

FSU EX COM E-VOTE 4/8/15

The FSU Ex Com was asked to vote on the following (an email was sent on April 8, 2015- text is below). **The Ex Com voted on whether or not to sponsor the 4/14/15 talk at UMass Boston by Noam Chomsky on the “The Common Good: Assaults and Resistance”. The votes were 6 in favor; 3 opposed; 3 members did not vote. There were insufficient yes votes to approve sponsorship.**

Hi Everyone,

Noam Chomsky is speaking at UMass-Boston on “The Common Good: Assaults and Resistance.” Tuesday, April 14, 3:15-6 pm, CC Ballroom.

Amy through her colleague is asking if we can co-sponsor.

The topic is intentionally vague so that he can speak about whatever he wants, but the focus will not be about higher education, unions or workers.

It is being sponsored by a number of departments, including English, Political Science, Applied Linguistics, American Studies, the MFA Creative Writing Program, and the William Joiner Institute for the Study of War and Social Consequences, Trotter Institute, and Labor Resource Center.

We can do one of three things:

1. Also sponsor it and contribute to the reception. They are asking for \$100 but will take less.
2. Sponsor it without a monetary contribution. They are fine with this as well.
3. Do none of the above.

I think if we do #1 or #2, given that there are so many lectures on campus, we should think about why we are doing this for this event and not another lecture that is not as focused on higher ed, workers, or unions, so we can articulate that to other lectures that we decide not to sponsor or contribute to.

So let's decide by email. More information is below:

On Tuesday, April 14th, internationally renowned linguist, social critic, and public intellectual Noam Chomsky will give a major public talk at UMass-Boston, addressing his views of the threats to and prospects of achieving the common good for humanity in the 21st century. His lecture will be followed by extended Q & A and moderated discussion.

Sponsored by the English, Political Science, Applied Linguistics, and American Studies departments, as well as the MFA Creative Writing Program, Applied Linguistics Student Association, and William Joiner Institute for the Study of War and Social Consequences.

The event is free and open to the public. A reception with refreshments will follow.

http://www.umassmedia.com/news/noam-chomsky-to-talk-on-campus/article_6b90eb5c-cf7e-11e4-8485-8f0e727ab46c.html

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