



Legislative Branch

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Senate Agenda

April 23rd, 2026, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

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

Senate Chair Kasik: Now onto the adoption of the Agenda. Are there any amendments?
Senator Prough?

Senator Prough: Uh, motion to strike the first Advisor Report and move the second Advisor Report to before the Executive Branch in the Annual Report Presentation.

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of switching around the Advisor Report, please say aye.

Senate: Aye

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

Motion to strike the first Advisor Report and move the second Advisor Report to before the Executive Branch in the Annual Report Presentation passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Shelton?

Senator Shelton: Motion to amend the delivery of the Project Coordination Report from Director Muller to Coordinator Viator.

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor, uh, switching that around to, uh, Coordinator Viator, please say aye.

Senate: Aye

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

Motion to amend the delivery of the Project Coordination Report from Director Muller to Coordinator Viator passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Okay, anything else? Yes, Senator, uh, Simas?

Senator Simas: Motion to amend the Agenda to have Deputy Director Jovicic deliver the Finance Report.

Senator Prough: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of, uh, changing the Finance Report Director, please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

Motion to amend the Agenda to have Deputy Director Jovicic deliver the Finance Report passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, uh, any other amendments to the Agenda? Yes?

Senator Swaminathan: Motion to amend the Communications Report from Strategist Wise to Strategist Galchick.

Senator Prough: Second

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, all those in favor of switching the Project Coordinator—or Communications, uh, Director to, um, Director Galchick, please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

Motion to amend the Communications Report from Strategist Wise to Strategist Galchick passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Any other amendments?

Senator Spears: Motion to adopt the Agenda.

Senator Prough: Second.

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

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

Motion to adopt the Agenda passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Onto the approval of the 4.16.26 Minutes.

Senator Shelton: Motion to approve the 4.16.26 Minutes.

Senator Sterns: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of approving the 4.16.26 Minutes, please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

Motion to approve the 4.16.26 Minutes passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, now onto the, uh, Open Student Expression.

V. Open Student expression

Senate Chair Kasik: Does anyone have anything? Alright, if not, we are going to be moving onto the Branch Reports, uh, starting with the LB Report.

VI. Reports

a. Legislative Branch Report

Senate Chair Kasik

Senate Chair Kasik: Okay, so, uh, as obvious now, we are not filling our vacancy. Uh, next week is our Inauguration Ceremony in the College of Business room 120. It'll begin at five o'clock and is required for all sitting Senators and Senator-Elects. So, please, you have to be there. Uh, yeah, uh, today was the last day for legislation to be voted on. If your project legislation is incomplete, then please include it in your, uh, Transition Form, uh, so your successor can look at it and consider it, and leave any notes you have about it. Uh, if you are a Senator-Elect, uh, you and, uh, Megan and I will be meeting today at seven o'clock in the USG Office after this meeting. So, uh, we will be discussing the Inauguration meeting and the election of the Senate Chair and Vice Senate Chair. Uh, so we got that. Vice Senate Chair McCracken and I have completed our End-of-Year Review Sessions, and we thank everybody for, uh, being there and answering our questions and giving us some great feedback and ideas. Uh, we really do appreciate it. And of course, when sending emails, if, for next week, just remember to CC Advisor Ferguson-Mike so she can be in the loop. Uh, so next on the Agenda is the Judicial Branch Report given by Chief Justice Stillion.

b. Judicial Branch Report

Chief Justice Stillion

Chief Justice Stillion: All right, most of what we have left in the Judicial Branch is finalizing the Annual Report—the physical copy, not the presentation that we’re going over today. The presentation, we spent most of the JB meeting last—this Tuesday, uh, filling out our section. As well as reviewing the Inauguration Meeting: how that’s supposed to function in terms of structurally and parliamentarily. And also, reviewing our last JB Meeting next Tuesday, and our internal election for Chief and Executive Justice. On Wednesday, Executive Justice Riemer and I interviewed a candidate for Assistant Director in the Department of Student Conduct and Community Standards to help out in their interview process for that. We do still have five new student org requests that we are hoping to work our way through. One of those, we have received the information for—the other four we have not. So we’ll see what happens, if we get to approve some more before the end of the semester. And just a reminder, hopefully most of you got that, uh, special edition of the parking newsletter, uh, yesterday or the day before that just has a reminder about when the parking platform opens. That is on, um, April 27th next week. Once that it open, you are able to, once again, start purchasing, uh, summer and fall parking passes. Any questions? Yes.

Executive Justice Riemer: Can this report be sent to Associate Justice Groen for records coordination purposes?

Chief Justice Stillion: Yeah. Anything else? Awesome, onto the meme.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Chief Justice Stillion. We’ll now be moving onto the EB Report, uh, given by President Shaw.

Chief Justice Stillion: Point of privilege, can we amend the agenda to either move the executive branch report to later in the meeting or amend who is giving it. President Shaw is not here.

Senate Chair Kasik: Um, did she appoint anybody to do it in case she wasn’t here? Okay, uh, okay, uh, does anybody want to give the Report. Anybody in EB? Yes, Senator Spears?

Senator Spears: I’ll give it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Okay.

Senator Prough: Motion to amend the agenda to have the Executive Branch Report given by Senator Spears.

Senator Simas: Second

Seante Chair Kasik: All those in favor of having senator spears give the EB Report, please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

Motion to amend the agenda to have the Executive Branch Report given by Senator Spears passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright.

c. Executive Branch Report

Senator Spears

Senator Spears: Alright, everybody. Thank you, uh, not expecting to do this, clearly. Um, but I will fill in for President Shaw. In the All-USG email: find the hidden question, answer it in the Teams, in the Off-Topic tab. Uh, there are vacant EB positions for next year, the 2026-2027 application is open. Uh, the first round of application will close next Tuesday, April 28th at 12 pm, just so President Shaw and I can have those, uh, EOs written in time for the Senate on Thursday, to get those approved, so they can start working,, uh, and, be on—be working in the branch over the summer. Uh, this could be found in the email, in the Teams, and the Instagram bio Linktree. Finally, uh, EB End-of-Year Reviews and Transitions are this week. That's where she is right now. She's finishing up, I think it's the very last one, uh, right now, with Advisor Ferguson-Mike and Vice President Tsige. Transition materials are currently being sent out to existing Executive Branch members, uh, so the Transition Reports can be done in time for the end of the year. Receipt clarification: this is going to hopefully be answered by her later, because I am not as well versed in this, but please make sure that your receipt is obtained tax-free and sent over to the Finance Team for proper documentation, and their email is right there. So upcoming events, uh, the Akron Small Business Series Passport Event is coming up to a close on April 30th. There are ten smaller prizes and one grand prize being given out when you turn in your little passport. Business around downtown have stamps, they'll stamp your passport, and you turn it in for a raffle. If you have any questions, you can talk to, uh, Deputy Director Senko about that. Annual Report Meeting is right now. It's required for all members. Uh, the presentation is being filled out—has been filled out by branch teams and committees. Uh, it's a really long report to look forward to. Spring Campus Cleanup is this Friday, please RSVP. Next Tuesday is the, uh, PFOC tunnel tour. And then the All-USG Inauguration Meeting is next Thursday. We'll be, uh, swearing in new Senators. Uh, we'll be swearing in the Vice President and President. As well as, uh, Senate leadership and Judicial leadership next week. Uh, congratulations to everyone. And then SpringFest in next week, three USG members, uh, and other student leaders will be in a dunk tank. Yours truly will be in there. Uh, from 5:15 to 5:30 and I think President Shaw is after me, and someone else is after her, uh, but I can't remember who that is. It is Deputy Director Senko, uh, are there any questions? Hopefully not. Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Senator Spears. Uh, we will now be moving on to the Finance Report given by Deputy Director Jovicic.

d. Finance Report

Deputy Director Jovicic

Deputy Director Jovicic: Alright, not much. Uh, this week, as things are starting to come to a close. All allocations for student orgs are due by this Friday, so really, it's just a couple travel and non-travel to kind of wrap up the semester for them. Nothing new in the USG or All4US Platform. Questions?

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you.

Chief Justice Stillion: Point of privilege, can we amend the, uh, giving of the DLT Report from President Shaw to Chief Justice Stillion?

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Prough?

Senator Prough: Motion to amend the deliverer of the DLT Report to be Chief Justice Stillion.

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in, uh, all those in favor of changing it to Chief Justice Stillion, please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

*Motion to amend the deliverer of the DLT Report to be Chief Justice Stillion passes:
The ayes have it.*

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, I now welcome Chief Justice Stillion.

e. DLT Report

Chief Justice Stillion

Chief Justice Stillion: Hi, guys. Alright, so, we have several of the normal activities: our bonding activity, our branch updates that we've gone over. Mostly, we did talk about, briefly, some updates on the ICE resources and the, uh, posts that will result from that legislation that we passed a couple weeks ago. DLT is determining that they're going to review a lot of the information and give the go-ahead before anything is posted. We also discussed the Rooclusive space and renewal offers for organizations. Uh, we are requesting a language change in the contract for organizations, uh, as they're typically required to attend, um, uh, one of our three committee meetings in the Executive Branches to maintain their membership in the Rooclusive space. We, uh, do want to add a couple of different steps for non-compliance and, uh, altering that language a little bit., uh, once again thank you to Chief of Staff Kelly for the End-of-Year Awards Ceremony that, uh, all of you—most of you were at last Thursday. She's not here, but we thank her in spirit. Transition materials have been sent out to everyone in all three branches, so if you haven't done those, please get those done. For most—for, uh, the Executive Branch

and the Judicial Branch, they are due tomorrow at 11:59. For the Legislative Branch, you guys have until Sunday at 11:59. Don't wait. Put all of your valuable information in those documents so we know it for the future. If you do have any questions or want support writing those, please reach out to Membership Development Coordinator Winters to guide you through that process—if you have any questions. The End-of-Year Reviews, as you've heard already, are happening throughout this week, uh, in the Legislative and Executive Branch. Uh, they are not happening this week, uh, for—oh it does say next week. Well, there you go. They're happening next week in the Judicial Branch, um, we do all of ours in one big chunk in one day. So, we don't have to spread them all out because we're a small branch. Just a couple reminders for the Inauguration Ceremony next week, though, next Thursday. We have sent out all invites to our campus partners. Several of them will be showing up as well. Uh, and we're going through the remainder of the speeches and process in DLT for that meeting. Uh, the RSVP for external members does close, um, on Monday. Uh, you only have to RSVP if you're bringing a guest. You're all required to be there as part of your, um, position, so you do not have to RSVP that you're going to be there. It is an All-USG meeting, but if you're bringing guests, please fill out the RSVP form with those guests. Senior letters, just a reminder, that is a task in the office right now. Emails, uh, regarding that was sent out by Vice President Tsige earlier this week. Uh, please write at least five letters for the graduating seniors—doesn't have to be anything too crazy, but we will be checking to make—that everyone has written five letters. To make that easier, please write your name on the outside of the envelope so we don't have to open them up and read all of your personal information. Because we wouldn't want to do that. Um, we've already talked about upcoming events and meetings. And um, we are closing out the year especially in DLT, so many of our upcoming events are onboarding for our new members as well as finalizing our transition packets. Are there any questions about any of that? Is there anything you would like to add, President Shaw?

President Shaw: No, thank you for taking this over, um, I don't have anything else.

Chief Justice Stillion: Awesome, thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, thank you Chief Justice Stillion. We will now be moving on to Old Business, uh, this is, uh, a piece of legislation that was tabled at our last meeting. So, we will be going over it now. This is, uh, SR 09-25-26. Senate Chair McCracken.

VII. Old Business

a. SR 08-25-26

Vice Senate Chair McCracken recites the contents for SR 08-25-26

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, uh, I now invite the, uh, author, Senator Flickinger, to speak on behalf of her legislation.

Senator Flickinger: Hi guys. Um, I wasn't here last week, so I'm kind of glad it got tabled so I could actually speak on it but, um, I've been working very closely with a lot of, um, similarly-minded organizations on campus trying to brainstorm kind of how to, uh, get new students educated and also excited about being an adult: excited about voting, excited about going to college, um, and I thought that this is really one of the best ways that we could do that. I worked very closely also with, um, the Office of Admissions—I actually had a meeting with, um, Kim Gentile, and she was, um, more than willing to, you know, pursue this endeavor. Um, so yeah, I think it really is just a great piece to, you know, send out to new students. Um, I think that we had a lot of discussions about, you know, what gets new students engaged and excited, and I think one of those barriers is like “What do I do now that I'm an adult?” right? And so, I think, uh, a mailer that includes, you know, kind of a list of things including how to register to vote, and, um, other things such as that is one way to, you know, get people excited to come to the university and get people excited to vote. So, yeah, thanks.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, uh, motion to enter debate? I entertain a motion to enter debate. Senator Spears?

Senator Spears: So moved.

Senator Prough: Second.

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

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to enter debate passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, does anyone have any amendments? Yes?

Senator Swaminathan: I just have a question. So since—

Chief Justice Stillion: Point of order. Is this a question or part of debate?

Senator Swaminathan: Oops, sorry. Request for information from Senator Flickinger.

Senator Flickinger: I accept.

Senator Swaminathan: Um, so, since this will be going out to all incoming students, will the information differ for different states, or how would that work?

Senator Flickinger: Um, so this is just a general piece of legislation. It would be worked on further in the execution of it when the Office of Admissions works with those organizations.

Senator Swaminathan: Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Anybody else? Is there any debate? Any amendments? Senator Flickinger?

Senator Flickinger: Motion to amend, uh, the appendixes, so there's a tab, so it's like, on the right page.

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: Uh, all those in favor of, uh, fixing the, uh, position of the appendixes, please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to fix the spacing of the appendixes passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Uh, yes?

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Motion to amend the legislation to remove the third appendix title.

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of removing the third appendix title, please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to remove the third appendix title passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Anyone have anything else? Senator Gnap.

Senator Gnap: Um, I would say that I'm personally in favor of this legislation—like we should pass it. Um, just because I was one of those upcoming freshmen that didn't really know how to register, um, so, I think this would be very useful for upcoming students to figure out what to do with that.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Simas?

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

Senator Flickinger: Second.

Executive Justice Riemer: Point of order. Um, IGNITE National, uh, the word "Ignite" should be completely capitalized.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Flickinger?

Senator Flickinger: Uh, motion to amend the resolution to, uh, capitalize the entirety of the word "ignite."

Senator Prough: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor capitalize the "Ignite," please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to capitalize the entirety of the word "ignite" passes: The ayes have it.

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

Senator Spears: So moved.

Senator Prough: Second.

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

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to waive the second reading passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Shelton?

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

Senator Spears: Second.

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

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to close debate and move to the previous question passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, you will now be voting on resolution 09-25-26. Your options are in favor, oppose, and abstain

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 Roskam: In Favor

Senator Simas: In Favor

Senator Spears: In Favor

Senator Sterns: In Favor

Senator Swaminathan: In Favor

Senate Chair Kasik: The resolution passes, congratulations.

Senator Prough: Point of order, Senator Shelton was not called.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Oop—how did I skip you?

Senator Shelton: In Favor

SB 18-25-26 has passed: All in favor.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, it still passed. Uh, we will now be moving onto the, uh, new business, for the election rules, uh, Chief Justice Stillion, would you like to speak on behalf?

VIII. New Business

a. Election Rules

Chief Justice Stillion: Uh, yeah. So, we gave this presentation, uh, at last week's Senate to go over those changes that we're making in detail. Uh, I would encourage all of you that were not there, or that need a refresher, to review that presentation. But briefly, most of the changes that we have made this semester are reflections of changes that we, uh, learned about and, uh, became apparent in the Spring and Special Elections, uh, the largest change was to the, uh, specific definitions of supporters, endorsers, and campaign material to cut out a loophole that we noticed in one of our mock grievances and to clarify how those positions, uh, how those responsibilities all work together. Um, everything else is general grammar and, um, ease of functioning changes I guess for lack of a better term. Uh, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask them, but, I

encourage all of you to vote in favor of this, um, these amendments. And just a reminder: this is, uh, one of those weird things where everyone in the room votes on it, not just the Senators, so, thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, does anybody else have—any other JB members have any things they'd like to say? Yes, Executive Justice Riemer?

Executive Justice Riemer: I would just urge you all to vote in favor of these election rules. We spent a long time, um, discussing them, trying to make sure that everything was all good for the Fall Election Cycle, um, and if you approve these now, it lets us start working on that immediately, which is really great, um, and, it's just been a pleasure to, um, be able to, um, talk about this with our Judicial Branch, um, which is not something we usually get to do when approving the Fall Election Rules.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Motion for a five minute recess.

Senator Prough: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of a five minute recess, please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion for a five minute recess passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: The meeting is called back to order. Uh, we will be—we're reviewing the Fall 2026 Election Rules. Uh, you will be voting on—everybody in the room—every USG member will be voting on this. So—

Chief Justice Stillion: Request for information from Senate Chair Kasik.

Senate Chair Kasik: I accept.

Chief Justice Stillion: Was debate closed?

Senate Chair Kasik: We never opened debate.

Chief Justice Stillion: Oh, well there you go.

Senate Chair Kasik: Okay, Senator Prough?

Senator Prough: Motion to enter debate.

Senator Sterns: Second.

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

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to enter debate passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Prough?

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

Senator Shelton: Second.

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

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to close debate and move to the previous question passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik. Alright, yes. Everybody will be voting. Your options are in favor, opposed, or abstain.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken calls the roll.

Senate Chair Kasik:

Vice Senate Chair McCracken

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 Roskam: In Favor

Senator Shelton: In Favor

Senator Simas: In Favor

Senator Spears: In Favor

Senator Sterns: In Favor

Senator Swaminathan: In Favor
President Shaw: In Favor
Vice President Tsige: In Favor
Deputy Director Jovicic: In Favor
Deputy Director Moore: In Favor
Health and Safety Officer Greene: In Favor
Strategist Galchick: In Favor
Project Coordinator Viator: In Favor
Project Coordinator Tamim: In Favor
Deputy Director Parsons: In Favor
Chief Justice Stillion: In Favor
Executive Justice Riemer: In Favor
Associate Justice Jones: In Favor
Associate Justice Addams: In Favor
Associate Justice Geib: In Favor

The Election Rules passed: All in favor.

Senate Chair Kasik: Now, continuing on with new business, we have SR 10-25-26.

b. SR 10-25-26

Vice Senate Chair McCracken recites the rationale for SR 10-25-26

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, uh, I will invite myself up to speak on behalf of my legislation. Uh, yeah, uh, I've heard from students, and I've experienced myself, that a lot of the options at Zee's are limited in the amount they offer, uh, and that they—and during times of extreme weather, like we had earlier this semester with the snowstorm, where people got stuck on campus for sometimes days on end, it can be difficult to get food, uh, and other things that they needed, and Zee's being the only place that's reasonable to get to when there's several feet of snow on the ground, uh, I think it should be cheaper and easier for people to either get more, uh—it should be cheaper and for people to get more out of what they can, due to the limited amount of meal swipes and dining dollars that students have, and they fact that they have to budget it for an entire semester. Now, uh, we should enter debate. Uh, Senator Swaminathan

Senator Swaminathan: Motion to enter debate.

Senator Prough: Second.

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

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to enter debate passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, Senator Sterns?

Senator Sterns: Uh, motion to have a semicolon before all of the “and”s in the whereas clauses and change the final whereas clause to be... end with “now therefore.”

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of adding the, uh, the grammar, uh, changes, please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion have a semicolon before all of the “and”s in the whereas clauses and change the final whereas clause to end with “now therefore” passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Shelton?

Senator Shelton: Uh, motion to remove the “the” in front of “Zee’s Convenience Store” for the third and fourth whereas clauses.

Senator Roskam: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of removing “the” in front of “Zee’s” in the whereas clause, please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to remove the “the” in front of “Zee’s Convenience Store”: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Sterns.

Senator Sterns: Uh, motion to also remove from the, uh, resolution to expand meal swipe options at the convenience stores.

Senator Prough: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of removing “the” from the whereas clause, please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to remove “the” from the whereas clause passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Prough?

Senator Prough: Uh, motion to amend the resolution to properly spell “convenience” in the final clause.

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of respelling “convenience,” please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to properly spell “convenience” in the final clause passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Simas.

Senator Simas: Uh, motion to amend the resolution to capitalize the “t” in “the” before “University of Akron” in the rationale.

Senator Spears: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of capitalizing “the” in the rationale, please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to capitalize the “t” in “the” before “University of Akron” in the rationale passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Swaminathan.

Senator Swaminathan: Um, convenience is still not spelled right, motion to spell convenience in the last whereas clause correctly. There’s no “n.”

Senator Roskam: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: Oh, yeah, okay. All those in favor of the putting “n” in “convenience,” please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to properly spell “convenience” in the final clause passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Anything else? Last chance to correct my grammar. Senator Swaminathan?

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

Senator Prough: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: Hold on, there's, sorry, Senator Shelton?

Senator Shelton: Um, motion it to change “Robertson Dining Hall” to “Robertson's Dining Hall” in the second paragraph of the resolution.

Senator Flickinger: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of correctly spelling “Robertson's Dining Hall,” please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to change “Robertson Dining Hall” to “Robertson's Dining Hall” in the second paragraph of the resolution passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Prough?

Senator Prough: Uh, motion to waive the second reading.

Senator Spears: Second.

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

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to waive the second reading passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Swaminathan.

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

Senator Spears: Second.

Executive Justice Riemer: Point of order, um, there is a misspelling of the word “than” in the third whereas clause. It says “then,” it should be “than.”

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Prough.

Senator Prough: So moved.

Chief Justice Stillion: Point of order.

Senate Chair Kasik: That's not a motion. Senator Shelton?

Senator Shelton: Motion to change the spelling of "then" to "than" in the third whereas clause.

Senator Sterns: Second.

Senate Chair Kasik: All those in favor of correcting the spelling of "than," please say aye.

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to change the spelling of "then" to "than" in the third whereas clause passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Senator Swaminathan.

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

Senator Prough: Second.

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

Senate: Aye.

Senate Chair Kasik: All opposed, nay.

The motion to close debate and move to the previous question passes: The ayes have it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, you will be voting on Senate Resolution 10-25-26, your options are in favor, opposed, and abstain.

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 Roskam: In Favor

Senator Shelton: In Favor

Senator Simas: In Favor

Senator Spears: In Favor

Senator Sterns: In Favor

Senator Swaminathan: In Favor

SR 10-25-26 passes—All in favor

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, we will not be moving on to the Annual Report Presentation. Alright, oh hold on, there we go. Alright, okay, for the Annual Report Presentation Meeting, we will start, uh, with the Advisor Report delivered by Advisor Ferguson-Mike.

IX. Annual Report Presentation

Advisor Ferguson-Mike: I'm going up there, right? Okay, before I get into my report, um, I want to remind you all next week is SpringFest, so Friday, May 1st. Um, we start handing out food vouchers on Monday, I don't know all the exact times, but you can go down to Student Life desk across from the Roo Lounge and grab your, um, food voucher. There will be food trucks this year. Um, also for those seniors in the room, Senior Week is next week, so I'd love to see you at the crack of dawn on Monday for Senior Sunrise. Are you going?

Chief Justice Stillion: Are there mimosas?

Advisor Ferguson-Mike: Absolutely. So, okay, I do feel a little silly reading this, um, but I also wanted to be very intentional since this is my first year, so, I wanted to reflect, um, on things that I learned, but also reminders that you all provided me. So, I want to take a moment to reflect on this past year as new USG Advisor and also share what I hope to see from USG moving into next year. When I stepped into this role, I knew it would come with a learning curve to say the least. Um, I expected to support you, um, but what I didn't fully anticipate was how much I would learn and be given reminders from each of you, um, every day. One of the biggest things I have been reminded this year is that student leadership is not easy. It takes courage to step into a role where you're representing others, making decisions, and continuing to put yourself out there. I watch

students balance academics, work, personal lives and still show up for USG through meetings, office hours, and events, and that level of dedication is something that deserves recognition. I was also reminded that leadership looks different in everyone, including myself, and that's okay. I learned from students who lead loudly, confidently, and are not afraid to speak up: like the Scotties, the Gennis, the Sams, the Audreys. Um, but I also learned just as much from the students who lead quietly—the ones who stay consistent, follow through, and do the work behind the scenes without needing recognition, um, Eliza, even though you say that you're not that, but um, that's what I've seen, the Rileys the Carmines. Um, leadership isn't about being the most visible person in the room, it's about being dependable and intentional. This year also reminded me the value of resilience. There were moments of stress, moments of frustration, moments where things didn't go as exactly as planned, but I saw students work through that. I saw people readjust, recoup, and keep pushing forward, and that showed me that growth doesn't happen when things are perfect—it happens when challenges show up and you decide to rise anyways. One of the most important reminders was the power of relationships and teamwork. I watched members support each other through difficult situations, step up when someone needed help, and learn how to work together—even when opinions didn't always align. It reminded me that USG is at its best when it operates as a team, not as individuals. I was also reminded how important it is to ask questions, stay open to learning, and own up to your mistakes, even if it wasn't the intent. I appreciated the students who weren't afraid to ask, "how does this process work?" "what's the best way to handle this?" "who do I start with?" That kind of curiosity and willingness to learn is what makes strong leaders and honestly reminded me that none of this should feel like we have everything figured out. I can say confidently that this year has shaped me as a higher-ED professional. Um, how I've learned to be more patient—even though I don't normally have any. But I've learned to be more patient. It's reminded me to listen first, and to trust students to lead. I learned that my role isn't to control the direction. It's to support it and help students grow into the leaders and the people that you're all becoming. So as I look forward to next year—as long as you'll keep me, hopefully—there are a few things I'd really like to see USG focus on. Um, so all of you know that I sit in these, um, end of the year review sessions, um, and so I think, um, Brooklyn reminded me to make sure that we're taking the feedback, um, that were receiving to continue to grow as we move forward, um, and I think that's really important. So first, I'd like to see USG continue improving its ability to set attainable and realistic goals. It's great to have big ideas, and I want students to dream big, but strong leadership is also being able to bring those ideas down into action steps and commit to what is achievable as a group. So, what does USG want to accomplish next year? Second, everyone is allowed to have an opinion. Disagreement is normal, and honestly it's necessary for growth, but I want to emphasize that there is a way to communicate with respect. The way we speak to each other matters. Tone matters, intent matters, and how we represent ourselves in this organization matters. And I want

to see USG continue creating a culture where respect remains the standard—even when conversations are difficult. And lastly, I want to see USG become even more comfortable asking questions before making assumptions. I've learned this year that many issues, um, or challenges can be avoided simply by pausing and asking for clarity first. Asking questions doesn't mean you're uninformed, it means you're thoughtful, and you care enough to understand the full picture before reacting. Next year I want to see students lean into that curiosity, communicate, and problem solve instead of jumping to conclusions. Overall, I am very grateful for this year. I'm grateful for the lessons the growth, and the opportunity to work along student leaders who care deeply about this campus and the student experience. This year reminded me that USG is not just an organization: It's a space where students learn, build confidence, and leave a lasting impact. Um, I'm very proud of the work that each of you have done this year and I'm excited for what's next. Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Advisor Ferguson-Mike, we will now be moving onto the Executive Branch Report, given by President Madison Shaw—Madilyn Shaw.

President Shaw: We got first name. Hey, guys! Um, first off sorry for coming in late. Thank you, Senator Spears for giving the EB Report, and thank you Chief Justice Stillion for giving the DLT Report—really appreciate it. Um, cool! So, Executive Branch. We've done a lot this year. So, um quick overview, of course EB consists of the President and Vice President that are elected by the undergraduate student body, as well as appointed members who work together to carry out the USG platform via various different roles as shown below. Of course, these are our lovely teams. Um, we have our Finance and Budgeting, um, through Marketing, Project Coordination, DEI, Membership and Branch Development, and, um, Campus and Community Outreach. Um, so currently in EB, we have 24—there's a glare. Wow. It's okay. Currently in EB we have 24 members, we have six teams, we have three committees—which two are, um, on hold for the rest of the semester, but we'll be, again, reevaluating that over the summer. Um, in case you didn't know who we were, um, yeah I was the President this year. Bethel was my Vice President. Chief of Staff Kelly and Director of Finance Karima Damson. We've all been really appreciative of everybody this year so, um, just I guess, from me on behalf of EB leadership thank you, um, for all of your hard work this year, um, both in EB and, um, outside members of EB as well. It's been a fantastic year this year, and I am looking forward to doing it again next year, so, perfect. Um, again, um, platform for this year was All4UA and the work of USG this year has been centered around that platform. Um, so of course, um, we have amplifying academic opportunities, enhancing the community, expanding personal growth, and empowering student perspectives for our pillars. Um, so, touching on some of those pillars, um, somethings that we want to highlight, um, which include at the top: the internship and coop resources, promoting educational achievements, and growth and connecting with academic services and tutoring. Um, so the following events are some examples of, uh, accomplishments that

we've had this year under this pillar, so, of course, we had our LinkedIn workshop from our Chief of Staff team, um, our Guide to Academic Resources Series, um, the Zips Winter Giveaway which was academic supplies with ZAB, um, the Zips Safe and Secure Series that we had in the fall through the Ohio Department of Higher Education Safety Grant, and, of course, Student Trustee applications as well expanding students with more opportunities for student leadership on campus. Um, enhancing the community, um, includes connecting with the city of Akron, creating a welcoming campus environment and fostering student collaboration. Um, so some events and initiatives that fell under this this year, um, was the Downtown Akron Partnership Small Business Series, um, the Student Leaders Summit, um, Night at the Akron Art Museum, the Fall and Spring Campus Cleanups, the Safety Walks, the Tie Blanket event, um, Roos at the RubberDucks game, um, the Spirit Rally in the AK Rowdies, USG, and BEC Wagon Wheel Tailgate just to name a few. Um, and then expanding personal growth is showing support to all identities on campus, highlighting campus resources and improving mental and self-wellbeing. Um, so of course, we have the Women's Empowerment Summit, which went great, um, Take Back the Night, RHC's Amazing Wellness Race—that collaboration that we had with them, Mental Health Conversation: Burned Not Broken, with Taylor Bennington, um, the Student Athletic Advisory Council Food Drive, the Pride Flag Dedication ceremony, um, self-defense class with AUPD, and Keep Your Rides Secure, um, the locks that we gave away through Student Life in the grant, again. And lastly, um, empowering student perspectives was hearing students' voices, connecting USG to the student body, and strengthening international student relationships. Um, some examples um that pursued this pillar include the Ohio Student Government Summit—even though that did not happen, there was great things that were planned and great outlines for next year, um, so we still wanted to include that because, um, a lot of work was put into that as well. Um, Speak Your Zip, um, Cultural Night, Celebrating 100 Years of Black History Month, um, again, the Events Safety Materials, and the different fundraisers, so, Chipotle, Canes, and the Nothing Bundt Cakes. So just some highlights of, um, how we choose some of those pillars through projects and initiatives this year. Um, All4UA platform funding, so this is not covered in the finance section because this is something that, um, last year's platform really wanted Bethel and I to focus on, um, this is different from the regular allocations, um, that we give to student organizations. Um, this is student organizations coming to us that exceed those limits that we put on some of the expenditure requests and allocation requests. Um, to give larger amounts of money for larger programs, um, so, those were some caveats to that, um, I know that it had to affect the broader campus community, um, affect more than 50 students on campus, um, and align in some way with our platform, um, in one way or multiple, um, through our pillars. Um, so based on some of those criteria, um, we were reached out to by six campus organizations for platform funding, um, of which funds were allocated to four of those organizations in total, um, for events and initiatives. Um, so, a little bit of a breakdown, on the left, um, that is the account

beginning total, and that kind of Pac-Man looking blue circle there, um, and then of that, that total, um, beginning balance we allocated, um a little over \$4,000 to student organizations. Um, and then broken down a little bit more, um, of that \$4,000 is how it fits into each of our pillars. Um, so based on some of the criteria and some of the conversations that we had with the student organizations um we allocated \$2,499.40 into, um, initiatives that focus on enhancing the community. 972 um, yeah, \$972 dollars for expanding personal growth, and 572 for amplifying academic opportunities. So, again with that overall, um, our platform funding, we spent \$4,000 dollars, um, \$4,043.43, um, allocated to initiatives and functions that align with the All4UA platform pillars, which is more than we did last year, so that goal was achieved, um, which is very great and, um, fun to navigate this year, and we are looking forward to, um, continuing this in the future. Um, so some key collaborators for the Executive Branch, again, this is not an exhaustive list, um, there are many people that we worked with this year, um, so a list of some student organizations on the side—I'm going to spare you and not read through all of them. Um, and then, of course, some campus departments and offices that we worked with and some members of the community, um, that we have worked with as well, um, again, this is not an exhaustive list, um, this is just a short list of a very long one. Um, but different ways that we have collaborated and communicated, um, with these groups on campus and off campus this year. And moving on to USG membership requirements, if Bethel—do you want to help me with this?

Vice President Tsige: Sure. So, guys, as you guys know, you had to submit these things weekly to some extent. So overall, so, I went through for the fall semester/spring semester, did kind of like a overall total for submissions that were received per specific item. So, in terms of service hours, USG has hit around 350 hours—and this is just based off of recent submissions as of, I think this recent Monday, so we still have some few weeks coming, so this will probably fluctuate based off that. And then in terms of USG sponsored event hours, we've all hit around 161 hours. In terms of on campus event hours, guys, 601, which is crazy. Um, currently in USG, we have 47 total current members, and in terms of total shout out submissions, we've reached 591 submissions, which is great. But this is just a minimum, so this could have fluctuated based off of submissions, but that's just the overall total. Any questions? Cool.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, now moving on. Now we will be moving onto the Legislative Branch report for this year. Uh, so for the Legislative Branch overview, uh, just as a reminder, uh, that we are made up of elected Senators who represent the student body and write legislation, pursue projects and initiatives, and enhance the student experience on campus. Uh, we make sure their concerns are being heard and addressed. Our current members—we have almost a full branch, uh, we have 16 senators, um, encompassing of a wide variety of constituent groups, uh, for the Senate Branch Leadership this year, it was, of course, me Senate Chair Kasik and Vice Senate Chair Megan McCracken. Uh, for legislation that has been passed this semester—or for

this year, uh, we have a fair bit this year compared to previous years, uh, including all of these, uh, legislation that have help improved campus, and these all have updates as to where they are at currently that we were able to get from, uh, Dr. Messina.

Vice Senate Chair McCracken: Are you going to read the updates out?

Senate Chair Kasik: Yeah, oh, yeah. Uh, for the, uh, SR 2 for the, uh, technical elective credits, uh, it was received by the UA and just needs to be reviewed by the associate chairs. Uh, for the improving campus maps and accessibility routes, uh, that was referred to the appropriate office for evaluation, uh, and I believe on the website now, there is a map for, uh, accessibility routes. For the improving signage around campus, this was for Capital Planning and Facilities for consideration, uh, repairing University Bridge was referred to COCM for consideration and for, uh, repairs to the water fountain in the rec center, uh, this was actually complete. Uh, so, got a lot done and, uh, sadly for the rest of these, uh, we do not have updates as to where they are at, uh, we did not get that from Dr Messina. Uh, we have the consent/coercion awareness, uh, resources in the bathrooms, the improving Brightspace grading reporting, establishing a consent awareness event to be held by the SE committee, and requesting a bylaw amendment, uh, for the housing and college Senators to reach out to their Deans, and also the two pieces of legislation that were passed today. So, yeah, we had a fair bit done this year. Uh, for the guest speakers, for the fall we had quite a few: we had attorney Scott Campbell who provided us with legal resources available to students, Cheif Gilbride who talked about safety on campus, we had President Nemer, who talked about the University Administration, Nate Hiddleston from UAkron Park, Jessica DeFago from Accessibility, and Provost Price who talked about Senate Bill One and the Provost Office. And in the spring we had, uh, a lot of speakers as well: we had Dr. Goodrich talk about athletics and the Akron-Kent basketball game, and Nick Webber talked about, uh, the rec center information, uh, we had Kim Gentile who talked to us about Admissions and what they do, we had Mayor Shammas Malik from Akron who talked about how USG can work with Akron, and we had, uh, Provost Price again who talked about retention and budget cuts, and just a few weeks ago we had Dr. Alison Doehring from ZipAssist who talked about their offices do. I would also like to recognize all of the new student organizations that have been recognized over the last year, uh, yeah this is quite a few, so, we are happy to—I think that's fun, they have our support. So that is all I have. Chief Justice Stillion for the Judicial Branch Report.

Chief Justice Stillion: Yeah, all right, so quick overview of what JB is. We are a small branch. We handle all the records keeping for the organization, ensuring that all of our meetings follow the rules as im sure all of you are all very aware. Uh, we run all of the USG elections and work alongside the Department of Student Conduct and Comunity Standards, uh, UAkron Park, and the SOuRce Office, and many other things. Wow we are so pixelated, that's great. That's our leadership. We decided to be a little bit cooler

than everybody else—we wanted to make sure you knew who we were, so we put our majors up there. Um, and just, uh, a little note, um, we also put Records Coordinator roles for all of our, um, members because, uh, those change by semester, just so you know who handles what records. We delegate them, generally, by branch, but there's a little bit more caveats in that. Oh, wow. That's kind of... that's covering some of our info, which is unfortunate, but that's alright. Uh, here are the rest of our members as well as some of their Records Coordinator roles. But, we do break down—I, it's not really written anywhere—we do break down the responsibilities of the Judicial Branch into four pillars: the first of those is advocacy with the—primarily we work with the Department of Student Conduct and UAkron Park on these we help the department of Student Conduct at their annual Rootbeer Kegger as well as, as I mentioned earlier, their interview for their Assistant Director. We were at the sexual assault awareness event earlier this month, and then went over the Code of Conduct at, uh, within the First-Year Student Seminars, so the first-year students are aware of the rules on campus. UAkron Park, we did a little bit of similar things: we helped them table for, um, their customer feedback survey that they have to do annually, uh, that should say monthly meeting—we do not meet with them weekly, trust. Um, we did meet with them monthly, and they bought us pizza because we were so great, so that's awesome. Next is parliamentarianism. Um, you're all very aware of how we do that. We attend all Senate meetings to make sure that we follow the governing documents and Robert's Rules. Um, but if there are ever any issues regarding those rules, either our governing documents or the elections rules, we do handle the grievance process. So, there were significant changes to that process this semester. We've gone over them, but the two of the larger are the way that we, um, standardize the records coordination for those grievances. We developed a new system to make it a little bit easier to keep track as well as the process of distributing those decisions to make sure that the public has access to them on the USG website. Um, we did have two real grievances, both in the election cycle, and handled two mock grievances: *Bushen v. Stillion* regarding discrepancies between supporters and endorsers that resulted in some of the changes that we just voted on. And then *Feezel v. the OSGA Representatives* which was our only constitutional grievance regarding the lack of Ohio Student Government Association Representatives which was outlined in our bylaws. Next up we do have a couple slides about the elections—I'll break down some of those numbers there, but every fall we do run an election to elect our two first year senators into the senate. This year, 82 votes were cast out of 3092 potential voters that 2.56% of those voters, half of the previous fall election, so we did have a drop there, but during that election cycle, we did host six different events, candidates meetings, several meet and greets, voting tabling, and a feedback tabling. And we did update the start of the fall election cycle this semester to begin at the end of the spring semester to increase the application open time into the summer so we can grab some of those incoming freshmen. For the spring elections cycle that just ended a couple months ago—that's me pulling out a yard sign, that's the only photo we

had of the spring election. But, uh, every spring, we do elect 16 senators as well as our president and vice president. This year, we did elect five Senators uh 257 votes were cast out of 8,986 potential voters, a 2.86% of that number which is 2.4% lower than our average, but I believe about 0.1/0.2, um, lower than our last uncontested race, um, so lower than our average, but not lower considering the circumstances. We did host eight elections events during that cycle: two candidate meetings, four petition meet and greets and two voting meet and greets. Next: special election cycle. We did have to run a special election cycle to fill the president and vice presidential positions which were vacant in our general spring election. 241 votes were cast out of that same 8,986 potential voters which is 2.6% of the student body which is pretty good and we hosted seven events solely for that elections cycle: two meet and greets, er—four meet and greets, two candidates meetings, and one presidential Q and A. Our next pillar is records coordination—thank you Associate Justice Geib—each member of the Judicial Branch is assigned to a record coordinator role as I briefly mentioned, each semester to ensure that all documents are properly uploaded into the Teams. We have one for the Executive Branch, one for the Judicial Branch, one for the Senate, one for all the committees, one for events, and a historic records coordinator, did I miss any? No, okay. Uh, using a lot of that information that we records coordinate, we compile that information into a monthly USG newsletter containing all of your amazing accomplishments and upcoming events so the student body is aware. We did do five newsletters this year which is a 250% increase from last year where we had two. Uh, we did also take on the additional responsibility of making sure the USG Website is updated as, uh, the roster needs regularly changed and we've got to put all your Senator information up there every week which will happen eventually, I promise. I get to say as this being my last regular Senate meeting. But, um, we also took on the responsibility of taking on the physical annual report, not the presentation, the physical one. We pull all the information on here, put it into a physical little booklet, and hand it out to the students. Next, the SOuRCe initiative is also something that we took on this year to help the SOuRCe office with their student organization approval process, uh, this is something we did do prior to the SOuRCe office existing. We predate them. Uh, but it allows us to have a greater connection to the campus community while still maintiaing our more internal aspect as a Judicial branch. We were honored wth the initiative of the year awArd for this initiative at the End of Year Awards Ceremony last Thursday. Awesome.

Senate Chair Kasik: Cool. Alright, we will now be beginning with the committee reports, starting with the F.A.S.T. Committee Report, given by Senator Shelton.

Senator Shelton: I'll stand here. Hi, guys! So this is the—can you go back a slide? This is the Facilities, Amenities, Services, and Transportation Committee, otherwise known as F.A.S.T. You can change the slide now. Uh, so what do we do per the bylaws. This is directly pulled, by the way. “Members of the Facilities, Amenities, Services, and Transportation Committee should complete projects or pursue legislation that relates to

physical infrastructure on campus, the safety of undergraduate students, and various services provided by the university including transportation, parking, and housing. Through their service with USG, Senators on this committee should establish connections with members of the university's facilities and services staff, the university police department, transportation and parking services, residence life, and any other relevant department that should use these connections to further the interests of the undergraduate student body." That's a lot. What do we do in layman's terms. Uh, we do whatever the other committees don't cover. We're the broadest committee. How we did it. So that seemed like a lot, but we streamlined this process by a lot of meetings and emails. Um, a lot of our work is done just by simply email. Our, uh, leadership knows we do send a lot of them out of our committee. Uh, we do them by legislation and bills to be discussed on later slides, and we do them through F.A.S.T. tours. What is a F.A.S.T. tour? A F.A.S.T. tour is a tour around various buildings on campus looking for any, uh, concerns, uh, whether it be general safety, aesthetic, smell, getting in there, uh, accessibility concerns, we do how small doorways are, braille, whether or not we see a fire extinguisher—we cover a good chunk. And we did a total of 11 this year! That's pretty good. We did nine last year, so, I'm not good at percentages, but that's three more! Um, we also did our first ever residence hall F.A.S.T. tour as a collab with Residence Hall Council thanks to our lovely Senate Chair. Where did we go? We went to Olin, ASEC, BCAS, Guzzetta, Polsky, Schrank Hall South, oh, we went to the Union twice because the weather was terrible this winter. Uh, we went to Kolbe, Leigh, and Honors Residence Hall. Who did we meet with? As I was saying earlier, we sent a lot of emails. We met with PFOC and the Office of Accessibility on accessibility issues, uh, regarding noise complaints, uh, contract compliance, and any other items. We met with Aramark, ensuring again contract compliance, um, and as well as bringing up some dietary availability concerns and having them review this matter for the first time in a while. My gosh I cannot speak. ZipAssist, we, uh, asked them to start a meal swipe donations program, plus a name change social media post, where you can change your name via IT as long as your name is legally changed, so that's good to know. Residence Hall Council, for allowing us to access residence halls for F.A.S.T. tours now. Meyer's School of Art, attempting collaboration for various art projects and murals—we're still working through that. Uh, UAkron Park: they attended F.A.S.T. tours, trying to understand the needs of the student body better. And many more, these were just our highlights. Legislation from our members: we got S?03-25-26, S?04-25-26, SR05-25-26, SB16-25-26, and then something that we passed today. SR10! Or 09? 09! Yay! What else? Our members! Uh, we have Senator Blankenship, Senator Flickinger, Senator Messmer, Senator Pence, and Senator Shelton—Me! And how we are officially halfway through the presentation, we're on slide 43.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, Senator Shelton, I'd now like to welcome up Senator Gnap, from the A.P.S.S. Committee.

Senator Gnap: Alright, so the purpose of our committee is to ensure that the student body has access to all academic resources that the university provides. Um, the members of our committee are Sridevi Swaminathan, Garin Prough, Noah Sterns, and Kendall Gnap. And then a few projects that we worked on this year include collaborating with the USG social media team to push out academic resources to students on campus. Um, the Workday video, which is to help first year students navigate the Workday app and website, um, the Brightspace grading legislation which works to ensure that students can see their letter grades. Um, and then current projects that we're working on is installing cameras in the Knight Chemical Lab, putting lockers in Guzzetta Hall, and putting cubbies in the biology lab, and the outdoor courts project, which is basically looking at a certain green space on campus and putting courts there that students can use. And then there's a picture of our members. Any questions? Okay, thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, I'd now like to welcome up Senator Spears from the Student Engagement Committee.

Senator Spears: Thank you Senate Chair Kasik, uh, it's been a pleasure serving as the chair of the S.E. Committee this year, uh, thank you to all my members. It's going. Uh, but a committee overview—if you guys are the broadest committee, we're the vaguest committee, uh, in terms of bylaw definition. Uh, so I put it in my own words: create projects that drives student engagement on and around campus for undergraduate students. Uh, some legislation that we had this year: you can read right there, uh, we worked tirelessly—Senators did this year. Uh, and I thank them for their work. And then some passion projects—something that I learned very early on this year was that not all projects that Senators complete end with resolutions or bills. Sometimes they end up with meetings, uh, and furthering conversation later on, so this is more that. The passion projects: the bathroom checks, uh, AI usage in marketing, uh, summer employee parking, pill bottle recycling, and the Feedback Form, which was edited by our committee—members of our committee. And the award-winning project, if you can go back—if you'll allow me to—uh, the award-winning project, the Consent Awareness bill and resolution, uh, that Senator Kleinschmidt is holding. Sorry, Senator Roskam, you were not there. Alrighty, these are the committee members. Uh, four out of the five sent in, uh, headshots when I asked. Thank you very much. Uh, and then our two miscellaneous, who, if you were there, you knew them. Uh, I don't know where Senator Neese is. Uh, but Senator Sonntag is at Arizona State University. But I say Go Zips! That's all I got.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you, uh, I'd like to now welcome up Vice President Tsige, uh, to do the Diversity Committee.

Vice President Tsige: Alright, I'll be giving the Diversity Committee Report for Director Eshun. So, the committee overview: so, they served as a platform for discussing diversity, equity, and inclusion across campus. The overall goal is to bring together

student voices, identify concerns, and promote inclusive initiatives. Um, but basically, they support collaboration between the USG and underrepresented student organizations, and their overall intent is to strengthen engagement and representation of the university committee—community, sorry. In terms of some highlight, unfortunately, there was limited activity throughout the year due to limited participation. Approximately 90% of their biweekly meetings had no attendance, unfortunately, beyond the overall DEI team, primarily Harold and International Student Liaison Cunha Dos Santos. Um, this shift was influenced by a policy change in allowing organizations in the Rooclusive space to join other USG committees instead of the Diversity Committee, hence the low overall attendance. Um, they did have multiple outreach efforts for direct outreach to student organizations, promotion through Instagram and some other channels as well. Um, despite these efforts, attendance and engagement remained low. But, they have been working internally to see what to change to improve attendance for next academic term, overall. Any questions? Cool, thank you. Oh! And these are the members, sorry. Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, now I'd like to welcome up Officer Greene from the Mental Health Task Force.

Office Greene: So this is going to be pretty short—it's kind of similar to the exactly what Vice President Tsige said, um, but Mental Health Task Force—so there's a few things that we focused on in the fall. However, we ended up getting suspended in February due to low activity both in the organization and out. There were really only two/three people averaging the meetings, so it was kind of a one man show to get really any event out. So, we ended up suspending that for now, however, like President Shaw said, they're relooking at it over the summer, so, if you guys are interested, we'd love to have it back. But, yeah, there's really not much to add. There's a few things on there that Deputy Director Moore's going to talk about later. However, we do have a bunch of materials prepped for events that never ended up happening. So, if you're interested, I also have that material as well. That's all I really have.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, I'd like to welcome back up Vice President Tsige to talk about Campus Dining Experience.

Vice President Tsige: Alright, so, Campus Dining Experience. So, the purpose of this committee is to enhance student experience withing UA dining services. Um, in terms of the team members, they had Project Coordinator Cliff, Saya Vilella, and Elijah Jones, who were active members of the committee. That's their meeting time that they attended for these past two semesters. And for their projects, they were addressing concerns of cross contamination at food stations, both at Rob's and at the Union. Um, they were heling Senator Pence with their project donating leftover meal swipes and also trying to increase meal swipe options for students during Ramadan. Some concerns that they were able to bring up to Aramark during their Aramark committee meetings this

year, um specifically, were those meal swipe blocks. Students mentioned that having set mealtimes doesn't work well with a lot of their schedules. Um, Aramark basically explained that these set times are meant to help students manage their swipes better and avoid running out. Meanwhile, another topic that they brought up was the lack of vegan options, both at Rob's and at the Union. Um, vegan students pointed out that the options were very repetitive overall, and in response, the chef at Rob's added some new items to the menu which have been a great improvement overall for this specific semester. And then finally, for food options during the weekends, having only Rob's and Freshens open during the weekends was very frustrating for many students, and they brought their concerns up to this committee, um, but unfortunately, Aramark did not provide a very clear answer since there are several factors involved, most predominantly being the employee workload, but that is one topic that they're planning to bring up next year again. Hopefully, fingers crossed that Aramark will be able to work with them regarding... and then I think the next slide is their committee members. Any questions? Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, I'd now like to welcome up President Shaw for the Ohio Student Government Summit.

President Shaw: Hello, again. Um, so, I'm giving this on behalf of Chief of Staff Kelly, who could not be here today. Um, so of course, committee members, we had many committee members, um, on the committee member this year, um, from a wide variety of branches, so thank you to everybody who was involved, even though, again, this did not come to fruition. Uh, we really appreciate all of your time and dedication that you put towards, um, planning outreach and whatnot. Um, so OSGS planning. Um, so the theme this year was going to be Voives to Vision. Um, we had three sponsors, um, the University of Akron Office of Student Affairs, um, the Ray C Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, and, uh, the Institute for Professional Leadership Development. Um, we also had two hotel blocks with local hotels, um, around the area, um, for students from, um, other campuses to come and house at, um, for the weekend. Um, activities, uh, we were going to have speaker sessions, um, debates, and voting, um, in socials. Um, and then, merch-wise, we still have—so we will be using those next year—um, are some bags, some notebooks, cups, pens, megaphones, um, and whatnot. OSGS outcome. So, um, OSGS outcome, so, um, if this—we're going to say this did happen, um, schools attending: we had 13 schools signed up for the Ohio Student Government Summit, um, including the University of Akron, so, ourselves. Total attendees, we were going to have 138, um, and nine speakers, um, both from the university and from, um, local organizations throughout the Akron community as well. So, there's a list there. Um, and then, new this year, um, that we were really focusing on: our anticipated net profit, um, which has been greatly increased from years past, was going to be, um, \$6,559. Which, we still made a little bit of profit, um, but not as much, as we returned some of our sponsorships since we didn't have the event. So, elephant in the room, guys. Um, due to anticipated extreme

weather, um, the conference had to be cancelled, unfortunately. Um, so, given there is a history with OSGS and weather conflicts, future OSGS conferences will be moved, or will be highly recommended to be moved later in the spring semester. Um, so OSGS 2027, guys, will take place February 27-28, 2027. So, um, hopefully, moving that will avoid these issues, because this is not the first time this has been cancelled. It actually probably has been cancelled about four or five times over the past ten years. I said four or five, and then I'll say the other numbers, that's crazy that like, five or six of you just did that. Um, anyways, um, many more items did not include this year—the year on them, um, which is what I kind of mentioned. Um, the current recommendation is for OSGS 2027 to continue, um, this Voices to Vision theme, so they do not have to order merch and shirts, and they're available to fundraise as much as possible for USG next year! Um, so, we are moving on with that. Um, also, for people in the room that don't know what OSGS is, OSGS is an annual conference that, um, USG holds, um, we invite surrounding student governments, um, from the state of Ohio and surrounding states, um, as a sort of networking and idea-bouncing collaborative even, um, with different speakers, um, and different, um awards, and, um, conversations that way, um, just to connect as student leaders, bounce ideas, like I said, off of each other, network, and so and so forth. So, that is all that I have. Thank you.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, now moving onto the director report slides, starting with the Chief of Staff team, given by Vice President Tsige.

Vice President Tsige: Alright, so, for the Chief of Staff team, this is our team, you guys know them, you guys love them: our Chief of Staff Hannah Kelly, and then our Membership Development Coordinator Alison Winters. So, the purpose of the Chief of Staff team is that they function as an internal support system for the entire Undergraduate Student Government. They focus on individual leader development, skill-building, and relationship building, and vision alignment across the organization and all branches. Additional projects to those below are added based on request by DLT at the discretion of the Chief of Staff team, so, this is just some of the primary projects that they worked on, such as the retreats, OSGS, the End of Year Awards, and transition reports, which you guys received these past couple weeks. So, that's sort of the items that they've been working on. In terms of the Student Leaders Summit, so student leaders connect with Undergraduate Student Government about how to request funding from USG, they hear about SOuRCe resources, and they also additionally network with other student organizations over light refreshments. Um, feedback was primarily positive this year, uh, citing the resources, contacts, and networking to be valuable. Um, some attendees recommended hosting the event as early as possible to set student organizations up for success for the fall semester. In terms of the USG Fall Retreat that we had last semester, um, the primary was to encourage bonding, and basically, they had speaker Catherine Miracle provide insight on effective team communication. Um, teams then split up to compete in a campus-wide, points-driven, timed photography

challenge, which I think you guys all remember. Um, while activities received mixed feedback, the sense of USG member unity did seem to face improvement from that semester. And then in terms of the Spring Retreat, the primary message was on USG defining purpose of advocacy. So speaker Dr. Anna Ball presented on Akron-specific advocacy groups and methods, where the following activities centered on USG methods for advocating for undergraduate constituents. Um, in the future, the retreat topics are recommended to be flipped by the Chief of Staff team. The first retreat should focus on purpose and methods and the second one on networking, so, future consideration for that. And in terms of the End of Year Awards, which we just had, I believe last week, um, this is an event for all USG members to be honored for their service to the student body and thanked on behalf of DLT. Dinner, light refreshments, and dessert were included in this thank you. This event was overall well-received and also the opportunity to recognize our 13 graduating seniors for their dedicated service as well. That's the Chief of Staff team, any questions? Thank you guys.

Senate Chair Kasik: Thank you. I'd now like to welcome up the Campus and Community Outreach team, uh, Deputy Director Moore.

Director Moore: Apparently, I'm AJ. Hi, guys. Uh, we're a big team. Um, this is all of us. Uh, I think it's just Jess and I here today. Uh, so, represent, guys. Uh, so our role, uh, is basically our title. Uh, campus and community outreach, uh, we listen to the student feedback and try to improve, put in and develop initiatives to enhance that overall student experience. Um, a big part of our role is collaboration, um, within the campus, off-campus, uh, Greek life, um, and athletics. I didn't want to read that whole thing, you guys can read that on your own time. Um, we did a lot this year. Uh, I'm new to this, uh, team, but look at how great we look, guys. Nick's the one on the phone. Uh yeah, so, we did, uh, Safety Walks, we did the Winter Giveaway, the AKRowdies collaboration, we did two Akron Museum Nights, um, the Downtown Partnership, the tie blanket event collaboration with ZAB, Speak your Zip, Take Back the Night, and the Campus Cleanup, which is later this week. It's tomorrow, right? Yeah, tomorrow. I work, guys. I won't be there. Um, we have a lot of things that also didn't happen. Um, a lot of things that we might do next semester, um, including the left column that I don't want to read. Um, and then we also had a lot of ideas that we didn't plan out, but they were mentioned. Um, yeah, so there's all fo that. Um, so they're across all the categories. There's a lot of words that I—you guys know how to read. I mean, we're all adults. Um, so, yeah. Any questions? Reach out to me and I'll talk more about it.

Senate Chair Kasik: I'd now like to welcome up Strategist Galchick from the Communications team.

Strategist Galchick: Hey, everybody. Um, my name is Kailyn Galchick, I'm with the Communications team. Um, this is kind of all of us. Um, uh, our review as communications team is tasked with creating all marketing materials for events. This

year, the requests ranged from social media posts, Instagram Stories, Reels, Event Photography, flyers, trifold, handouts, infographics, t-shirts, and more. Um, and then in total, this team, the Communications team completed 46 marketing requests here. Um, here were our top days. Um, the posts were the USG members on Homecoming Court, Night at the Museum photo recap, spirit tabling collab, and then the USG/UAPD/PHC Safety Walk. So, yeah. Um, after reviewing our analytics from August 25th through April 20th, we found that all forms of interaction increased. The Communications team also went beyond marketing requests this year to post creative content ending in 85 posts created and 165 stories made. Um, here are some of our top performing posts, if anyone wants to read those, but our key takeaways are, um, our top performing posts featured collaboration posts with campus and Akron community accounts highlighting resources and giveaways for students and spotlighted USG members. Future recommendations, um, is to, uh, feature the accomplishments of and/or spotlight USG members more for increased interactions due to postability, mention giveaways and post clearly to ensure both likes and reposts to help event flyers reach a greater audience, and create more content that is able to be collaborated on with larger student organization accounts, University of Akron accounts, and Akron community accounts.

Senate Chair Kasik: I'd now like to welcome up Director Damson from the Finance team.

Director Damson: Hi, guys. I was clapping like I wasn't the next person going because I was like "woo," but, okay. I'll come in the middle because it's a lot of numbers. Uh, and I want to make sure to explain it very well. So, hi everybody, how's everybody doing? It's almost the end of the year. Okay, so we're the Finance team. I'm Karima, the Director of Finance, and we have Djordje over there—thank you for doing the Finance Report. He's Deputy Director of Finance. So, we're responsible for all USG allocations both to the student organizations, and internally for USG. So, I'm going to go into detail, so, approving SORF allocations, um, managing the USG budget, um, reading the Financial Report like Djordje did earlier, um, keeping track of receipts, transfer sheets, develop solutions to financial problems, if you know what happened this year, um, and help discuss funding allocations to all the different student organizations. Okay, so this is the budget we got this year. So, we got, um, about \$220,000, which is quite a little less than last year, they had over \$250,000. So, we're working with a little less this year. So, I'm going to go into details because it's going to make sense later. So, UAF allocations is what we give to the student organizations. We had \$75,000. Um, the President's Account, we have about \$39,000. This is what USG spends. Administrative is where the Volunteerism Award for you guys goes, where we get paid, and then everything that's office supplies. Um, the All4UA platform is everything I was talking about—the student organizations if MSA's having an event and they're requesting funds from the President and the Vice President, this is where it would come from. Um, in Long-Term Initiatives is, for example, the Aunt Flow or any long-term initiatives like we were changing the

plates in the Rooclusive space, but this is what we had at first. Okay, oh, there we go. So, President's account is USG's account. So, at first, this is what we had, so the \$38,000, we split them so we don't overspend in the different categories: so, we have marketing—that's Kylie's team. We have the membership development—that used to be Maggie Mahaney's team slash Chief of Staff Kelly now. Never mind, everybody that does membership development. Um, projects and events, which is like, everybody. Uh, elections—Sam. Or, uh, JB. Discretionary, whenever we're in big trouble, we just, you know, kind of pull out of there. And OSGS (that didn't happen), but OSGS, okay? So, this is what we had for projects and events, and we ate a lot of it, guys, so good job! We had a lot of nice events, good job. Um, OSGS, we just got speakers back that we still have to keep, so that's why you see most of it still there: 3,500. Um, elections is gone, guys. It's actually technically negative, but since it's negative, we took some out of projects and events. So yeah, good job. A lot of good things. Um, and discretionary, we didn't have too many troubles, so we only had to take out a few. And, sometimes we fix things that happened last year too in discretionary that like, couldn't happen when they were graduating and everything. Um, and membership development, so, like, USG Awards, anything that's big and like, retreats and everything, you know? Things where we enjoy and connect. That's what we spent a lot of it—see, we're enjoying and connecting, it's good! We did a lot of good this year. Um, what else? Marketing, yes, good job Kylie, you spent quite a lot of it. So 8,000 to 5,000. I mean, everybody. Um, and, I think I mentioned everything. Yes, okay. Okay, and then, oh, okay! So, this one, yes... why does it say... can you go back, please? It just has wrong titles, I don't know why, but it's fine. So yeah, this is the allocations. Um, so, the 75,000 you say earlier, we split most of it into travel because we know a lot of people are going to travel: 41,000. And then we had 32,000 for non-travel, and then 2,500 for student enrichment grant, so it's for anything that doesn't fall under the travel. So, for example, you're a grad student, you need it, and you have like, uh, an advisor or something, you take from the Student Enrichment Grant, but you can't pick from both the travel and the Student Enrichment Grant—it's very specific. So, we spent most of the travel, so, we knew we were going to spend a lot of it. So, travel, we have 5,000 left from 41,000 left. Uh, non-travel, we spent quite a lot of it as well. We spend 2/3 of it, so we have 10,000 left, and we only spent a little bit of Student Enrichment Grant. Yeah. Okay, so all the other accounts I talked about, um, so, Long-term Initiatives, the Aunt Flow and everything. Now we have 6,000 left. The textbook award, we didn't have anything. The All4UA platform was used way more than last year and previous years, which is good. So, it was kind of hard because we didn't get to allocate as much for the non-travel with all of the restrictions, but it was kind of a positive, because now we got to use the platform more to advocate for what the All4UA platform says. Um, Administrative: most of it is gone. It's usually like this. I remember, I looked at the reports from last year, it was like 1.1% left when they did the report. Yeah. Um, the President, yes, this is what we have left right now: 24,000. So, we spent about half of it, if not a little more. Uh, UAF, yeah, we spent most of it. It was like 75,000.

We're at 17 so, yeah. Um, and, yes. Any questions as I'm going through them? Okay, so, just a summary of everything I talked about. So, for the student organization, they, uh, a total of 60,000 was requested from USG, um, and we had a total of 94 unique requests from all of them, so both travel and non-travel. And for USG, we spent a total of \$100,000. Um, and the most USG member requests was from Bethel Tsige: 12 requests. And then, Riley and Julia Muller ties with seven requests, so, yep. Thank you guys.

Senate Chair Kasik: Um, now for the DEI team, um.

Director Parsons: Um, so welcome to the DEI team. This is our team, um, Harold could not be here today, so, I am giving the speech. Um, so, this is our team, the Director of DEI Harold, um, International Student Liaison, Julia. I'm the Deputy Director of LGBTQ and Gender Equality, and Gerrett is our Deputy Director of Racial Equity. Um, and the purpose of the DEI team, we are here on campus to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion across campus. Um, we are also here to develop and support initiatives that uplift underrepresented student groups. Um, we are here to serve as a bridge between student orgs and university resources—getting students the things they need when they need them. Um, addressing equity related concerns and advocating for inclusive campus engagement, um, and leading and managing the Diversity Committee. Highlights! Um, sorry, guys. Um, we supported DEI team initiatives and programming throughout the year, um, contributed to international education week in collaboration with ZAB, ISL, and MSA. We had 70 plus attendees. Um, supported Black History Month programming with the 100-year recognition event, um, back in February, led by Vice President Tsige. Sorry, the double “Vice President” threw me off here, sorry. Um, and then, Director Eshun and International Student Liaison Julia Cunha Dos Santos, um, planned that alongside her. Um, I planned the Women's Empowerment Summit. We had at least 30 attendees, um, and did the Pride Flag Unveiling Ceremony with an art show to uplift LGBTQ students and create space for expression following the removals of the pride flags last year. Um, and we also engaged with campus partners including the International Office. Um, and we also tried to do some stuff with LGBTUA this year and we maintained team coordination through biweekly meetings and check-ins. Sorry, guys, I can talk, I promise. And that's it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Now for the Project Coordination team, I welcome up Project Coordinator Viator.

Coordinator Viator: Hi, guys. I've never done this before, so, good luck. Okay, this is us. Uh, we have Director Muller, Director Cliff, me, and then, uh, Coordinator Tamim. So, we're tasked with helping plan all the events centered around the pillars of the All4UA platform, and this year, we completed 34 events/project requests. I don't know what that this is in the middle of there, but it says enhancing the community, so yay! And thank you, all those we could support.

President Shaw: To give some context on the kind of word bubble, um, because [unintelligible] doing that, um, that is some of the key words that people were using in their requests whenever they were saying the purpose of their event, so enhancing the community was a big one this year, apparently. So, thanks, guys. That's it.

Senate Chair Kasik: Alright, uh, yeah. So I wanted to thank everyone, our advisors and sponsors who have contributed to USG impact. Uh, yeah, go Zips! Well, the slideshow doesn't adjourn meetings, so, uh... Seeing as there is nothing left on the agenda, uh, for today, we are adjourned.

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