

REINSTATE DR. KEITH JONES

UMASS BOSTON COMMUNITY PHONE BANKING AND EMAIL CAMPAIGN

Call and send emails to all listed if you can, including the senators. Share with other UMB community members. If you prefer not to say your name, identify yourself as a UMB community member. **Call during work hours.** Email any time.

Phone Call Script: Provost Joseph Berger's Office: 617.287.5600

Hello,

My name is _____. I am a (student/staff/faculty member/community member/alum/etc) at UMB and I was wondering if I could speak with the Provost? (if he is unavailable, ask his assistant to leave a message)

Thank you (for taking the message/taking the time to respond)! I am calling in reference to the continuing appointment of Professor Keith Jones of the Africana Studies department. I firmly believe that he should retain his position within this University (because: list some of support for Keith; personal, academic, etc). I urge the Provost to reevaluate and reverse this decision to fulfill the university's values as an anti-racist and health-promoting public research institution.

Thank you.

Phone Call Script: Chancellor's Office: 617.287.6800

Hello,

My name is _____. I am a (student/staff/faculty member/community member/alum/etc) at UMB and I was wondering if I could speak with the Chancellor? (if he is unavailable, ask his assistant to leave a message)

Thank you (for taking the message/taking the time to respond)! I am calling in reference to the denial of continuing appointment for Professor Keith Jones of the Africana Studies Department. I firmly believe that he should retain his position within this University because (list some of support for Keith; personal, academic, etc). I urge the Chancellor to take action and urge the Provost to reverse this decision to fulfill the university's values as an anti-racist and health-promoting public research institution.

Thank you.

Phone Call Script: President Marty Meehan's Office: (617) 287-7050

Hello,

My name is _____. I am a (student/staff/faculty member/community member/alum/etc) at UMass Boston. I am calling to seek President Meehan's support for the reinstatement of a beloved professor in our Africana Studies Department who is facing a retaliatory termination by the provost. Professor Jones is more than an educator; he is a mentor, an advocate, and a catalyst for critical thought. Over 1,800 petition signatures calling for the renewal of his contract demonstrate this conviction is widely held.

The administration must be held accountable when they support autocratic values and impede our university from becoming the anti-racist and health-promoting public research institution it claims to be. I am calling upon President Meehan to urge Provost Berger and Chancellor Suárez-Orozco to reinstate Professor Keith Jones immediately. [Tell the secretary you will email the office more information].

Thank you

Phone Call Script: Senators Offices:

Senator Nick Collins: (617) 722-1150 AND **Senator Liz Miranda:** (617) 722-1673

Hello,

My name is _____. I am a (student/staff/faculty member/community member/alum/etc) at UMass Boston (share if you are in the Senator's district). I am calling to seek the senator's support for the reinstatement of a beloved professor in our Africana Studies Department who is facing a retaliatory termination by the provost. Professor Jones is more than an educator; he is a mentor, an advocate, and a catalyst for critical thought. Over 1,800 petition signatures calling for the renewal of his contract demonstrate this conviction is widely held. The administration must be held accountable when they support autocratic values and impede the university from becoming the anti-racist and health-promoting public research institution it claims to be. I am calling upon the senator to urge Provost Berger and Chancellor Suárez-Orozco to reinstate Professor Keith Jones immediately. [Tell the secretary you will email the office more information]. Thank you

EMAIL CAMPAIGN

Email Script: Joseph.Berger@umb.edu , provost@umb.edu

Dear Provost Berger,

My name is ____, I am a (student/staff/faculty member/community member/alum/etc) at UMass Boston, and I am writing to express my disappointment in the termination of Professor Keith Jones of the Africana Studies department and my support for his immediate reinstatement. I firmly believe that this university needs his scholarship, his leadership, and his presence and that he should retain his position within the department. (Insert support for Keith Jones; personal, academic, etc).

Professor Jones is more than an educator; he is a mentor, an advocate, and a catalyst for critical thought. In an academic environment that prioritizes efficiency over depth, Professor Jones has consistently prioritized substance, integrity, and the intellectual growth of the students and faculty he comes across. His guidance and pedagogy represent everything UMass Boston claims to value—a professor who walks the walk and who teaches *for the times*—a professor who fosters an environment in which all students feel seen and valued as members of the classroom and campus community. This work should be applauded, not dismissed and punished. Over 1,800 petition signatures calling for the renewal of his contract demonstrate this conviction is widely held.

Please reinstate Professor Jones immediately. Doing so will reflect our university's *actual commitments* to anti-racism, social justice, and inclusive excellence and will enable thousands of students to continue to benefit from Dr. Jones's transformative pedagogy.

Thank you/sincerely,

(name)

Other Provost Staff in the Office:

Mya Mangawang, Vice Provost E: Mya.Mangawang@umb.edu

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Executive Assistant to the Provost, Janette White E: Janette.White@umb.edu

Email Script: Marcelo.Orozco@umb.edu

Dear Chancellor Suárez-Orozco,

My name is ____, I am a (student/staff/faculty member/community member/alum/etc) at UMass Boston and I am writing to express my disappointment in the termination of Professor Keith Jones of the Africana Studies department and support for his immediate reinstatement. I firmly believe that this university needs his scholarship, his service, his teaching, and his leadership and that he should at minimum retain his position within the department. (Insert support for Keith Jones; personal, academic, etc).

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As the leader of our university, please urge the Provost to reinstate Professor Jones to *fulfill the* university's commitments as an anti-racist and health-promoting public research institution.

Thank you/sincerely,

(name)

Email Script: President Meehan

Email address: umasspresident@umassp.edu

Dear President Meehan,

My name is ____, I am a (student/staff/faculty member/community member/alum/etc) at UMass Boston and I am writing to seek your support for an unjust termination of a beloved professor. Provost Joseph Berger is terminating Dr. Keith Jones, a campus leader and cherished educator in the Africana Studies Department, and we need your help.

Professor Jones' termination is an act of retaliation for his support of student activism and his outspokenness on unjust institutional issues. This decision is not just an administrative matter—it is one that has profound implications for the intellectual, cultural, and moral life of this university. His guidance and pedagogy represent everything UMass Boston and the UMass System claims to value—a professor who walks the walk and who teaches *for the times*—a professor who fosters an environment in which all students feel seen and valued as members of the classroom and campus community.

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We are deeply disappointed by the provost's termination of Dr. Jones as it reflects a more troubling dis-investment in what students and our campus community need. I am calling the senator to urge (his/her) Provost Berger and Chancellor Suárez-Orozco to reinstate Professor Keith Jones immediately.

In appreciation,

(NAME)

Email Script: Senators email:

Senator Nick Collins: Nick.Collins@masenate.gov

Senator Liz Miranda: Liz.Miranda@masenate.gov

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Here is more information: <https://umassmedia.com/41104/news/africana-studies-professor-claims-wrongful-termination/>

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