

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

Speaker Fox
Zoom Meeting

1846th Regular Meeting
April 21st, 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 Rajkumar sgapresident@umass.edu:**
 - c. Vice President Katzman sgavicepresident@umass.edu:**
 - d. Speaker Fox sgaspeaker@umass.edu:**

Hi all! I have continued working on Fall Planning. I sent in the recommendations and feedback from our leadership team and these have made their way to the Chancellor. I also have been transitioning Chairs and new leaders. I hope that you are doing well and that you take some time to celebrate the Earth this week through learning, taking action, and spreading awareness. Some great MassPIRG [Earth Week events](#) can be found here.

A few updates: Thank you to those who attended our last Monthly Training on Sunday morning. We had some great reflections, shoutouts to incredible members, and a mildly competitive Jeopardy game (Congratulations Class of 2023 for taking home the gold.) Please take a look at

this [slideshow](#) to see what we talked about and test your SGA trivia skills with the Jeopardy board.

If you are serving in the Senate next year and you are interested in serving on the Summer Coordinating Council, please let me and Speaker-elect Collins (pacollins@umass.edu) know! It is a once a month meeting commitment over the summer. You will be the acting Senate body to hold the fort down until we return in the Fall. If you have questions, reach out!

AND FINALLY THE BIG NEWS! (If you weren't at the Sunday Training ;)) **We are having an SGA End of Year Celebration in the New Student Union Ballroom on May 5th, 2021!**

We are giving priority to senior Senators and senior members. While we will not be able to congregate as a full group due to space constraints, we can offer a virtual component for those who want to attend but are not in the area. We will have food, music, presentations, speeches, superlatives, you name it! Dress to impress and make sure you are in compliance with UMass testing.

[Our RSVP form is here!](#) Fill this out ASAP :)

I am asking all members to please send me any pictures from this year in SGA. (Chairs - take a Zoom picture at your next Committee meeting!) Send me any fond memories, shoutouts to seniors/members, or what you are most proud of.

e. Associate Speaker Gandhi sgaspeaker@umass.edu:

Hi everyone! Since our last meeting, I held a Finance Committee meeting where we talked about making promotional material in advance for next year, and discussed Ways and Means. I attended a Title IX meeting with some members of the SGA. I met with Speaker Fox, Advisor Washington, and Chair Dacey about our Ways and Means/Finance Committee proposal. I

attended Senate Training and our chair meeting. Speaker Fox and I started planning our very exciting SGA end of the year celebration (which she sent an email about earlier this week)!

- 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:**
- 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 met with Garrett Distefano (Head of Dining), Evelyn Ashley (Dean of Students), and Kathy Wicks (Sustainability Director) to discuss beginning Swipe Out Hunger in the fall. The admin seemed willing to continue working with us and are open to continue meeting frequently throughout the summer to finalize a Swipe Out Hunger proposal for the fall. Our next step is to work on specifying the student guidelines to request swipes and to confirm how many swipes each student can donate if they choose to.

Chair Carino sgaacademic@umass.edu:

Chair Curto sgaoutreach@umass.edu: Hi Everyone! This past week has been nothing but exciting. I was able to go over the Consultation Policy with the chairs and they will be giving me their feedback soon! Unfortunately I will not be able to finish what I wanted to do with Consultation but that's okay because I will finish it up next year! My committee has been nothing but wonderful and working on the handbook was nothing short of that. It is almost done and I am so excited for you all to see it. Huge shoutout to Senator Suchecki for all the hard work he has put into that document. Merch closes Wednesday @11:59 so if you haven't gotten your

merch yet, go do so!!! I hope you all enjoy it! In other news, I have started to work with Speaker-Elect Collins on Chair Applications and other stuff for the upcoming year. I am very excited for all the fun things we have planned for next year as I hope you all are too. I am so excited for who is going to take over this position next year and I am in the process of making sure my transition binder is absolutely wonderful for them!! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out :).

Chair Dacey sgawaysmeans@umass.edu: Hi everyone! On Thursday I attended my usual SACL finance matrix meeting and this weekend I worked on more presentation materials for the S1 presentation at this meeting. In the coming few days I'll be working on transition materials. Reach out with any questions.

Chair Gabriel sgasojec@umass.edu:

Chair Jensen sgauroc@umass.edu:

Chair Kendall sgaadminaffairs@umass.edu:

7. **SGA Advisor Lydia Washington** lwash@umass.edu:

8. **The Committee of the Whole:**

9. **Special Orders:**

2021-SO18

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

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

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

2021-S1

Motion to approve the S-1 Budget.

Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee

2021-S35

Whereas AJ, of the instagram account @goodboyoncampus, amassed over 6,000 followers in just over 2 years, sharing pictures of his wonderful life, including many games of fetch with his owner and best friend Mike **and;**

Whereas AJ has brought joy to countless members of the UMass community **and;**

Whereas this positivity has made him a linchpin of the culture of the university **and;**

Whereas AJ sadly passed away on April 12, 2021 after a beautiful 14 years of making everyone around him happy **therefore;**

Be it resolved that AJ is hereby recognized for his significant contributions to the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Be it further resolved that AJ be recognized as an honorary member of the UMass Amherst Student Government Association.

Be it further resolved the Student Government Association officially recognizes AJ “goodboyoncampus” with the official title of “The Goodest of Boys”

Be it further resolved that a picture of AJ be displayed in the SGA Office to commemorate his lively spirit and inspire all who see it to do what they love.

Sponsored by Chair Carino, Speaker-Elect Collins, Associate Speaker Gandhi, Speaker Fox, Associate-Speaker-Elect Curto, Senator Bhattacharjee, Senator Wright, Senator Rubin, Senator Suchecki, Senator Sinha, Senator Murray

2021-S36

Whereas, The Student Government Association (SGA) is the official governing body of of all undergraduates at UMass Amherst, **and;**

Whereas, The Student Government Association is tasked with allocating the Student Activities Trust Fund (SATF) which consists of well over \$2 million dollars, **and;**

Whereas, The Student Government Association is tasked with the Registered Student Organization (RSO) application process, space allocation, and distribution of RSO Emergency Funding, **and;**

Whereas, The Student Government association is the liaison between Agencies, RSOs, and Student Businesses, **and;**

Whereas, The Student Government Association is in the middle of reviving The Index yearbook project and will need additional advisor support to overwatch the fundraising, execution, and distribution of The Index, **and;**

Whereas, all Agencies have a dedicated staff member on payroll to directly support them in completing their designated duties, **and;**

Whereas, The Student Government Association shares one advisor, and their obligations exceed being solely designated to supporting the SGA, **and;**

Whereas, the SGA's designated duties and responsibilities necessitate administrative support, such as in supporting the RSO application process, aiding in the direct support of RSOs,

supporting the transition and use of the new Student Union, and helping facilitate effective SGA trainings throughout the year, **and;**

Whereas, the SGA has an SATF Financial Advisor funded by the SATF, who supports us with submitting the S-1, **and;**

Whereas, the SGA is in need of additional administrative support in order to best support students, fulfill our responsibilities, and remain functional and effective for the student body, **therefore;**

Be it resolved, that the Student Government Association shall formally create and establish in the Bylaws a new position to directly support the SGA. This position, funded through the SATF, shall have their primary duties defined as follows:

- Solely responsible for supporting the SGA,
- Act similarly to the former secretary of the SGA position that existed until 2012. This position was held for 20 years by Eunice R. Konieczny,
- Support the SGA in all administrative, organizational, and logistical matters,
- Act as a support to and a collaborator with current and future University-funded SGA advisors in their duties,
- Be filled by a graduate student or non-student staff member as this position shall not be eligible to be filled by an undergraduate student.

Be it further resolved, the duties of the SATF Financial Advisor position currently used to support the S-1 be restructured so as to support other financial needs of the SGA, including but not limited to, forwarding purchase requests, approval of payroll, support of the Secretary of

Finance, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, and the Chair of the Finance Committee, and assist in the training of council advisors on the budgeting process.

Sponsored by Senator Moulton, The Undergraduate Services Committee, Secretary Lechowicz, Senator Murray, Secretary Abramson, Secretary Mottilla, Senator Suchecki