

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

Speaker Fox
Zoom Meeting

1841st Regular Meeting
March 17th, 2021 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:**
 - b. President Epstein sgapresident@umass.edu:**

Hi all-- I hope everyone is doing well and that you've all been taking care of yourselves!

This past week I met with Lydia, Speaker Fox, and Vice President Chang to discuss and finalize elections details. Speaker Fox and I met with VC BHL about SGA and SACL collaborations and areas for improvement. I sat in on Attorney Stark's training for the new elections commissioners and have been in communication with them to see how I can provide support. I attended the Campus Resiliency Taskforce Meeting, which met for the first time in over a year, and we discussed next steps, what was started next year, and how to get more student involvement.

Secretary Abramson, Secretary Montilla, and I went to a Land Acknowledgment Team meeting and talked about the location of piece and updates on the work. Later this week Speaker Fox and I will be attending CPARC and meeting with VC BHL again.

I have also started organizing my drive and working on a transition document and other transition materials.

Please reach out if you need anything or have any questions!

c. Vice President Chang sgavicepresident@umass.edu:

Hi everyone! I hope everyone is well :) Here is a list of what I have been doing this past week:

- I hosted the Chancellor of elections elections on Friday
- Will have an Flexible Learning sub-group meeting on Wednesday + doing the work for the group (research how similar institutions have reacted/dealt with issues out of university control when remote)
- Still working on the RSOs Security at Events project
- Cabinet meeting on Tuesday
- Still supporting the new student business idea

d. Speaker Fox sgaspeaker@umass.edu:

Hello everyone! Since last meeting I have continued assisting in the elections process through communicating with the President, EC, SLSO, SACL, the SGA Advisor, and advertising channels. I want to give a special thanks to the Daily Collegian for hosting the Presidential/Student Trustee Debate on Sunday evening. Huge thank you to Cassie McGrath for being an excellent communicator during the changing timeline. I attended a meeting with President Epstein and BHL about SACL collaboration. I attended a student leader roundtable to discuss social bubble messaging. Today, I attended the Fall Academic Planning group meeting to discuss course delivery. The university is looking to have normal operations in the Fall. The Faculty Senate approved the academic calendar change now visible on the UMass website. I will continue checking in with each Chair this week. Thank you to those who attended the SGA Monthly training on Sunday morning! Graduation stoles are ordered and will be here before graduation. This week, I will attend CPARC, University Relations SAB, Student Union Management Board, and Research and Libraries Group. Please reach out if you have any questions!

e. Associate Speaker Gandhi sgaspeaker@umass.edu:

Hi everyone! Since last week, I attended the SGA/SACL Finance Matrix meeting where we got to get an update from the lovely Ways and Means Committee. Huge shoutout to Chair Dacey and Vice Chair Marceau for their hard work. I attended our Senate Training on Sunday morning. This week I'm checking in with all of our chairs along with Speaker Fox. Please reach out with any questions!

- f. Chief Justice (if requested) sgajudiciary@umass.edu:**
- g. Residence Hall Association President rha@sacl.umass.edu:**
- h. RSO Council Presidents:**
- i. Agency Reports:**
- j. Cabinet:**

Secretary Abramson sgaregistry@umass.edu: - meeting next week with SEL and new RSOs so they can get access to their speed keys, dept. IDs and campus pulse pages

- finalized NASA's constitutional changes

- working with the Persian Student Association to change their RSO's name to the Iranian Student Association

- new RSOs will be able to participate in umass gives

- locker space allocation application begins next week

- sec. Montilla, sec. McKenna and I presented anti-racism trainings to club sports council and Inter fraternity council last week and it seemed to go well; we have nearly 10 responses on the anti-racism training response form. I plan to do more outreach after we've done another training or so

- thank you to everyone who's been helping with title VII!

Secretary Bennett sgapolicy@umass.edu: Hi everyone, I hope you're doing well,

- The past week was pretty mellow on my end.

- I've continued my advocacy around student debt cancellation and reinvestment in public higher education after last week's Statewide Higher Education Advocacy Panel which featured speakers from across the state.
- I'm planning on meeting with Chief of Staff Cohen, Attorney General Latimer-Ireland, and Secretary Mckenna soon about a motion we're working on to protect student workers on campus.
- Looking ahead, I'll be attending the Amherst Town Council this coming Monday.

Chief of Staff Cohen sgachiefstaff@umass.edu: Unfortunately I did not get as much accomplished this week as I had hoped. Here is what I did this week, wishing you all well!

1. Coordinated with Speaker Fox to set up a meeting to discuss in person SGA office
2. Began coordinating to schedule March Executive/legislative conference meeting.

Secretary Duddy sgaveteransaffairs@umass.edu: This week I spent time communicating with UWW Student Services Coordinator Jonah Carlson about student veteran enrollment in UWW. We also discussed the SVRC and other resources available to student veterans over the summer session.

Attorney General Latimer-Ireland sgaattorneygeneral@umass.edu:

Secretary Lechowicz sgatechnology@umass.edu:

Website Updates

- I've continued updating the two primary Elections websites (Elections homepage and "Meet the Candidates"), and they are fully up to date with all recent changes, and we've been able to "fill in" many missing parts of the website over the past few days. Collaborating with rest of PR team to work on messaging around the rapid changes in elections schedule as well. As always, please email me if there's a mistake/error that you've encountered!

Meetings

- I have been attending the Chancellor's Flexible Learning Task Force Steering Committee - the task force is exploring the future of multimodal and so-called "hybrid" pedagogical approaches at the University and related fields.

- I attended the second meeting of a "Fall Academic Affairs Planning" group with admin to discuss calendar, curriculum, and course modality concerns regarding this upcoming fall semester.

- I attended another meeting of the P3 Student Advisory Board with Secretary McKenna, met again with the developer (Balfour Beatty) and gave feedback on a variety of questions regarding the upcoming development of student housing on Mass. Ave.

- Have been meeting with my undersecretaries regularly throughout the week to debrief our responsibilities and necessary updates]

- Index Update - Last Friday the Index Task Force met with a local printing company, TigerPress (located in East Longmeadow, Mass.), which is a UMass alumni-founded business that does a lot of work with units on campus and will most likely be printing our yearbook next year!

Secretary McKenna sgapolicy@umass.edu:

Secretary Montilla sgadiversity@umass.edu:

-Land acknowledgement team meeting.

-Continued working on title 7.

-Met with Chair Gabriel and representatives from Masspirg.

-Continued to work with different student groups and admin on free menstrual products on umass bathrooms.

-Have continued presenting the anti racist trainings to different RSO councils along with Secretaries McKenna and Abramson.

Secretary Morel-Paletta sgasustainability@umass.edu:

Secretary Ngo sgafinance@umass.edu:

Secretary Yee sgapublicrelations@umass.edu: On Thursday and Friday, I met Chair Curto and Speaker Fox to discuss updated elections plans and postings. On Friday and Saturday, we published the updated campaign and voting timeline as well as the debate. As voting nears, PR will be doing some more work.

k. Faculty Senate Representative:

l. ESO Event Representative:

m. Vice Chancellor's Student Advisory Board Representative:

6. Senate Committee Reports:

Chair Antinori sgaugradexperience@umass.edu: Hi everyone! USC mainly worked on following up with admin about our reusable bag/compostable container/paperless receipts motion we passed recently. On Monday, we met with Kathy Wicks (Director of Sustainability) and Laurie Simmons (Sustainability Coordinator). Kathy and Laurie explained that compostable containers were not working out because there was no nearby farm to dispose these containers properly any longer.

However, Laurie and Kathy agreed to distribute reusable bags to students on campus if our committee was willing to submit a proposal with a cost breakdown. Our committee drafted the proposal already and sent it over to them to review. Hopefully reusable bags are distributed to students soon!

Then on Thursday, USC met with Darrell Troie from IT to discuss paperless receipts. He told us that the UMass IT system is not set up to automatically send receipts through email, however dining has transitioned to not printing out receipts unless students request them. Additionally, there is a new Grub Hub option that students can use in Blue Wall and Roots to order in advance and then pick up their food for no added charge.

Chair Carino sgaacademic@umass.edu:

Chair Curto sgaoutreach@umass.edu: Hey everyone! I hope you all have had a great week since I saw you last week. I have been working on elections stuff with Secretary Yee again and we have been pushing out elections materials on the social media accounts. I have continued my search for merch websites and i think I have settled on one so if you have any items you REALLY want (besides Patagonia's because this website doesn't partner with them sadly) please let me know and I will add it to the "store". If you have any design ideas also for materials send them my way. If you want to check out the website here it is <https://www.soundscapemerchandise.com/> If anyone wants to work on designs I am always open to the help! Other than that I will be looking into some potential bylaw changes to my position. I will hopefully be bringing the new drafted Consultation Policy to you all in the next few weeks after things from elections calm down a bit and i can take a minutes to look at it again. As always if you have any questions please feel free to reach out, I am always happy to talk about anything!!

Chair Dacey sgawaysmeans@umass.edu: Hi Everyone! Notification of initial allocations went out Friday. If you or someone you know has SR for an RSO, you can see updated totals in campus pulse. Groups are able to submit appeals to AA until March 22nd at 11:59. I met with the SACL finance matrix on Thursday. On Monday I spent much of the day answering emails about allocations and setting up budget appointment office hours which will be taking place this week. I am hoping to reconvene the committee soon for a meeting to talk about next year's funding guidelines. Any recommendations are welcome!

Chair Gabriel sgasojec@umass.edu: Hello all! SoJEC has been very busy with it's CMASS event which has taken up most of our time lately, we had a working meeting this past monday preparing presentations and a "handout" to have after the presentation. I also met with MASSPIRG this past week with Secretary Montilla and we had some continued conversations about the reaffirmation question and any points of collaboration for the remainder of the semester. I also met with AA on Monday to go over their Racial Justice plan so thank you to

Chair Kendall and his committee for having me. As always, feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Chair Jensen sgauroc@umass.edu:

Chair Kendall sgaadminaffairs@umass.edu: I had several meetings with the Ways and Means Chair and Vice Chair around the S-1 as well as about the appeals process for RSOs and Agencies. I created the appeal application that was sent out with the initial allocations. Ive also discussed with Ways and Means as well as Finance some possible options to purchase and outfit the Student Union further. I have continued these conversations with Lloyd and will continue to build a list with price points and quotes to see what we can do. AA met to discuss Title 7 of the Bylaws which we will be presenting tonight and getting feedback before we consult with SLSO on Thursday and then return for a vote next week. Additionally, SoJEC attended our meeting where we one measure each objective of our Racial Justice Plan.

Chair Rajkumar sgafinancecommit@umass.edu:

- 7. SGA Advisor Lydia Washington** lwash@umass.edu:
- 8. The Committee of the Whole:**
- 9. Special Orders:**
- 10. Unfinished Business - Main Motions:**
- 11. New Business - Main Motions:**
- 12. Business Not Anticipated 48 Hours Prior To:**