Rationale for SENATE RESOLUTION 06-25-26

All,

The Undergraduate Student Government serves as the voice and governing body for the undergraduate student community at the University of Akron. Through constituent outreach and personal observations, it has come to our attention that the University of Akron's Student Recreation and Wellness Center (SRWC) contains an outdated water fountain on the first-floor entrance that no longer meets the needs of the SRWC users.

This water fountain does not include a water bottle filling station, and its inadequate water pressure makes it nearly unusable for students. As a result, students seeking hydration methods in the SWRC must enter the athletic portion of the recreational center. This not only creates an unnecessary barrier in terms of water obtainment for those who visit the clinics on the first floor of the SRWC, but this undermines the accessibility and convenience that the SRWC is intended to provide to the student body and the University of Akron community.

Access to clean, functional, and easily refillable water stations is essential to the university's mission of promoting student wellness and health. The presence of proper water stations in the SRWC encourages both sustainable practices and supports physical health. By upgrading this station, our collective student voice can take a step toward enhancing overall student experience.

Overall, we urge the University of Akron to recognize the importance of student well-being and recommend that the entry water fountain station in the SRWC be refurbished with proper water pressure and a bottle filling station so that students and other SRWC users can enjoy their physical fitness with the necessary resources.

Respectfully,

Sridevi Swaminathan

Senator At-Large

Genevieve Shelton

Senator At-Large

Eliza Kleinschmidt

Senator At-Large

LEGISLATION NO.:	SR 06-25-26	SUBJECT:	Zips for Sips Initiative
REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE:	F.A.S.T.	ON:	Nov 18, 2025
SPONSORS:	Senator Swaminathan, Senator Shelton, and Senator Kleinschmidt	DATE INTRODUCED:	Nov 20, 2025

A RESOLUTION TO REFURBISH THE WATER FOUNTAIN AT THE STUDENT RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER ENTRANCE

WHEREAS: THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON UPHOLDS A COMMITTMENT TO STUDENT WELLNESS; AND

WHEREAS: STUDENTS ARE UNABLE TO UTILIZE THE ENTRY-LEVEL WATER FOUNTAIN AT THE STUDENT WELLNESS AND RECREATIONAL CENTER DUE TO POOR WATER PRESSURE AND LACK OF A FILLING STATION; AND

WHEREAS: UPGRADING THIS FOUNTAIN, BY FIXING WATER PRESSURE AND INSTALLING A WATER FILLER STATION, WOULD ENHANCE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND REFLECT THE UNIVERSITY'S MISSION TO PROMOTE ENVRIONEMNTALLY SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS WHILE PROMOTING AN INCLUSIVE CAMPUS; AND

WHEREAS: THE COST OF THIS UPGRADE WOULD BE COVERED BY THE STUDENT WELLNESS AND RECREATIONAL CENTER'S EXISTING IMPROVEMENT FUNDS, MAKING THIS INITAIVE BOTH FEASIBLE AND AN INVESTEMENT INTO STUDENT WELL-BEING

WHEREAS: THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT, AS A VOICE FOR THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON, HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO ADVOCATE FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT STUDENT WELL-BEING; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED: THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT REQUESTS EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HYDRATION FOR ALL STUDENTS THROUGHOUT CAMPUS, TO BE ADVANCED BY REFURBISHING THE FIRST FLOOR WATER FOUNTAIN IN THE STUDENT WELLNESS RECREATIONAL CENTER WITH PROPER WATER PRESSURE AND A WATER BOTTLE FILLER STATION.

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

ACTION TAKEN BY SENATE: Passed

USG SENATE CHAIR — DATE 11/20/25

USG PRESIDENT — DATE 11/21/25

Appendix to Senate Resolution 06-25-26

Statement from Nick Weber

The Student Recreation and Wellness Services Department (SRWS) is pleased to support the USG initiative of a healthy campus environment via access to clean and usable water fountain stations. The SRWC facility "freezone walkway" that serves as a connection point of parking lots and residential living spaces to the center of campus is used daily by many people within The University of Akron community. Along this walkway, there is a need to upgrade the singular water fountain found along the path. With the abundance of traffic that utilizes this pathway, the proliferation of individuals carrying personal water bottles, and the number of different departments (SRWC, Health Services, Hope & Healing, Athletics Fieldhouse) that utilize the space, an upgrade to the current water fountain along this path will have a beneficial impact to many within the campus community. The SRWS Department is happy to support USG in making this upgrade possible and enhancing the student experience within the SRWC facility.

- Nick Weber, the Director of the Student Wellness and Recreational Center