



Undergraduate Student Government
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Senate Agenda

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Guest Speaker

Nick Weber

V. Adoption of the Agenda

Senate Chair Kasik: We will now move on here to the adoption of the agenda. 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 move on to the approval of the 02.05.26 Minutes.

VI. Approval of the 02.05.26 Minutes

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Shelton.

Senator Shelton: Motion to approve the 02.05.26 Minutes.

Senator Swaminathan: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of approving the 02.05.26 Minutes, please say aye.

Motion to approve the 02.05.26 Minutes Passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right. We will now move on to Open Student Expression.

VII. Open Student Expression

Senate Chair Kasik: Anybody, anything for this? Senator Spears.

Senator Spears: Uh, we have a home basketball game tomorrow. It's at the outstanding time 9pm. This is because it got picked up on national television. Um, and we are, well, athletics is doing a Jersey giveaway of Isaiah. They call him Big Dog, Thomas, they're retiring his jersey. It has a script Akron logo, which was used for 2 years, a year or 2 years. It's a pretty cool logo.

Obviously, it's gonna be the only time that you're gonna be able to grab that. So, I recommend coming out tomorrow night.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right. President Shaw.

President Shaw: Hi, guys. Two things. Um, just a reminder that next Thursday, 6pm to 8pm, um, I know they're kind of overlaps the Senate a little bit, but that is the annual 535 event held by the UA ambassadors and the alumni association. So, I encourage everybody after this meeting is done to head over there. They have a panel of 5 Alumni who graduated from the university, just talking about their experience at the university answering the questions. Um, and then I believe that's also the day that, um, yeah, that the UA ambassador's application connection opens. So, you are all very qualified individuals, so if that is something of interest to you, keep an eye out for that on their social media as well. My 2nd thing is next Wednesday, February 18th, um, at 5pm and Leigh Hall Room 311 is a pre-law society meeting. So specifically, if you're interested in going to law school or learning about that process, they have a guest speaker. It is an assistant prosecutor from the city of Akron coming to speak on some of her experiences as well. So, again, if you're interested in that, that is also on their Instagram. Umm, and yeah.

Senate Chair Kasik: Yes, Director Damson.

Director Damson: I have two announcements I want to say. First, next Wednesday, uh, the Francophone Association is having a meeting. And at every meeting, we talk about different francophone cultures, so we'll have a presentation, and were also going to teach individuals a lot of different French and Franc awards. So, come in if you just want to relax. And the life awards is, um, currently going on, and I'm sure it went through the ZipMail, and I want to see it if anybody was a freshman or a lower classman here. When I was in your position in USG and I heard life awards, I was like, what is that? I'm so far removed from that. Please, like Madi said, you're all qualified individuals. Try to apply for anything, looks for anything, even if you just want to apply to one award, two awards try. And if you're really get exposed to it and next year you can try to get it again. Um, it's really important. You're all committed to USG and all your different things on campus, but it's also important to get recognized for those commitments you have on campus.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Shelton.

Senator Shelton: I just want to add on to something that Nick said. You should all apply to be life guards. It is so much fun. You get paid really well. We're so understaffed. Please. And also, I was in the kayaking picture that you guys all saw. So, I'm basically famous. Just FYI.

Senate Chair Kasik: Yes.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Um, I've been wanting to share with you all, there's a student in the College of Engineering that's planning on starting the American Nuclear Society at the University of Akron. So, if you are interested in nuclear science, you can be any major, but if you're interested, that would be really cool. Let me know and I will let him know that you would like to help start it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Director Damson.

Director Damson: I forgot to mention two things about the information I mentioned earlier. The Francophone Association is next Wednesday, February, 18th, at 6pm, in room 310 of the Student Union. And Life Awards. You can find the links for those on the University of Akron website.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. Does anyone else have anything? Seeing that we will now move on to the Advisor Report given by Advisor Ernst.

VIII. Advisor Report

Advisor Ernst

Advisor Ernst: Thank you so much for being so attentive to our speakers. I thought all the questions were great. Um, I'm going to echo, uh, but Karima said about Life Awards, um, please look into applying for those. Some of them require letters of recommendation. So those close on February 22nd and so does your letter of recommendation. So, you have to turn those in by on the 22nd. So, if you are applying to any of the awards that need that, make sure you're reaching out to your recommenders sooner rather than later to get those written for you. Um, I also saw some like eyebrows raise about the uh, canoe battleship thing that was happening. We're actually sponsoring an event for that. Okay? So, it's teams of three, it doesn't have to be part of a student board. You just do groups of friends or anything like that. Like campus programs, just put that on with the rec center on March 11th from 7pm to 9pm in the ONAT. So, if you're interested in signing up for your team, let me know. I can get you signed up. You can also email Tiffany in the student life office. Other than that, make sure you guys are still going to class.

Senate Chair Kasik: President Shaw.

President Shaw: Are people aloud to go watch?

Advisor Ernst: Absolutely you are. Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right, we will now be moving on to Branch Reports starting with the LB Report.

IX. Branch Reports

⌘ Legislative Branch Report

Senate Chair Kasik

Senate Chair Kasik: All right, we still have one vacancy for the Senator for the College of Health and Human Sciences. We do have one person interested, and we are in talks or getting in talks with them about that, but if anybody knows anyone else that might be interested, please reach out to them. Moch debate is after the meeting today. So please stick around for that if you can, but if you can't, if you have a prior commitment, that's fine. Uh, reminder, uh, for when you're using the project trackers and templates to please copy that into your individual Senate folder and don't just leave it in the actual tab for that. So, if you, if that is currently where any of your trackers or templates are, please move them out of there. Thank you. We also have a speaker for next week, which would be Kim Gentile with the office of admissions. Moving on now to the JB reports.

⌘ Judicial Branch Report

Chief Justice Stillion

Chief Justice Stillion: All right. I got a couple things that I learned about this morning that aren't up here. We'll do those last. So, in JB this week, we do our own little internal mock debate practice to make sure that we know what's going on. Because if you don't, nobody does. If you don't and we don't. Nobody does. We also have started, I think I've said this a couple times, but we're inching ever closer to website review. Every member of the judicial branch is now an admin on our website, so it could mysteriously disappear. And we would not know who did it. But one day that will be updated, and we're going to start focusing mostly on the rosters for each branch, making sure those stay updated consistently. And then those of you that are committee

chairs, the committee pages on the website are very, very out of date. So, within the coming weeks, hopefully you will be reached out to by your designated one. Records coordinator about some or any thoughts you may have about what that website says, and you want to change it. or whatever. We also voted on the elections grievance, and we'll hear more about that later.

Because I don't know anything, I'm not allowed to know anything. So don't ask any questions. But we did, Executive Justice Riemer and I had a meeting with parking this morning. They got a couple things that I think are important to let you know, I think I mentioned it last semester, but they are transitioning to a different permit system of over spring break. That system will be owned primarily. It will be the system that we're using over the future forever. It's supposed to be better, you know, much about that, but I believe them. And it will be active for spring permits, and then everything after, I'm sorry, for summer permits, and then everything after that. But in that transition, there's going to be like a 3 week period where the permit website is down. You will not be able anyone on campus will not be able to purchase a permit in, I think, starting the week after next for like 3 weeks. So that's important for you to let your constituents know. If they don't have a permit, because ticketing will still be happening for people that don't have permits, but then there's no way to buy a permit. So, it's an evil loop I asked them about, and they said, we're going to be very understanding about that. And I said, okay. So, the moral of the story is, if you don't have a permit, um, get one. And if you know anyone that doesn't have a permit, tell them to get one because bad things could happen to them. All right. I think that is it. Yes, question.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Are the planning on putting that in the ZipMail?

Chief Justice Stillion: It will be announced. They're working on a, I believe it's supposed to be on Saturday, this Friday or next Friday is what they said, through their newsletter, but it should also

be in these it now, and then they're planning on transitioning to more social media advertisements for all their updates as well. So, it will definitely be announced there. They are working on several, like, actual, like, web pages about step-by-step process for using the new system, and then there's going to be a lot of, like, physical materials that will also have, like, step-by-step processes of how to use the new system that we will get to to deciding, as well as they disseminating it. Yes.

Senator Prough: So, for the new permit, are spring permits going to be transferred to the new system or are they just going to rely on the new system?

Chief Justice Stillion: I believe, though, they're just going to rely entirely on the new system, so everything should be transferred over, but I'm not sure. So, I can figure it out. Yes.

Senator Prough: Do they anticipate there being any issues with people's permits transferring over?

Chief Justice Stillion: Um, they didn't mention anything specifically, but at least once or twice they did say, there's always problems with these sorts of transitions. So, I'm sure there's always problems with these sorts of transactions. Uh, you next.

Senator Sterns: Uhh is USG going to advertise this like on their social media and try to let more people know about this because it's the first, I'm hearing about it.

Chief Justice Stillion: That was I was thinking about that. We just heard about this this morning, so I haven't had a chance to think of that yet, but yeah, definitely. I know there were discussions last year about how much we are allowed or should be advertising their things because they are a separate department on campus and they were using us a little bit as their only avenue of advertising last year. So, there must be a balance, but yes. And that's a good idea.

Senator Flickinger: Just to confirm, if we have a permit currently. Ideally, it should be okay.

Chief Justice Stillion: Yes, you will be fine. If you have a permit right now, the new system will be used for permits over the summer and all future currents. But if you don't have a permit, you will not be able to purchase a permit in the next 4 weeks... Executive Justice Reimer.

Executive Justice Reimer: If you want the information from this meeting, there's a folder in the digital branch folder in the USG teams that has external meeting minutes and it has the meeting minutes it from this meeting. If there is anything in there that you need clarified, you can always email us or email parking, and they should be able to clarify it further for you.

Chief Justice Stillion: That's their way of saying I didn't explain it very well. Because I didn't, I apologize for that, but yeah, read those minutes. I don't take the minutes, so they're much better than me explaining anything. Any other questions about that? Awesome. There is no meme.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Chief Justice Stillion. We will now move on to the Executive Branch Report given by President Shaw.

⌘ **Executive Branch Report**

President Shaw

President Shaw: EB report, of course, same reminder, all USG email. I apologize that it looked like I sent it at 3 AM. I promise I didn't. I sent it after DLT. It didn't send the format all screwed up. There's no question. I woke up. I was like, oh god. So, it's okay. Um, I followed up with a not so hidden question this week. Um, so be sure to answer that. Um, additionally, EB, vacant positions, we have Deputy Chief of Staff. NPHC Greek life liaison, social media strategist, project coordinator. If anybody knows anyone that would be well fit for those roles, please write them in the, um, to the general application in our on our website and on Instagram.

And in the QR code in the window. Um, again, events and marketing, please get any requests in for events and marketing, no later than 3 to 4 weeks in advance of the event or the time that you want something posted. Um, so the team has enough time for completion. Um,

Additionally, um, this week, I received an anonymous letter, um, with complaints and concerns regarding some residence halls student employments, and different things like that. Um, so we talked about that a little bit in the DLT meeting this past Monday. However, I will follow up and say that we did meet with Dr. Messina about it this morning. Um, we connected with the residence hall council. They were not aware of the letter, neither was higher administration. Um, so we were, I forwarded that letter to the appropriate people yesterday. Like I said, again, had a meeting with the Dr. Messina this morning. with Advisor Ferguson-Mike, bless you. And, um, we are looking to meet with RHC. Um, and potentially, um, President Nemer and Dr. Grove.

Additionally, Dr. Messina is forwarding the letter to President Nemer as well. So, everybody's aware. Because we were the only people that got the letter. So, just disseminating that out, um, next steps will probably come next week. Of course, I'll keep you all updated. But if anybody has any questions, um, feel free to ask me or reference, um, last Mondays, DLT, um, minutes. So, moving on. Um, we have the USG spring retreat. The date has actually changed. Um, so it is going to be Friday, uh, March 6th. Yeah, Friday, March 6th. It's just a week later than what it was originally planned, and that's because there's a Kent-Akron basketball game, not dead. So, that would be hard to choose. USG or basketball? So, we just pushed it a week further. Still in the honors common room, still 6pm to 8pm. Um, and then, again, it's required attendance for everybody, so please email branch heads with any scheduling conflicts to get that sorted out. Um, additionally, USG's Chipotle fundraiser is Wednesday, March 4th from 5pm to 9pm.

That's either in-store or online. There's more information that was sent out this past Monday in my email with how to order online and in store. Um, additionally, we have Cane's fundraiser as well. That's about a month following that. Thursday, April 2nd from 4pm to 9pm at the Howe Avenue location. There's also more information regarding that in my email of how to order

through the fundraiser. Um, and then lastly, the USG End of Year Awards are on Thursday, April 16th, from 7pm to 9pm in the honors common room. Um, I think I mentioned this last week, but that, um, that Senate meeting will be only an hour, so it'll be 5pm to 6 pm with an hour gap in between, and then everybody's gonna come back for the end of year words. Each member is also allowed a plus one. And again, that is required attendance, and please email your branch heads with any scheduling conflicts. Any questions? About anything? No. Okay, if you guys do have any questions, though, if you think of anything in the future or want any clarification on anything, especially the letter that I talked about, let me know. So, 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: I hope you're all doing well. So, we have a very cutesy finance report this week. So, we just have a big focus on allocating travel here, so we have a dance club, engineering for sustainable world, and in financial management association. Um, and we allocated a little over \$2000 this week. Any questions? Okay. Thank you. Yes.

President Shaw: Just so everyone is aware, do you want to share the caps and information that we've sent out to student organizations?

Director Damson: Oh, yeah, thank you. Okay. So we, earlier in the semester, we reduced the, never mind. The beginning of the year, I forgot when we did that, but we just, we just reduced the non-travel first. Um \$100 compared to \$500. But we also had to look at travel. Thank you. Not that it's really, really low, but we wanted to make sure we had enough, especially with the increase of requests during spring break. So, we had to reduce it from the maximum of \$1000 to \$500. And in this case, specifically, it was a courtesy for them. Since we did not tell them

beforehand, before they requested \$1000. Um, and let me think of anything else. Oh. I mean, she already talked about it, but just a reminder, she said that in the USG email, I mean, President Shaw mentioned it in the all-USG email that our fundraising account is in the negatives and it is. So, we really need your help and your participation on March 4th in April 2nd, whether it's online or in person. And also, it's definitely not part of it. FSA hasn't been at 6pm. So, if you go to the event, you can go after to chipotle. But please definitely come and help support USG with these two fundraisers. Yes.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, director Damson. We will now be moving on to the DLT Report given by me.

€ **DLT Report**

Senate Chair Kasik

Senate Chair Kasik: So, uh, our USG bonding activity question, which is kind of interesting, I thought. And then here we have all of our updates, which we, all the branch have kind of gone over. We talk a little bit about the OSGS cancellation, and what we need to do about that bylaw wise, going over the budgets, and we also spent a fair bit of time talking about the life awards, and the planning going into that. We also have a vice week coming up, which is just the vice Senate Chair, the vice president, the Executive Justice takeover for their respective branch heads for their respective meetings. So, uh, look forward to that. And we scheduled our, we got, we picked out the time for our mid semester check-ins for all the different branches and just have some other events to talk about. Yes.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Um, vice committee chairs also give reports that week and can lead the meeting. So, keep that in mind. It's not just for DLT, it's for all of you.

Senate Chair Kasik: That is all from the DLT Report this week. 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: Petitioning is still open, so I hope you've been hearing about that, and that standard reminder, of course, any campaigning, campaign material, or discussion of any potential, or actual candidate, is prohibited in the USG office, around USG events, and I believe we've also adopted a 15 foot radius around me. There's a picture in the photo circle of a tape measure being used to make sure they're far enough away. Keep those in mind. Those are rules.

They will be enforced. But we do have some events happening next week. I would love if everybody attended to talk to and get to know some of your potential candidates for the positions that you are in right now, with the number of meet and greets, where those applicants will be gathering petitions next week. They're all right there. They're also already on the USG calendar. So, you already have them, and there's no reason not to show up unless you have class. There's one reason not to show up. We have an interesting spread. Some in student unions, some in Bierce. Any questions about that? Yes.

Senator Shelton: Um, I know a applicant who cannot attend the meet and greets. Would it be okay if another applicant brought their materials and campaigned or not campaigned, like, just had it there with them and then like...

Elections Chair Stillion: Okay. Uh, so... Uh, the sign-ups for these and the election rules, uh, as well. states that applicants and candidates are only allowed to attend one event. If they aren't able to attend, they may select an event to put up their materials in their absence. That is on the

sign-up sheet that I sent out to all of the applicants. It has the list of dates, and then I'm unable to attend any of these dates because that one will take you a different form. It has a list of days you want to put your campaign material up on in your absence. But no. Have that person email me. if they have any further questions. Anything else? Great.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right. Thank you. We will now move on to the F.A.S.T. Committee Report given by Senator Shelton.

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

Senator Shelton

Senator Shelton: Hi guys. Thank you, I really appreciated that. So, I humbly request that you at least glance at your calendars for one moment to put in the next F.A.S.T. tour, which is Friday, the 20th from 2pm to 3pm. Um, be there, be square. as it were. Um, we did discuss our procedure for reviewing life awards, and then we elected new vice chairs for the committee. We have 2 vice co-chairs, Senator Flickinger and Senator Pence. So, I imagine for Vice Day, they will be up here holding hands side by side, showing the unity of the fast committee presenting. Um, as per individual updates, Senator Blankenship has been drafting emails to the College of Arts and Science. Um, and getting updates on that. Senator Messmer has drafted emails for the downtown Akron partnership, um, and is working on dining surveys. Uh, Senator Pence is meeting with Julia seeing how to make meal swipe donations possible. Uh, Senator Flickinger met with Tiffany with a zip vote to push out a resource to freshmen to get them to register to vote. and is meeting with the College of Business Dean on Thursday. And then I have been looking into some bylaws, seeing if we can get a liaison for Myer's school of art sometime soon, and I've been collaborating with Senator Blankenship on this Myers project. And we bonded, and you should all come to the fast committee if you want to bond with us. and create a stronger USG bond.

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: All right, so for this week's report, Senator Swaminathan is still working on those two resolutions. One to put locks in the locker rooms in ghazetta hall, and then one to find any missing sanitary products, making sure every bathroom on campus has those. Um, Senator Prough scheduled that meeting, as you guys heard earlier, um, and is working on a couple new projects. Senator Sterns is finalizing that brightspace grade legislation. We renamed it, um, just to differentiate and also working on some new projects. I ended up scheduling a meeting with the dean of the Williams Honors College, Dr. Nicholson, and that'll be February 24th at 3 p.m. Um, I'm also working on a resolution concerning the Williams Honors College to give students access to that staircase. Um, a lot of people have been complaining about that, so we've been try and talk to Dr. Nicholson about that. Um, and then reminders, we have none, but we do have 2 memes this week, so you're gonna have to scroll a little bit.. Then there's one more after that.

Are there any questions? Yeah.

Senator Sterns: I'd like to make it known. The legislation that I've been saying that it says I'm working on is done, I've been done for like a week. It's just now waiting on appendices. I'm actually done with it.

Senator Gnap: Any more questions?

Senator Prough: I just want to give a brief shout out to the corner of evil and malice. One of my favorite places.

Senator Gnap: Any more questions? All right, thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Senator Gnap. Someone has to carry the weight in the meme department. We will now be moving on to the S.E. Committee Report given by Senator Spears.

- **S.E. Committee**

Senator Spears

Senator Spears: That was bratty. The SE Committee, Holy Trinity, turned into the Fantastic Four this week. We got another member, Senator Bass, welcome. Senator Kleinschmidt is still working on the campaign planning. And then has a, had an interesting task earlier in the week of naming every building on campus, and there, she's going to go out in conjunction with Senator Bass, most likely, and just see which stalls in each building's bathrooms have sanitary bins.

Sorry, that was a really run on sentence. Senator Bass, while talking about him, is looking at the brainstorming document, getting on board to USG. Senator Simas looked at the brainstorming document and saw an interest in AI and marketing for this university, and kind of putting out feelers and researching that. Um, I got a response from Wayne Campus finally. We love Wayne, and Dr. Holly gave an amazing response, told me some things, and her response that she sees that we need to do better, or we could help fix, and then put me in contact with someone else on the campus. And then we didn't have a QVD this week. We went to Stuff a Plush, which was an amazing event, and I made a hippo. So, does anyone have any questions? Senator Kleinschmidt.

Senator Kleinschmidt: Um, the sanitary disposal bin project has expanded to general bathroom maintenance, so, like, if there are broken soap dispensers, which is why Senator Bass will be going with me, I just wanted to clarify.

Senator Spears: Thank you. Chief Justice Stillion.

Chief Justice Stillion: That sounds like a beautiful project to collaborate with the F.A.S.T tours.

Senator Shelton: I was going to say what he said, but then I came up with a new better question.
What did you name this hippo?

Senator Spears: I've not named the hippo. It was going to be Pepto. Because it is pink...

Alrighty, we good?

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Senator Spears. We will now be moving on to the Judicial
Branch Grievance Opinion given by Executive Justice Reimer.

XI. Judicial Branch Grievance Opinion

€ Kleinschmidt v. Sterns

Executive Justice Reimer

Executive Justice Reimer recites the grievance

Executive Justice Reimer: This is our statement about what happened. We ruled, any questions
about it at all? All right.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you Executive Justice Reimer. We will now be moving on to New
Business starting with Executive Order 36-25-26.

XII. New Business

€ EO 36-25-26

Campus Dining Experience

Vice Senate Chair McCracken Recites the Rationale for EO 36-25-26

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Spears.

Senator Spears: Motion to enter debate.

Senator Prough: 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 President Shaw like to speak on behalf of her Executive Order?

President Shaw: Yes. Um, so, this initial concern was raised, um, by our current CD Chair, um, Julia Cunha Dos Santos. Even at the beginning of the year, whenever we started promoting our different committees, of the three, this was probably consistently the least attended unfortunately. And through mid-semester check-ins and end-of-semester check-ins with Julia, she expressed a little bit of concern, growing concern, and a little bit of discouragement from putting all of this effort planning agendas and meetings and really trying through her involvements with residence life, to get people to attend. to which it would either result in no one attending the meeting or inconsistent membership. Um, Julia also serves on the Aramark food committee. So, she also expressed that her involvement between the both, our committee in Aramarks Committee, was kind of ineffective in practice. Especially since there was no involvement within our CDE committee. Um, so she is still interested. She expressed to us that she's still interested in serving on the Aramark food committee, and, um, interested in still raising those concerns or potentially having other members of other branches work with her on certain concerns and legislation potentially. Um, but she saw the, um, need for the committee. Um, not necessarily for the rest of the year. With that being said, I do want to point out that this suspension would only last the rest of the semester. And like mentioned in the executive order, this would be reevaluated over the summer. Um, whether this committee should, um, permanently be removed from the bylaws or, um, start back up again with a different approach. Bethel do you have anything to add to that?

Vice President Tsige: No, I think you got it all.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Shelton.

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

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: Uh, yes.

Chief Justice Stillion: Request for information from President Shaw.

President Shaw: I accept.

Chief Justice Stillion: What does the conclusion of the 2026 academic semester mean?

President Shaw: Spring. That is a typo on my end.

Senator Spears: Uh, motion to amend EO 36-25-26, um, to have spring added.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of amending the executive order to reflect the spring semester, please say aye.

Motion to amend the executive order to reflect the spring semester Passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right... Senator Shelton.

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

Senator Sterns: Second.

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

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

Senate Chair Kasik: All right, uh... We now do roll call. Your options are in favor, opposed, or abstained.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken Calls the Roll

Senator Bass: In Favor.

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.

Senate Chair Kasik: It passed so congratulations. We will now be moving on to Executive Order 37-25-26.

€ **EO 37-25-26**

Mental Health Task Force

Vice Senate Chair McCracken Recites the Rationale for EO 37-25-26

Senate Chair Kasik: All right. Senator Sterns.

Senator Sterns: 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: Uh, First, would President Shaw like to speak on behalf of her executive order?

President Shaw: Um, so a similar situation with CDE, um, mental health task force, as expressed by the committee chair, which is, like I said, the, um, health and safety officer, Jessica Greene. Um, with inconsistent, um, attendance through some members of mental health task force, um,

she's felt a lot stress having to plan and execute a lot of the events initiatives, along with, um, again, setting up meetings, making the minutes, or taking the minutes, even she makes the agendas and takes the minutes. She's still interested in the idea of mental health and wellness. Of course, as we all are, as I stated on platform. But we think that the effectiveness of mental health task force is not has not had as great success as it has in the past. For reference in the past just to do a little bit of a comparison last year, the year prior, the mental health task force hosted Mental Health Mondays, which were events once a month. and we have yet to have one of those this year. And that is not because, in my opinion, not because of lack of planning or lack of effort, it is, as expressed by Jessica, or sorry, Officer Greene and I.. Sorry, Vice President Tsige and I. What she has expressed to us is, it's mainly because, um, of the inconsistent membership and the increased burden that we're having to remove everyone on the committee, which she's expressed that she still would be interested. Like I already mentioned, but only through her position, as her position still covers, um, health and wellness.

Senate Chair Kaisk: Thank you. Senator Shelton.

Senator Shelton: Uh, motion to amend EO 37-25-26, uh, from Repon Abilities to Responsibilities.

Senator Sterns: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of correcting the spelling mistake in EO 37-25-26, please say aye.

Motion to amend EO 37-25-26, uh, from Repon Abilities to Responsibilities Passed: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Vice Senate Chair McCracken

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Motion to amend Executive Order 37-25-26 to add the word spring before 2026 on page 3.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of, uh, correcting the academic semester on the Executive Order 37-25-26, please say aye.

Motion to amend Executive Order 37-25-26 to add the word spring before 2026 on page 3

Passed: The ayes have it.

Senaor Simas: Motion to amend the executive order to capitalize the T in the University of Akron.

Senator Shelton: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of amending the executive order to capitalize the T in the University of Akron, please say aye.

Motion to amend the executive order to capitalize the T in the University of Akron Passed: The ayes have it.

Senator Flickinger: Motion to end debate and move to previous question.

Senator Spears: Second.

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

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

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

Vice Senate Chair McCracken Calls the Roll

Senator Bass: In Favor.

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.

Senate Chair Kasik: All right. The orders have passed. Director Damson.

Director Damson: After my finance report, I needed to add something so it's in the notes. Um, Often, I'm always saying how we have the ability to reduce how much we spent in USG and on campus. I do want to reiterate that. We don't want it to limit the planning within USG.

Whether it's to be, throughout or at the end of the semester, we want students to be able to plan different events. And honestly, internally, we have been doing well. So please limit when it comes to organizing events and what you are planning to request for.

Senate Chair Kasik: President Shaw.

President Shaw: Just to add on to that. Um, I've gotten a sense, especially in the executive branch, for those who go throughout, um, that some people have been hesitant to spend funds just because of the cuts that we've been mentioned. But if you reference back to the finance

presentation, whenever you all voted on it, as possible, there are five different accounts that we use that used to be six. There are now five. Um, and the caps that, um, Director Damson is outlining is in our UAF account, um, which are allocated to other student organizations. Internally, we have other accounts, um, that we take our internal, um, like initiatives, events, those sort of planning. We take the funds out of those accounts. And those accounts are doing okay, except like we mentioned our SAF account. But events run out of our President's account, which is doing okay financially. So, I, like I said, I know Directo Damson and I don't want the caps and this talk about financials to deter anybody from saying anything.

Senate Chair Kasik: If nothing else is on the agenda, we are adjourned.

XIII. Adjournment