

**Agenda of the  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Undergraduate Student Senate**

Speaker Fox

1832<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting

Zoom Meeting

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order:**
- 2. Announcements:**
- 3. Roll Call:**
- 4. Approval of the Minutes:**
- 5. Officer Reports:**
  - a. University Student Trustee Scalona [studenttrustee@umass.edu](mailto:studenttrustee@umass.edu):**
  - b. President Epstein [sgapresident@umass.edu](mailto:sgapresident@umass.edu):**

Hi everyone! I know this has been a stressful time for everyone and as I'm writing this on Monday I have no way to predict the future and know what will have happened or how we will be feeling on Wednesday, but I do know that this has been as extremely stressful and emotional time for so many of us, especially those of us whose rights are on the line during this election and so many other elections. I want to acknowledge the amount of pain and weight so many of us have been carrying around for so long and I hope you all are able to take time to take care of yourselves and be with the people you love. The state and the government will never lead us to true liberation, that comes from us, from our communities, the people will lead the revolution--not state officials. Nonetheless, when the government has the power to take away our basic human rights, we have to care and be involved, it matters. I am sending you all love and light and if anyone needs to talk, I am here for you.

Shifting to my actual report out, this week Attorney General Latimer-Ireland, Secretary Lechowicz, Vice President Chang and I met with GSS leadership to discuss the Spring semester plans and the consultation policy. I attended the Rally for Racial Justice which was hosted by the RJC and RAPMU this weekend. Speaker Fox and I attended the CPARC meeting where we discussed Spring plans and the budget. I've been working on the Social Justice Gen Ed proposal with RJC. And speaking of Gen Eds, I was at the Gen Ed Council meeting with Chair Carino and Senator Hann. Speaker Fox and I met with Vice Chancellor Hephner LaBanc and discussed post-election student supports and the motions from the past 2 weeks. She has not yet signed the Secretary of University Policy and Secretary of External Affairs motions because she would like me to get in touch with a few administrators around how these motions would effect them. Jennie and I have conducted interviews for Secretary of University Policy and picked a candidate but will not be putting her up for confirmation until the motions are signed by VC BHL. Secretary Abramson and I will be touring the new Student Union on Tuesday to better understand the lockers/ storage RSOs will be getting and the space everyone will be moving into. I'll be attending the Administration & Finance SAB this Wednesday as well as meeting with SOJEC! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

**c. Vice President Chang** [sgavicepresident@umass.edu](mailto:sgavicepresident@umass.edu):

**d. Speaker Fox** [sgaspeaker@umass.edu](mailto:sgaspeaker@umass.edu):

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Halloween weekend. Since last meeting, I had two-one-ones with all Chairs to develop strategic plans for all committees. We also had our second Chair meeting on Sunday morning where we informed each other on our goals and discussed ESO operations next semester. With that being said, I called together a group of SGA leaders to develop preliminary plans for Agency and RSO activity and spending for Spring 2021 last week with SEL directors. We are now working on expanding feedback, which we will discuss tonight. A draft of guidelines will be submitted to Student Engagement and Leadership on November 10th. I attended a Research and Libraries Working Group meeting on Friday to

continue discussions for Spring. On Monday, I attended a meeting with VC Hephner LaBanc with President Epstein and spoke about support after the election, Spring 2021, RJC, and expectations for signing motions passed by the Senate. Keep the monthly Senate Trainings on your radar and calendar as the next one will be on November 15th. As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns and we can set up a time to talk! So proud of you all. :) Thank you.

**e. Associate Speaker Gandhi [sgaspeaker@umass.edu](mailto:sgaspeaker@umass.edu):**

Hello hello! I hope everyone is doing well and taking care of themselves. Always feel free to reach out to me about anything, I'm here for you all. Last week, I attended a couple chair two-on-ones with Speaker Fox and got to hear about everyone's plans for the next couple months. We also had our second chair meeting this past weekend. I attended a couple meetings regarding ESO activity for next semester, which we will talk more about later tonight. I finalized dates for the monthly Senate Trainings, and the first one is right around the corner on November 15. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you all for your hard work :)

**f. Chief Justice (if requested) [sgajudiciary@umass.edu](mailto:sgajudiciary@umass.edu):**

**g. Residence Hall Association President [rha@sacl.umass.edu](mailto:rha@sacl.umass.edu):**

**h. RSO Council Presidents:**

**i. Agency Reports:**

**j. Cabinet:**

**Attorney General Latimer-Ireland [sgaattorneygeneral@umass.edu](mailto:sgaattorneygeneral@umass.edu):** Hi all, I hope you're all taking care of yourselves this week and that you had a safe weekend. If I am not reading this report, it is because I am helping lead a Restorative Justice training for the Craft Center. I will hopefully be at the later half of the meeting. This past week, I continued my work around Agency charters - I met with UMass EMS yesterday to talk about their Charter. I will also likely be working with the Craft Center moving forward on integrating RJ into some of their Agency policies. I participated in a productive conversation about RJ in RSOs at the Restorative Justice

taskforce last night. Along with other members of the Executive Branch, I met with GSS leadership to discuss collaboration moving forwards and we had a very productive conversation. I also met with Secretary Bennett to discuss possible collaboration on projects. Conduct Advisor applications are open for another week - please share that info with anyone who might be interested! Also, I'm still looking for undersecretaries - you can go to [tiny.cc/agundersecretary](http://tiny.cc/agundersecretary) just to give me a better sense of what you might want to accomplish in the role - it shouldn't take more than 5 mins to fill out. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns - would be very happy to chat about anything! :)

**Secretary Bennett** [sgapolicy@umass.edu](mailto:sgapolicy@umass.edu): Hi everyone, I hope you're doing well. This past week I worked with Secretary of Public Relations and Marketing Yee to create informational graphics and Instagram stories to get out the vote and provide resources for students regarding where to vote in Amherst and how to check where you are registered to vote. Secretary of Technology Lechowicz compiled this information in a great voting page on the SGA website, I highly recommend checking it out if it's still up. I participated in a Graduate Student Senate meeting to discuss reopening plans and other issues. This coming week I am looking forward to attending the upcoming Amherst town council meeting and hopefully meeting with Chris Dunn, the Executive Director of Government Relations and Special Advisor to the Chancellor.

**Secretary Lechowicz** [sgatechnology@umass.edu](mailto:sgatechnology@umass.edu): Website Updates

- Leadership page on the SGA website is complete! If you're featured, let me know if you have any changes.
- Continued refining our Senators page for this semester, which now has all of your emails, committee memberships, and also lists Special Assistants at the bottom of the page. More exciting developments coming soon.
- Last week I completed our #UMassVotes page, which lists election resources, information, and links to a lot of important sites for voting in the presidential election.

- Just recently I put the Student Union Renovation page online, which will develop over the next month into a really dynamic showcase of the project and specifically SGA's role in bringing it to completion. Very exciting!

#### Meetings

- I have continued to attend the Chancellor's Ad-Hoc Committee on LMS and Moodle every week, which will meet three more times this semester. For background on our work, we developed recommendations for IT regarding Moodle and online platforms, particularly as they relate to remote learning. This week we began discussions around multimodal learning and the campus impact that will bring

- I have continued attending the Chancellor's Teaching, Learning, Technology and Student Success planning group meetings for the Spring semester; now that the plan is publicly available, we are looking at potential tech and plan implementation issues that could come up this spring.

- I have a meeting with University administrators on Thursday to discuss plans for the UMass Campus Tour app that I'm working on, particularly the actual tour route that will be featured in the app.

- I have a meeting with Secretary Yee this week to discuss plans for the homepage redesign, which is a pretty expansive project that will significantly alter the experience on our site and hopefully push relevant information to the fore when the average UMass student is looking to learn more about us as an organization.

#### Extras

- My undersecretary application is now open. Applications due November 7th at 11:59pm

(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJciTI-r8mZXsyEUiyPhkvOGGYpnBGROMS7zsEo2u6DGZ9NQ/viewform>)

**Secretary Abramson** [sgaregistry@umass.edu](mailto:sgaregistry@umass.edu): Finished RSO applications and sent out decisions Wednesday night. Had meetings with a few RSOs who had questions about their decision —

accommodated those who asked. Setting up individual meetings with new RSO leaders. ESO planning meetings. Sonya and I toured the New Stu U Tuesday morning

**Secretary Duddy** [sgaveteransaffairs@umass.edu](mailto:sgaveteransaffairs@umass.edu): Attempted to make contact with both Omega Delta Sigma Veteran Fraternity and RSO VetONE. Both seemed to have outdated information and I was not able to receive a response from either. Made initial contact with Matt Bauchmann and Lynn Gates to begin building professional relationships.

**Secretary Yee** [sgapublicrelations@umass.edu](mailto:sgapublicrelations@umass.edu): I have been working on some voter outreach slides, undersecretary postings for positions and am finalizing undersecretaries.

**Secretary Ngo** [sgafinance@umass.edu](mailto:sgafinance@umass.edu): For the last week I have met with Casey Gaw, SGA Student Activities Trust Fund Advisor and we met and discussed the budget for SGA's Executive Operations request which is due Friday and I started it/drafted it and I met with her again earlier today to go over it and get feedback and make sure I'm on the right track but I am going to finish it by tomorrow. I am still understanding my role and my responsibilities and kinda just getting the hang of things.

**Secretary Morel-Paletta** [sgasustainability@umass.edu](mailto:sgasustainability@umass.edu): I reached out to the Carbon Mitigation Task Force and the CSAC Waste Subcommittee to introduce myself. I reviewed the last CMTF meeting to better understand their goals, feel free to private chat me if you're more interested in knowing the outcomes of the meeting. Additionally, I had a meeting with my new undersecretary Shelly Singhal who I'm very excited to work with.

**k. Faculty Senate Representative:**

**l. ESO Event Representative:**

**m. Vice Chancellor's Student Advisory Board Representative:**

**6. Senate Committee Reports:**

**Chair Antinori** [sgaegradexperience@umass.edu](mailto:sgaegradexperience@umass.edu): Hi everyone! Alicia and I attended a Project Connect meeting on Friday. We plan to create a feedback form for both students and facilitators at our committee meeting this Wednesday. In November 20th, the committee will be meeting

with Betsy Cracco and Diane Fedorchak (Directors for Wellbeing and Healthy Promotion) to discuss how Project Connect can be improved and better outreached next semester. This Thursday, I plan to attend a food insecurity workshop with Dean of Students Evelyn Ashley. I will also be sitting on Betsy Cracco's Wellbeing Wednesday Task Force, Health Council this Friday, and Walk For Light next Tuesday.

**Chair Carino** [sgacademic@umass.edu](mailto:sgacademic@umass.edu): Hello all! At our meeting this week we discussed a committee of the whole on COVID OER/academic support that we will be bringing to you all in the coming weeks (including a survey and short PowerPoint.) I also attended Gen Ed council for faculty senate where a fair few courses were approved, including Basic Math Skills for the Modern World and Classical Origins of Western Medicine and Medical Technology !:)

**Chair Jensen** [sgauc@umass.edu](mailto:sgauc@umass.edu): Hey Everyone! UROC had a nice week this week preparing to start working on some really cool projects. We have been talking about the RSO application process and some ideas to re-work it. We started talking about what we want groups to get out of workshops and started to plan them. We have also started looking to next semester with the RSO review and how we can do that with a mix of virtual and in person students and how to continue from last year when we got cut short. I have been emailing groups about their application and meeting with a few that want to discuss their denial and what to do from there.

**Chair Kendall** [sgadminaffairs@umass.edu](mailto:sgadminaffairs@umass.edu): This week I had a one on one with Dean Ashley to discuss her vision for the Dean of Students Office and how she sees herself and her staff working with student groups such as the Student Government Association. We also discussed access to on campus resources that students pay for being restricted during conduct processes such as suspension when students are not allowed on campus and can not access services such as Student Legal Services Office. I had a one on one with Speaker Fox where I outlined the strategic goals for AA. I attended our chair meeting and shared AA's goals for the semester as well as during winter session. Lastly AA will be voting on new RSO appeals for the next two weeks as of the writing of this there are seven applicants out of 30 denials.

**Chair Gabriel** [sgasojec@umass.edu](mailto:sgasojec@umass.edu): This week, SoJEC has shifted focus a little and we've been working on creating a racial bias training/anti-racist presentation to be delivered to SGA during committee of the whole in the upcoming weeks. I've been working alongside Secretary Montilla-Jaimes and President Epstein to create this. Title IX work is still underway and we're looking to continue that work through the coordinating council period but for right now, our focus is getting this training/presentation finished because it's super important that, as a body, we are all on the same page about the values that a senator should uphold and what that means in practice. Questions?

**Chair Curto** [sgaoutreach@umass.edu](mailto:sgaoutreach@umass.edu): Hi everyone! So since last week we conducted all of our interviews and voted on them and have brought the candidates to you tonight. I'll go into that a little more the process later when the motions are brought up. I am so happy that after tonight we will once again have a full senate! At our next committee meeting we will be discussing SGA merch and the Consultation Policy. If anyone wants to help design the merch that would be really helpful. We are in the early stages of that with figuring things out but I want to get that going as soon as possible so that we can all rep the SGA!! I will also be working on a SGA master document for new senators so if anyone has any input on that please let me know!! If you have any questions please email me at [sgaoutreach@umass.edu](mailto:sgaoutreach@umass.edu)!!

**Chair Rajkumar** [sgafinancecommit@umass.edu](mailto:sgafinancecommit@umass.edu):

**Chair Marceau** [sgawaysmeans@umass.edu](mailto:sgawaysmeans@umass.edu):

7. SGA Advisor Lydia Washington [lwash@umass.edu](mailto:lwash@umass.edu):

8. The Committee of the Whole:

9. Special Orders:

**2020-SO37**

Motion to appoint Kyle Kendall to the vacant class of 2021 seat.

*Sponsored by the Outreach and Development Committee.*

**2020-SO38**

Motion to appoint Michael Suchecki to the vacant class of 2021 seat.

*Sponsored by the Outreach and Development Committee.*

**2020-SO39**

Motion to appoint Christopher Figueiredo to the vacant class of 2022 seat.

*Sponsored by the Outreach and Development Committee.*

**2020-SO40**

Motion to appoint Abby Velozo to the vacant class of 2022 seat.

*Sponsored by the Outreach and Development Committee.*

**2020-SO41**

Motion to appoint Nicholas DeFranco to the vacant class of 2022 seat.

*Sponsored by the Outreach and Development Committee.*

**2020-SO42**

Motion to appoint Ahmad El-Zeftawy to the vacant class of 2022 seat.

*Sponsored by the Outreach and Development Committee.*

**2020-SO43**

Motion to appoint Tasneem Kelly to the vacant class of 2022 as a member of the class of 2023.

*Sponsored by the Outreach and Development Committee.*

**2020-SO44**

Motion to appoint Ritik Shah to the vacant class of 2023 seat.

*Sponsored by the Outreach and Development Committee.*

**10. Unfinished Business - Main Motions:**

**11. New Business - Main Motions:**

**12. Business Not Anticipated 48 Hours Prior To:**