

**PRESS RELEASE**

**DATE:** May 9, 2006  
**FROM:** Faculty Senate Office, University of Massachusetts Amherst  
**SUBJECT:** Upcoming Faculty Senate Meeting, May 18, 2006, 3:30 p.m., Herter Hall 227

- Address by Representative Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington)

**STATE REP. KULIK TO DISCUSS  
STATE OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AT UMASS**

State Representative Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington) will discuss the current and future condition of state funding for the University of Massachusetts at its Faculty Senate meeting May 18. It will be the senate's final meeting this academic year.

Kulik said he will cover how the state budget will affect public higher education in general and the University in particular.

"I'm going to talk about the Higher Education Task Force bill that recently passed in the [state] Senate and its prospects in the House [of Representatives]," Kulik said. "We did increase spending on public higher education, and I'll talk about some of the other initiatives that are on the way."

Kulik, who addresses the Faculty Senate annually, also will be available to answer questions after his address. He said perennial concerns center on the politics of higher education in Massachusetts, the status of contract funding, and the access to and affordability of higher education.

In other business, the senate is expected to approve a bachelor's degree in Public Health Science, a master's degree concentration for Women's Health Nurse Practitioners, the creation of a Testing Center on campus, an Institutional Repository for Digital Materials, a Policy Statement on Joint Authorship, Data Ownership, Retention, and Access, the One -For-One Replacement of Parking Spaces and the Revision of the Policy on Priority for Evening Exams.

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- Special Report of the Academic Matters Council and Program and Budget Council concerning The Establishment of a Concentration in Culinary Science within the Food Science Major in the College of Natural Resources and the Environment (John Jenkins and Joseph Goldstein, Chairs, respectively)
- Special Report of the Academic Matters, Academic Priorities and Program and Budget Councils concerning the B.S. Degree in Public Health Sciences in the School of Public Health and Health Sciences (John Jenkins, Seshu Desu and Joseph Goldstein, Chairs, respectively)
- Special Report of the Academic Priorities, Graduate and Program and Budget Councils concerning the Master of Science -Women's Health Nurse Practitioner/MS Degree Program (WHNP/MP) in the School of Nursing, University of Massachusetts Amherst (Seshu Desu, D. Anthony Butterfield and Joseph Goldstein, Chairs, respectively)

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- **Special Report of the Graduate Council concerning the Ph.D. Program Post-Baccalaureate Entry and Requirements in the School of Nursing, University of Massachusetts Amherst (D. Anthony Butterfield, Chair)**
- **Special Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Online Learning concerning The Creation of a Testing Center at the University of Massachusetts Amherst (Marilyn Billings and Sara McComb, Co-Chairs)**
- **Special Report of the Research Library Council concerning The Implementation of a Digital Institutional Repository at the University of Massachusetts Amherst (Stephen Harris, Chair)**
- **Special Report of the Undergraduate Education Council concerning Support for the Interwrite Personal Response System at the University of Massachusetts Amherst (Richard Rogers, Chair)**
- **Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning Changes in the Repeated Courses Policy to Concur with Changes in the Grading Systems (John Jenkins, Chair)**
- **Special Report of the Graduate Council and the Research Council concerning Policy Statement on Joint Authorship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst (D. Anthony Butterfield and Paul Utgoff, Chairs, respectively)**
- **Special Report of the Rules Committee concerning The One -For-One Replacement of Parking Spaces (Richard Bogartz, Chair)**
- **Special Report of the Undergraduate Education Council concerning The Revision of the Policy on Priority for Evening Exams (Richard Rogers, Chair)**
- **Special Report of the Academic Matters Council concerning the 2009-2010 Academic Calendar (John Jenkins, Chair)**
- **Special Report of the Committee on Committees concerning Nominations to Faculty Senate Councils and Committees (Arthur Kinney, Chair)**
- **Special Report of the General Education Council concerning Recommended General Education Designations for HISTORY 254 and 269 and SCH-MGMT 350 (John McCarthy, Chair)**
- **Special Report of the General Education Council concerning the Withdrawal of a General Education Designation (John McCarthy, Chair)**
- **Special Reports of the Academic Matters Council concerning the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 Academic Calendars (John Jenkins, Chair)**
- **Election: Presiding Officer of the Faculty Senate**
- **Approval of new courses by the Academic Matters Council (John Jenkins, Chair)  
CE-ENGIN 418 “Intelligent Transportation Systems” 3 credits, HISTORY 254 “The Black Freedom Struggle since 1945” 3 credits, HISTORY 269 “The American War in Vietnam” 3 credits and SCH-MGMT 350 “Professional Ethics in Contemporary Society” 3 credits**
- **Approval of a new course by the Academic Matters and Graduate Councils (John Jenkins and D. Anthony Butterfield, Chairs, respectively)  
BIOST&EP 571 “Physical Activity and Women’s Health” 3 credits**
- **Approval of a new course by the Graduate Council (D. Anthony Butterfield, Chair)  
NURSING 704 “Health Disparities and Social Justice” 3 credits**

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- **Remarks by the Chancellor, Provost, other administrative officers and leaders of other campus governance units (Questions)**
- **For more information, contact Ernest May, Secretary of the Faculty Senate.**