



**2012 University of Massachusetts –
Amherst
Spring Elections Report**



Voter Turnout

<u>Number of Voters</u>	<u>Student Population</u>	<u>Percentage of Student Population</u>
President/Vice President		
2,926	20,830	14.04%
Student Trustee		
3,136	26,445	11.89%

President/Vice President

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Akshay Kapoor/Garrett Gowen	1,237	42.27%
Elizabeth Asefa/Michael Cusher	982	33.56%
Alex Robert Cidado/Jessica Hope Saperstein	668	22.82%
Write-Ins	39	1.33%

Student Trustee

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Jennifer Healy	1,205	38.42%
Sean O'Connor	1,073	34.21%
Grant Elliott George	786	25.06%
Write-Ins	72	2.29%

Note – There were 2 paper ballots for Write-Ins that were not included because they were not in the University Roster.

Referenda Questions

<u>Questions</u>	<u>Answer Options</u>	<u>Number of Votes Received</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Do you support a student-initiated referendum, which supports a mandatory student fee of one hundred and twenty five dollars per student per semester effective Fall 2012 and to run each consecutive semester for the next twenty five years for the purpose of purchasing bonds to construct and renovate a new Student Union building on the campus of the University of Massachusetts Amherst?	Yes, I do support the construction and renovation of a new Student Union.	1,068	34.05%
	No, I do not support the construction and renovation of a new Student Union.	1,636	52.16%
	I Choose Not to Vote	432	13.77%
Do you support a \$1.29 semesterly fee to fund the proposed 'Sober Shuttle' program? This program would be sponsored by the Student Government Association in partnership with the PVTVA. The shuttle would pick up UMass Amherst students (only) and would also employ a police officer to ensure a safe ride for students.	Yes, I do support a \$1.29 semesterly fee to fund the proposed 'Sober Shuttle' program.	2,372	75.63%
	No, I do not support a \$1.29 semesterly fee to fund the proposed 'Sober Shuttle' program.	545	17.37%
	I Choose Not to Vote	219	6.98%
Would you support the elimination of a mandatory \$3-per-student Area Government entitlement payment, and allow that money to be reallocated towards the funding of student clubs, agencies, and area governments who apply for said funding as per changes to Title VI, Chapter 8, Section 3 of the Student Government Association By-Laws?	Yes, I do support the elimination of a mandatory \$3-per-student Area Government entitlement payment for the reallocation purposes as stated above.	1,762	60.21%
	No, I do not support the elimination of a mandatory \$3-per-student Area Government entitlement payment for the reallocation purposes as stated above.	708	24.19%
	I Choose Not to Vote	456	15.58%

Formal Complaints

<u>Complaint</u>	<u>Complaint Made By</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Course of Action</u>
Kapoor/Gowen/O'Connor Campaign Team Meeting in the SGA Speaker's Office, campaigning before Campaign Week, & SGA Speaker Jarred Rose helping out the Kapoor/Gowen/O'Connor campaign without being registered as a campaign worker	Nathan Lamb	3/12/12	Complainant withdrew all charges
Akshay Kapoor committed slander/libel at the Candidates Meet & Greet event at Berkshire DC	Nathan Lamb	3/14/12	Complainant withdrew all charges

This Elections Report was ratified by the Elections Commission to be true
and accurate on Friday, March 16, 2012.

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