UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWSLETTER

January/February '26

USG SPRING ELECTION

Undergraduate Student Government is currently running our Spring Election cycle to elect our Senators, as well as a Special Election for our President and Vice President for the 2026-2027 academic year. Keep an eye on the Zipmail and your student email for any upcoming elections events! Voting for Senators opens on March 16th, and voting for the President opens on April 6th. Check https://blogs.uakron.edu for more information!

EVENTS

BEC x AKrowdies Basketball tabling
- 1/30 in the International Lounge

Tie-Blanket Event
- 2/24 in Student Union 312

100 Years of Black History
- 2/27 in the Student Union concourse

USG Spring Retreat
- 3/6 from 6-8pm in Honors Common Room

Womens Leadership Summit
- 3/16 from 6-8pm in Student Union 312

Canes Fundraiser
- 4/2 from 4-9pm at Raising Canes

USG UPDATES

Legislative Branch (LB)

- On January 29th, our Athletics Director, Dr. Andrew Goodrich, spoke at the Senate Meeting about his goals as our new Athletic Director.
- On February 26th the Senate held their Mock Debate in which they enhanced their debating skills and their knowledge of parliamentary procedure.
- There are currently several initiatives which hopefully will appear on the senate floor soon, ranging from accessibility of menstrual products in restrooms, meal swipes at sporting events, expanding campus recreation, and more!

Historical Records

- In January, three years ago, USG's Senate approved legislation for the Sustainable Solutions Ad Hoc Committee. This committee was focused on environmental issues related to the university and was our most recent Ad hoc committee.
- Dan Moldea, Associated Student Government's first president, was born February 27th , 1950.

Judicial Branch (JB)

- As the Elections Board, the branch is running the Spring election cycle! They are hosting meet and greets, candidates meetings, and tabling events to promote the election.
- The branch practiced a mock Elections Grievance and heard two real Elections Grievances in February.
- The branch is now working with SOuRCe to assist in the process of approving new student organizations.
- The Judicial Branch also welcomed a new member in January, Associate Justice Danaka Adams!

Committees

A.P.S.S. Committee

- The committee started Brightspace legislation, worked on bathroom resolutions, UAkronPark collaboration for outdoor basketball courts, cameras in Knight Chemical Lab, and an Honors Student Survey.

F.A.S.T. Committee

- Resumed FAST Accessibility Tours.
- Working on meal swipes/dining dollars legislation, ZipsVote, and collaborating with Myers School of Art.

S.E. Committee

- Worked on bathroom upkeep initiative, anti-AI advertising outreach, and engaging with SoURCe for Student Org x SE collaboration.

Diversity Committee

- Working to increase student engagement.
- Cultural Night Event, Black History and Women's History Month planning.

Executive Branch (EB)

The Communications Team

- Collaborated with the Elections Board for Elections Advertising.
- Promoted USG's events on Instagram.

The Finance Team

- Limited the non-traveling allocations request to $50-100 per event.
- USG allocated $15,209.82 to student activities thus far in the Spring 2026 semester.
- Reach out to usgfinance@uakron.edu for any questions regarding allocations.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (D.E.I.) Team

- Hosted Black History Month trivia tabling on February 27th.

EB Continued

The Campus and Community Outreach Team

- Planned two fundraisers with Chipotle and Canes for USG.
- Planned and hosted a tie blanket service event for the Ronald McDonald House.

The Project Coordination Team

- Planned the Women's Empowerment Summit for Women's History Month.

Chief of Staff

- Initiated a project that intends to increase USG's connection to students on campus.

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Apply for Open Positions:

- Greek Life Liaison (NPHC)
- Social Media Strategist
- Deputy Chief of Staff
- Project Coordinator