



Undergraduate Student Government
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Senate Agenda

February 5th, 2026

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

Senate Chair Kasik: Now on to the adoption of the agenda. Senator Prough.

Senator Prough: Motion to amend the agenda to change the delivery of the advisory report to Advisor Ferguson-Mike.

Senate Chair Kasik: Is there a second?

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of updating the advisory report to Advisor Ferguson-Mike, please say aye.

Motion to amend the agenda to change the delivery of the advisory report to Advisor

Ferguson-Mike Passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. Is there any other Amendments? Senator Spears.

Senator Spears: Motion to amend the agenda to have approval of the minutes be 1.29.26.

Senator Flickinger: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of updating the minutes to 1.29.26, please say aye.

Motion to amend the agenda to have approval of the minutes be 1.29.26. Passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Kleinschmidt.

Senator Kleinschmidt: Motion to amend the agenda to add EO 35-25-26 under New Business.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of adding Executive Order 35-25-26 under New Business, please say aye.

Motion to amend the agenda to add EO 35-25-26 under New Business Passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right. Any other amendments? Senator Spears.

Senator Spears: 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: All right. We will now be moving on to the Swearing in of Membership Development Coordinator Ali Winters. If her and Chief Justice Stillion would like to come up front.

V. Swearing In

Ali Winters

VI. Approval of the 1.29.26 Minutes

Senate Chair Kasik: Now on to the approval of the 1.29.26 Minutes... Senator Spears.

Senator Spears: Motion to approve the 1.29.26 Minutes.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of approving the 1.29.26 Minutes, please say aye.

Motion to approve the 1.29.26 Minutes Passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. We will now be moving on to Open Student Expression.

VII. Open Student Expression

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Spears.

Senator Spears: Um, the, uh, A.K. Rowdies, would like to thank USG and BEC for, uh, their help last Friday against the school on the road rivalry week, uh, tabling event, uh, but incredibly well, much better than I think the engagement last year. I think the promotions were much better. We did a fantastic job. The game went well, record number of students at least, in my time here, 1297 students, it's about 25% of the crowd. Um, and then, um, women's team, women's team basketball is doing fantastic 2 home wins. And then we're hosting UMass next week for the men's Jersey giveaway.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. Yep, Director Senko.

Director Senko: So, I know NoCon and Harry Styles are all the talk of town right now. but a local artist released some new music today. They're called the Black Keys. So, we should go support local artists and give them a listen.

Executive Justice Reimer: You remember my name?

Senate Chair Kasik: Yes, Executive Justice Reimer.

Executive Justice Reimer: Uh, so, the orientation that your application is currently live, you can check in ZipMail, you should be able to access that and apply to it. I think every single person in this room would be amazing at being an orientation leader. If you have any questions about it, I know that Senators Spears, Senator Prough, and I are all going to be

serving as team leaders this upcoming summer, so you can ask us any questions. And I know that there are some other people in this room who have also served as orientation leaders before. So, if you can come in and find them, you can talk to them about it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Yes, Chief of Staff Kelly.

Chief of Staff Kelly: Um, so on February 19th, which is Thursday night from 6pm to 8:30pm, which overlapped the Senate, I know, but just come afterwards, the UA investors are hosting 535 awards. Which honor 5 of our most recent alumni who have contributed either to their community, go back to Akron, something like that, and achieve greatness and want to share their learnings with all of you. Additionally, that's one of the applications for the UA Masters open, and I really encourage all of you as student leaders that are having involved, too, consider applying.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right. Anything else for Open Student Expression today? If not we will move on to the advisor report given by Advisor Ferguson-Mike.

VIII. Advisor Report Advisor Ferguson-Mike

Advisor Ferguson-Mike: Hello everyone. I hope things are going well. One thing pertaining to USG, I just want to make sure as you all are spending money, um, for events or initiatives that we are double triple checking the account numbers that you are using before we are assuming that there is money in the acccounts. So, um, I think you could ask probably anyone on DLT and maybe if they're not sure and they want to double check, um, Abby and myself can look at those numbers to just make sure that we are good as we finish up the academic year. Um, I encourage you all to apply to the life awards. I've talked to some of you individually. But life awards are something the student life office does. There are words based around leadership. You can do individual awards or student organizational awards.

Those can be found on Rooconnect. They're due in about 2 weeks towards the end of February. If you needed a lot of recommendation, I probably shouldn't say this out loud, but I'd be happy to write one's for you. Um, and then the other thing, we got a chunky blanket making class. We're hosting that on February 17th. It's from 1pm to 4pm. It's here on the 3rd floor. Anyway, it's the day you guys don't have class, so I'd love to see some of you there, and RSVP. I think it's on Instagram, you can RSVP, so. Any questions? Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. We are now going to move on to Branch Reports starting with the LB Branch Report.

IX. Branch Reports

Legislative Branch Report

Senate Chair Kasik

Senate Chair Kasik: So, uh, we still have one vacancy. It is now for the Senator for the College of Health and Human Sciences. The position of First Year Senator has been fulfilled. We have one guest speaker coming up. It will be next week. We have Nick Weber with the Rec and Wellness Center. So please make sure I have any questions ready for him. There is going to be a brief FAB 5 meeting after this, so if you're a committee chair, please stick around. and also stick around as well if you're in Senate because we'll be discussing next week's Mock Debate topic. That would be very fun, I think. And also just another reminder that LB leadership and your branch leaders are now responsible for approving your emails. So, it's been good so far. No one's messed that up but just throwing it out. So, we will now be moving on to the Judicial Branch Report given by Chief Justice Stillion.

Judicial Branch Report

Chief Justice Stillion

Chief Justice Stillion: Okay, another short one for you today. The student org form, for new student organization, opens tomorrow. We have three or four in there right now that JB has the

jurisdiction to improve, so we're gonna start working on those over the next week and into the rest of the semester. So, if you want a do student organization or you're wanting to get involved in student organization, we can help you through that process. Or if you know anybody who wants to get involved on campus, we can help you through that process. The judicial branch also received an elections grievance and voted to hear that grievance at our meeting this Tuesday and that grievance will be heard this following Tuesday. If you have any questions about that, I will have to redirect them because I'm not allowed to know anything. Are there any questions? Great.

Meme:



Chief of Staff Kelly: Point of personal privilege. Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right, uh, thank you, Chief Justice Stillion. We will now be moving on to the Executive Branch Report given by President Shaw.

€ **Executive Branch Report**

President Shaw

President Shaw: Hello, hello, hello. Okay, so some updates and reminders. Um, I'll USG email, answer the hidden question, same every week. We also have some vacant EB positions, so we have the NPHC Greek life liaison, a social media strategist, a project coordinator, and our deputy for campus outreach offer has been sent and accepted, and is being sworn in and voted off today. So that's super exciting. Um, event marketing request, just a reminder to please get any requests in for any events or marketing. No later than 3 to 4 weeks in advance. Um, so the teams have ample time for completion for reaching out to people, um, for getting things together that way. Um, okay, so I have, first off, have some legislation updates from Dr. Messina. So, he sent me a very brief list of where all the legislation that was passed last semester is currently at, um, so I apologize. in reading this verbatim, what you told me. If you have any additional questions, let me know. I can relay those to him right now. Um, so senate resolution 02-25-26, was the design team, technical credits. That was advanced to the Office of Academic Affairs for Comment. Recommendations received from Dr. Mackay, which is the Vice Provost for academic affairs, are attached to the tracking for next steps, which I can provide as well. 03-25-26, UA Digital Maps update, refer to university brand office for evaluation and consideration. Um, 04-25-26 permanent campus signage, forwarded to capital planning and facilities management for consideration as well. Um, 05-25-26 University Bridge, upkeep, um, forwarded to, um, CPFM for evaluation, um, question pose, is this university or city maintained? We'll figure it out. Pending resolution. So, we'll figure it out. Um... 06-25-26,

water filling stations in the student rec and wellness center, referred to Nick Weber, and installation, apparently, was complete is what I was told. But we can double check on that next week. With Nick Weber. Um, 07-25-26, con consent resources, and move in, and in bathrooms. Referred to channel 9 coordinator and the safe team for consideration and action. Question regarding funding sources and approvals was raised too. And then the Senate Bill 13-25-26, which is about the consent coercion awareness campaign. He recommended that we consult with the title 9 coordinator and the safe team for consideration and different actions, but that can be taken from that. Um, and, yeah, that is it. Any questions from any senators off the rip about any of those? Yes. Bridge is what you're talking about.

Senator Shelton: Yeah.

President Shaw: Yeah, I can tell. Um, It's a great question. We will figure it out. We're still working on it. I promise. We will get that figured out. I will get that figured out. I'll make on my personal project.

Senator Shelton: Thanks, Madi. That's the question we've been asking for years.

President Shaw: For at least 2 years, yes. We have been. We've been asking. Yes.

Senator Sterns: What is CPMF?

President Shaw: That is Capital Planning Facilities Management. So, A lot of fun stuff.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Did you say you have steps for me moving forward?

President Shaw: Yes, he gave me the attached, um, for all of you. It gave me the tracking words that I provided to him. He left some comments on some. So, I will be forwarding those to you probably tomorrow, if not early next week. Um, anything else from any Senators? Or anybody. Lovely. Moving on. Faculty Senate Updates. We had faculty senate

today. Um, so you're just some highlights and some things that I think would be notable to share that we're shared with us. Um, so, in the remarks of the chair, um, she mentioned that the audit for the University of Akron was conducted and is available on the um, board of trustees website. So, if anybody's interested, we had an auditor come to the university, kind of evaluate our functions, our, like our physical functions, our internal functions, academic functions, and they left a full audit. Like I said, on the board of trustees website. So, if anybody's interested in that, I would recommend looking there. Moving down. President Nemer made some remarks. He mentioned that the wear Red Day is tomorrow, and that is for, I believe, cardiac awareness. Um, so we're around tomorrow. I know I'm wearing, but I'm going tomorrow too. He also mentioned and gave a shout out to the Excel Center and their Carnegie Classification, and they had a celebration this past Monday. The Carnegie classification is a national recognition for community engagement for universities, and the University of Akron applied and got it. So, it's very exciting. They are also looking into the faculty research grant committee, or faculty research committee, looking at grants and its funding for faculty research, of course. Provost Price gave some updates on enrollment. Just some brief updates. So as of right now, spring 26, We are up 1% enrollment with new spring 26 students. Applications as a whole are up since last year's consensus for next year, which is very exciting. There are three upcoming future zips days at the end of the semester, towards the end of the semester. The College of Business Dean, has been selected and started early last month, so it's very exciting. The Buchtel of College of Arts and Sciences Dean search is still underway. Um... The curriculum, excuse me, curriculum, review committee. We passed 51 smaller program and 48 smaller course proposals. Which, if anybody's interested in that, I can get you a list of that, but usually those are smaller tweaks

to programs and courses. But if there's anything notable, of course, I would always bring it up. Um, We just went through some updates from us, the AUP, GSG, University High School. Those are notable things there. Any questions about faculty senate? No. Okay. I'm almost done, I promise. Um, just some upcoming events that we want everybody to be aware of. Um, so the USG Spring Retreat is going to be Friday, February 27th from 6pm to 8pm, um, location now has been confirmed in the honors common room. Um, and that will be required for all members, but if you have any scheduling conflicts, um, please email your branch heads, um, and we can go from there. Usually has a couple of fundraisers coming up. So, um, the end of, or not the end, the beginning of March, March 4th, Thursday after an only USG Senate. will be our totally fundraiser. from 5pm to 9pm. And then we have a Kane's fundraiser the month after Thursday, April 2nd, also after all USG, from 4pm to 9pm at the Howe Avenue location. So, a portion of any proceeds made from that will come to our SAF account, which is very exciting. Um, and then lastly, USG end of year awards, um, will be on Thursday, April 16th, from 7pm to 9pm in the honors common room. That is also after a Senate meeting. Senate meeting will be, is planned to be cut an hour short that day. Um, so we have some time to everybody go and get ready, and for us to set up, um, and then where we can meet back at 7pm. Each member is a lot of +one to this event as well. That's where, of course, we'll be giving out a new year awards, do some senior recognition. And then this is also required attendance for all members. So, if you have any scheduling conflicts, again, email your word checks. I think that's it. Are there any questions?

Chief of Staff Kelly: President Shaw, I've heard that USG has tons of money. Why should we participate in that fundraiser or promote it to our friends?

President Shaw: Um, so... Thank you for your question. No, it's okay. Um, we need to grow our SAF funds. SAF or Self-Generated Funds. Um, it is basically what paid for our USG T shirts, anything internal. And we would love any support that we could get. So please, please, please, share those with your friends, or after, like I said, after USG, we could go as a group, maybe if you guys want. Um, but yes, please, please, please push those. Um, there should be some, um, marketing coming out with that too. So please share that if you can't make it. But yes. Anybody else? Any questions or comments? Yes.

Director Damson: Would it be really beneficial for USG members to participate?

President Shaw: Do you want to answer that one?

Senator Shelton: Is there an Instagram post for the USG Chipotle fundraiser?

President Shaw: There will be. Yeah, I believe if you show the flyer in person or we have an online code too, if you want to order online, have that. So, both of those will be going out. Yes.

Chief of Staff Kelly: That online option is already available if you want to pre-order for the day of.

President Shaw: Anybody else? I know we love canes and chipotle Anyobdy else? Okay, cool. Thank you, guys.

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

€ Finance Report

Director Damson

Director Damson: Hi, everyone. Nice to see you everyone's face, I just saw someone I was not expecting, so, yay. Um, but yes, for the finance report, um, we've allocated a little over \$4,000 to all the student organizations here on campus, and I don't have any UASG

expenses, I have expenses. Hopefully we can put some in it after we fundraise. But yeah, any questions?

Chief Justice Stillion: Do we know at this point how any of the OSGS money is being reallocated?

Director Damson: I'll have her answer, but I want to say something. Everything we spend for OSGS, I showed it in the previous weeks.:

Chief of Staff Kelly: So, there are some funds that hasn't already gone through for OSGS to make the cancellation. So those have already been paid out. If you're referring to those collected from donations, those are being processed to the return to them. Any negative in the budget being looked at in my report. The donations came by one of our sponsors who was just nice to us that weekend because it was his birthday. And ultimately it won't have any major impact on this year's current budget. And in fact, some of the stuff can be reused, so that next year's budget needs to be used for the conference or in the form of a profit endeavor.

Director Damson: Thank you for your question. Any other questions? Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Director Damson. We will now be moving on to the DLT report given by Vice President Tsige.

€ **DLT Report**

Vice President Tsige

Vice President Tsige: All right, so, for our meeting, we went through some shout outs, went through record another bonding activity question, followed by our branch updates, which I won't go through since the branch has already went through each one of them. We went through the bylaw amendments and how they have passed through all 3 branches. So, we love to see that. And then we talked about the life awards, just talking about potential

confidentiality training discussions for like the committees that were having vote. So going through that for a little bit, and then, of course, we talked about the fundraisers, which can be graciously told you guys about. So, I won't be really going through for you guys. And then, um, just as Senate Chair Kasik talked about from the email approval, we created a marketing add for you guys, so this is also in the USG office as well. If you ever get confused, like, all right, I want to send out this email. Do I CC all the branch heads or do I only CC my heads? It gives you sort of an outline for external and internal emails for USG. And then we talked about the USG reward ceremony, which is happening on April 16th from 7pm to 9pm, which I believe, Chief of Staff Kelly Sent out an invite for that, so it should be in your guys' calendar. So, if you guys don't know if you're going to attend, please reach out to your branch heads as well. We also talked about some purchasing for the rubber ducks game next semester for the 2026 to 2027 platform. So, we're gonna see what the potential date will be for that. And then we also talked about some upcoming events, which already happened. So, like, you know, the USG applications already closed. Chief of Staff Kelly talked about the 535 event. We talked about the Chipotle fundraiser, what is some upcoming future DLT items to look into and that's basically all that we talked about for the meeting. Any questions? Cool, thank you guys.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Vice President Tsige. We will now be moving on to the Committee Reports starting with the Elections Board Report given by Elections Chair Stillion.

X. Committee Reports

€ Elections Board

Elections Chair Stillion

Elections Chair Stillion: Just a couple updates on the events that have been happening already. The application did close. Does anybody know when? Yes?

Chief of Staff Kelly: February 1st, 11:59pm.

Elections Chair Stillion: That's correct. Oh, you were a little bit hesitant up in the front. I don't like that. That's okay, though. We did have two candidates meetings this week on Monday and Tuesday. Petitioning is now open for everyone that attended those meetings in person were virtually just a reminder, though, that campaigning, campaign material, and discussion of any potential or actual candidates is prohibited in the USG office at any USG events. That includes Senate Meeting, where we are right now. And I'm in the back. Always watching. Um, we do have a couple of events upcoming, but not until the week after next. So, we will hear about that next week. Any questions? Awesome.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Elections Chair Stillion. We will now be moving on to the OSGS Committee Report given by Chief of Staff Kelly.

∉ **OSGS Committee**

Chief of Staff Kelly

Chief of Staff Kelly: So, first of all, the basic gist, we had to cancel because of the weather. All of our experts were saying, Hey, it's super dangerous. People can't be on the road for three hours. If they get caught in the cold they could get frostbated within a half hour. So that's why the initial cancellation happened. But I want you guys to hear about some of the details that our team went through because they worked really hard on making this conference the best it could have possibly been. And I want you all to see what that looks like. So we would have had 13 total schools attending. I won't read out the list to you there. We would have had 138 total attendees, not including advisors. And then we would have had nine speakers, including Greta Johnson, who used to be one of the Ohio State

reps, Kimberly Beckett, who's the president of downtown Akron partnership, Timanda Mullins, who created the black giving collective fund through the African Community Foundation. Justin Everett Hilton, who is the president of leadership Akron downtown, Dr. Annabel and Amina Hall from the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority. Both alumni as well. Jared Piccioli, who works actually in the college of business for anybody curious to go check him out. He's super nice. And then our closing speaker would have been Henry Johnson Jr. who works with leadership background as well as their vice president. We secured 3 sponsors, \$3500 in total. We've had to return \$1500 of those. We'll be able to hold onto \$2000 to make sure that we don't go in the negative, which was really gracious.

That was by the University of Akron Office of student affairs were none other than Dr. John Messina. So, if you see him, say, thank you, please. Um, we would have raised, I know we're talking about fundraising a lot today. But as it's been aforementioned, we do not have as much funds as we would have had in the past years, especially because grant money from federal grants. So, this would have raised \$6000 over \$6,500 for the organization. So, I'm personally a little devastated. I can't help you all with fundraising in this way. But hopefully next year they'll have less costs and be able to get even higher profit and secure funding for you all. Um, we ultimately voted to cancel OSGS for this year, primarily due to lack of feasibility, a lot of attending issues. There is some bylaws, compliance, concerns that'll get brought up to DLT with that. Um, probably just be me going, sorry guys, what do we do? But on the lookout for that. Next year's event will be pushed back to later in the Spring semester. We're hoping for end of February. But that way we don't have to have this 50-50 shot of whether in Ohio's winters. Um, yeah, we have a couple merch items, budget post cancellation will go in the negative. I'm reaching

out to people to make sure that they're happy and still want to come next year. We don't ruin our relationships with them. Um, just to make sure that you guys are able to fundraise with success once we're gone, or once I graduate in May. But, yeah, with that, I want to give a shout out to my team. President Shaw, Vice President Tsige, Associate Justice Jones, Director Ruffin, Senator Swaminathan, Deputy Director Senko, Senator Flickinger, Associates Justice Adams, and Project Coordinator Viator, and our advisors.

They put in a ton of work to make this happen. Pretty upset, we couldn't deliver it for you all. I know our attendees were super excited to be there and network with you all. So, if you reach out to any of these student governments, know that you already have a connection to them, they were super excited to see you. But then, uh, with that, our committee has come to you with us. Any questions?

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Chief of Staff Kelly. We will now be moving on to the F.A.S.T. Committee Report given by Senator Shelton.

- **F.A.S.T. Committee**

Senator Shelton

Senator Shelton: I just want to take a moment to thank Chief of Staff Kelly for all her hard work again, 'cause she really did work so hard. As for us, we did some F.A.S.T. tour rescheduling, and some of the dates stayed the same. Look at your calendar. Figure it out. You should probably come see me. I'd be really happy. They are a lot of fun. We tour all the buildings, not all the buildings, some of the buildings on campus to see if they're accessible. So, I'm a lot of fun, guys. You want to hang out with me. We did a moment of positivity to fill out a shadow. So, it's pretty fun. Um, then we went over our individual senator updates. Um, Senator Blankenship toward the Meyers School of Art and is waiting

for an update from the dean of honors to collaborate with Meyers. We've been working on that together. Senator Flickinger has sent out emails for leap, waiting replies, and connected to the dean of the College of Business for a meeting, and is brainstorming some programs with zips vote, targeted at freshmen. Uh, Senator Messmer is doing some revisions to his dining plan, um, and surveys, and projects with the discount hub. Senator Moore, no longer Senator Moore. Um, was meeting with the dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences. Um, Senator Pence is reaching out to Air Mark, uh, in regards to rollover meal swipes or in like sharing meal swipes and dining dollars and is awaiting responses. And I've been collaborating with Senator Blankenship over the Meyers project and meeting with the dean of honors to try to get a potential art installation in the honors complex, which would be pretty neat. Any questions? Any cons? Any concerns? Wonderful. Thank you

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

- **A.P.S.S. Committee**

Senator Swaminathan

Senator Swaminathan: Hi, everyone. We have me today because Senator Gnap has a personal commitment, so, uh, I will be giving the A.P.S.S. committee report. Currently, I'm working on two resolutions. I'm trying to get locks at Gazeta hall for dancers, 'cause they actually don't have locks for their dance lockers. And I've been looking around restrooms across university to see which ones need sanitary products, and try to get those accessible to students. Furthermore, we're restarting the A.P.S.S. resource initiative for this semester where we do social media posts, highlighting one academic resource of the university every week. And we're also trying to do a social media initiative where we record

a video of a senior and post that every other week, and we'll talk about their favorite academic resource. Senator Prough is trying to schedule a meeting with UAkron parking to try to add outdoor basketball courts for students, Senator Sterns is finalizing legislation on the Bright Space Initiative, for real this time. Again. Um, and make sure to keep on the lookout for this legislation on the floor at our next few Senate meetings. Finally, Senator Gnap she going over bierce library trying to figure out maintenance. Um, such as fixing tables that are broken, benches, chairs, outlets. And she's also setting up meeting with the dean of the Honors College. So, reminders we solidified our meeting time to Thursdays, 3:30pm to 4:30pm. So if you guys wanna hang out with us before the Senate Meeting or all USG meeting, make sure to come join us. And I think we do have a name of the week that you're made. And yeah, any questions? Mm hmm. Okay.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Senator Swaminthan. We will now be moving on to the S.E. Committee Report given by

- **S.E. Committee**

Senator Spears

Senator Spears: All right, we have another great meeting this week. Jumping right into it.

Senator Kleinschmidt is continuing her work and progress on her wonderful campaign, coming up just April. The week's been solidified to be middle of April. And we, the 3 mighty committee members, had a good brainstorming session about what some ideas for each day could be, talk about our availability, and really just a campaign as a whole. So, also something that came up because Senator Kleinschmidt came to the wagon wheel basketball game, something that came up was there was not a sanitary disposal bin, in one of the one of the specific stalls. So, it sparked her look into some other bathrooms on campus, make sure that everything is in order. Senator Simas sent out all his emails, looking

at that wonderful brainstorming document to see what his next project's going to be. And then I sent out some emails. I sent out 2 emails. One was to AraMark, about potential meal swipes or meal exchange, at athletic events, in conjunction with Dr. Goodrich. And then he inspired me by his wonderful question about who represents Wayne campus. He reinvigorated my interest in Wayne Campus. So I reached out to their executive director.

I thought to just go straight to the top, waiting on both of their responses. And then our wonderful Q of the D this week, was what show, you know, kind of reflects your personality or aura? Those answers are right here. And then some pretty eclectic answers, which matches the vibe of our wonderful USG. Any questions? All right, thank you.

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.

XI. Director Reports

≠ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

President Shaw

President Shaw: Hello again. So, DEI. Um, they have been looking at some per different programming ideas, and I've actually had some initiative on some of these. So the women's empowerment summit, our deputy director of LGBTQ plus in gender equity, has been sending emails, working with VPC gay, on, um, planning that event. Um, additional with the Women's History Month movie night, um, that is also being planned as well. Black History Month programming is in the works as well in communication with our deputy director of racial equity. Um, and our record DEI as well. International student programming ideas include international student mixer, game night around the world, and a conversation cafe style event. And then looking ahead, they're continuing refining spring

and then ideas and identifying collaborators for upcoming programs for these spring ideas.
Any questions?

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

€ **Project Coordination**

Director Muller

Director Muller: Hi, everyone. So, we have set our meeting times. We are meeting biweekly on Mondays at 6 p.m., except it's been a little weird. snow days. So like, yep, let's see guys in the office. Just because we're like on an off league. It's all weird. It's weird right now. Anyway, coordinator Alu has been working on the table and collaboration with Beck and A.K. Rowdies, which is complete. The USG spring retreat is being planned by coordinator Viator, and then we're also working on the time linket service event. But please, we want work to do. Please give us something to do. and submit your events on the events request form, because there's not, like, we don't know what's going on. You don't tell us what's going on. We can't plan your events if we don't know all of the details, so please, if you have an event in mind, it's better to fill out as much as you can now so that we can work with you to get something really great planned. The form, it's in the share point.

Keep Chief of Staff Kelly made it super nice and easy for us. All you had to do was put the button and then fill it out. It's not that hard. And please, feel free to email me or director, uh, to Lyft, if you have any questions. You can email USG events email, but CC us, because we don't always check it because we're bad at that. And we also have a view.

Oh my god. Please use our form.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. 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: Uh... So, no updates from past weeks. Uh, Director Ruffin had some, uh, was, I guess, rehashed the upcoming, uh, fundraisers for USG, so Chipotle and Canes. For my passport or small business series, I'm getting that going in the next, hopefully week or two. What's up?

Social Media Strategist: Want a social media post?

Deputy Director Senko: All that stuff's made already. It just needs to be posted, so, um, I'll talk to you next week. Yeah. The last thing I really need to do for that is print out the pamphlets. The stamps are already ordered. They're like baby zippy stamps. They're really cute. Um, Anyways, um, moving on to Greek Life 3 days on not, uh, Tie Blanket event is in preparation. Gonna start planning, take back the night event for late April, Health and Safety Officer Green, in the process of planning safety walks this semester, student athlete liaison raiso, athlete activities in the month of February. Um, Greek Life liaison Jackson is planning the campus cleanup and then looking to do events with IC surrounding philanthropy and community service. I'm also looking to do an event with PhD as well. Any questions? Cool, thanks.

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

€ **Communications**

Director Cameron

Director Cameron: So, we're so excited to welcome Kailyn to the communications team. If you see her in the office, just be sure to welcome her. She's super sweet. And our biweekly meeting time is Thursdays from 5pm to 6pm, but this is gonna change now with Kailyn in the office. And some current requests. The only request we have right now is

restarting the APSS at your post size, and I know we've been talking about that. So if you do have the net, please submit that form. Soal and I don't know what's going on unless's just in the plform. so please do it. And then request some post completed since that's all USG, we have the office tour, reveal, which, hopefully, are lucky enough to see seal building that. So weird, too. Where your TOD post, the denim day post, fast forward post, acrocate, spirit table posts, say yes, to run the USG post. USG holiday Party recap posts, the USG Akron Art Museum Post, one pre USG post, and one backsips post. And then some upcoming projects are the Senate resolution executive story posts, which we'll be doing after today, and then the USG fit checks. Any questions? Thanks guys.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. We will now be moving in to New Business starting with Senate Bill 14-25-26.

XII. New Business

€ **SB 14-25-26**

Owen Bass

Vice Senate Chair McCracken Recites the Rationale for SB 14-25-26

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

Senator Spears: 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.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Senate Chair Kasik and I interviewed Owen. He's very excited about the position. He had great involvement in high school, and is already becoming very involved on campus, despite being a first year. Um, so I think he's very, very qualified, and I urge you to vote in favor.

Senate Chair Kasik: Yeah, uh, just like Vice Senate Chair McCracken stated, he seems well involved and interested in joining us here in Senate. I think he'll be a good fit here. So, yeah... Senator Shelton.

Senator Shelton: Motion to close debate and go to the previous question.

Senator Spears: Second.

Chief Justice Stillion: Point of order. You have to wave the second reading.

Senator Prough: Motion to wave the second reading of Senate Bill 14-25-26.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of waving the second reading of Senate Bill 14-25-26, please say aye... Senator Shelton.

Motion to wave the second reading of Senate Bill 14-25-26 Passed: The ayes have it.

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

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 and move to previous question Passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right. We will now have a roll call, the options are in favor, abstained, or opposed.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken Calls the Roll.

Senator Blankenship: In Favor.

Senator Flickinger: 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.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right. The vote is unanimous. Congratulations... We'll now be moving on to Executive Order 34-25-26.

XIII. Executive Order 34-25-26

Vice Senate Chair McCracken Recites the Rationale for EO 34-25-26

Senator Shelton: Motion to open debate.

Senator Spears: 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 President and Vice President like to speak on behalf of the nominee?

President Shaw: So, um, we interviewed Brooklyn this past week, um, to switch to EB. Um, just because of some of her goals, um, we believe that are aligned USG apply for it. Um, and what she wants to do within USG, uh, and she seemed very passionate about it. So, we are really looking forward to having her potentially in EB and we would probably ask for you to vote in favor.

Vice President Tsige: I think that I also, like President Shaw said, her interview went very, very well. What stood out is how passionate she was for the position. I'm super excited to see what the future holds for that.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you... Senator Shelton.

Senator Shelton: Motion to close debate and move to the previous question.

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: Motion to close debate and move to the previous question, please say aye.

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

Senate Chair Kasik: All right. We will now vote with a roll call. Your options are in favor, abstained, or opposed.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken Calls the Roll.

Senator Blankenship: In Favor.

Senator Flickinger: 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.

Senate Chair Kasik: The vote being unanimous; it passes... Would the two newly appointed members of USG step to the front?

XIV. Swearing In

XV. Adjournment