benefits of hosting a campaign for the students.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Swaminathan.

Senator Swaminathan: Again, I've seen Senator Kleinschmidt work on this project like her baby throughout, um, throughout the semester. And I believe that hosting events through the student

engagement committee would make, um, students more engaged with the topic itself and make it less stigmatized. It's been seen globally and nationally that, especially in college students, that this topic is emerging as a large stigma, and we should help break that stigma. And this for me helps foster that safer environment, and asking for help is really hard, and this event, no matter where it goes, would make that a safe space for students. So, I urge you all to go in favor of the bill.

Senator Spears: Uh, as the chairman of the committee, I would welcome this change, uh, to our governing documents, um, because at times, um, you find yourself wondering, what should we do now? And this would be a great thing for us to always have on our radar, and we have to complete. Um, I would request Senator Kleinschmidt would like to, um, the word campaign is broad, uh, which I enjoy, but if you could maybe drop, or if the senator could drop, um, in our folder, an idea, that some ideas for future chairmen who might not, you know, Senator Kleinschmidt might not be here, uh, but it comes out in 2 years, um, so that we can always have an idea of us about campaigns meant to the original sender.

Senator Kleinschmidt: Um, I can do that definitely. Um, kind of the way that I was looking at it was, like, in October for alcohol awareness, um, there was a whole campaign week of different things that students can engage in, and that's, um, sort of what my vision is, but it's definitely left broad so that student engagement can do something new every year, can, um, have their own spin on it. But I can definitely provide some examples.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Swaminathan.

Senator Swaminathan: Motion to close debate.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of closing the debate and moving to the previous question, please say aye.

Motion to close debate passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Our options are in favor, opposed or abstained.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken calls the roll for SR 13-25-26

Senator Blankenship: In Favor

Senator Flickinger: In Favor

Senator Gnap: In Favor

Senator Kleinschmidt: In Favor

Senator Messmer: In Favor

Senator Pence: In Favor

Senator Prough: In Favor

Senator Shelton: In Favor

Senator Simas: In Favor

Senator Spears: In Favor

Senator Sterns: In Favor

Senator Swaminathan: In Favor

SR 13-25-26 has passed: All in favor.

Senate Chair Kasik: The bill passes, congratulations.

⌘ Spring Election Rules

Chief Justice Stillion

Senate Chair Kasik: All right, we are now moving onto the Spring Election rules.

Chief Justice Stillion: I would like to start off by reminding everyone that the election rules are now the governing documents. Everyone, not just senders, will be able to participate in debate

over these and will be able to vote whether or not to ratify them once today has finalized. Keep that in mind, if you want to jump up into the conversation, if you want to come in, come in. But these electric rules are the results of a lot of hard work on our end, I believe, the judicial branch every semester. that being electron is. Um, And this is the most amended version of the election rules hat I have seen since I have been here. All of those changes, the result of almost, I believe, close to 10 years of combined election experience in our branch. We have several experienced members that have provided input down throughout this process. But our, our goal always with amending the election rules, with the changes that we make are pointed toward the student body. I'll be we want to make this process as easy and simple as it is when the candidates and the people that are running, but our primary goal is to make sure that those candidates get in front of the student body, that students are contacted and students know, what USG is. So, a lot of those changes are made with that in mind. The students, uh, the undergraduate student body is our primary, um, audience for the selection cycle and all the changes that we got.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken calls the roll

Senate Chair Kasik: In Favor

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Opposed

Senate Clerk Stalnaker: In Favor

Senator Blankenship: In Favor

Senator Flickinger: Opposed

Senator Gnap: Opposed

Senator Kleinschmidt: In Favor

Senator Messmer: Opposed

Senator Pence: Opposed

Senator Prough: In Favor

Senator Shelton: Opposed

Senator Simas: Opposed

Senator Spears: Opposed

Senator Sterns: In Favor

Senator Swaminathan: In Favor

President Shaw: In Favor

Vice President Tsige: In Favor

Deputy Director Jovicic: In Favor

Chief of Staff Kelly: In Favor

Membership Coordinator Mahaney: In Favor

Deputy Director Senko: In Favor

Greek Life Liaison Knopp: Opposed

Director Cameron: Opposed

Strategist Adams: Opposed

Project Coordinator Sandberg: Opposed

Project Coordinator Viator: In Favor

Project Coordinator Allooh: In Favor

Project Coordinator Tamim: In Favor

Liaison Cunah Dos Santos: In Favor

Chief Justice Stillion: In Favor

Executive Justice Reimer: In Favor

Associate Justice Jones: In Favor

Associate Justice Groen: In Favor

Associate Justice Geib: In Favor

Associate Justice Papatonis: In Favor

Deputy Chief of Staff Johnson-Powell: In Favor

Senate Chair Kasik: The in favors have it, and the election rules have passed.

XIV) Adjournment

∄ Holiday Party