

Bridgewater State University 2026 Civic Action Plan

Developed by: Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice

I. Executive Summary

Bridgewater State University (BSU) is a public university in southeastern MA, less than an hour southwest of Boston. BSU has a main campus in Bridgewater, MA, with a small satellite campus in Attleboro, MA. BSU is the 10th largest four-year college or university in Massachusetts.

BSU's Civic Action Plan focuses on ways to engage and educate students and build a community culture that values civic participation, civic action, and social responsibility at the local, state, and national levels of democracy. Our civic action work prioritizes education, awareness, and action regarding the issues of systemic racism and bias that impact civic and democratic pathways and opportunities. This is an ongoing priority that is embedded throughout our institution's nested strategic plans (University, divisional, and departmental).

This Civic Action Plan for Bridgewater State University has been written by Jill Beckwith, Executive Director of the Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice, and has been informed by staff and faculty from multiple divisions, departments, offices and individuals listed within the plan (see names later in the document). BSU has long offered interdisciplinary and interdivisional events and opportunities that educate, inform, engage, and empower our students and broader community about civic and democratic engagement, and we are doing more with each successive year. BSU actively promotes voting as something that BSU Bears do and that it's an important way for all of us to be active and engaged citizens.

The purpose of the plan is to provide a guide to reach BSU's goals for civic engagement in the current and upcoming election cycles, with a particular focus on promoting voter engagement, including registration, education, and turnout. The duration of this Civic Action Plan is intended to be the next two election cycles, but we will update it regularly with new data as we are informed and specific activities as they are developed.

BSU's short-term goals are to:

1. Increase voter registration and voter turnout rates among BSU students.
2. Continually partner with Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Outreach & Engagement Divisions in multiple and diverse voter registration and turnout activities.
3. Continue to nurture and maintain our positive working relationship with Town of Bridgewater officials, with priority on the Town Clerk and her office as they are the local elections officials.

Within the next two election cycles, BSU's goals are to continue to:

1. Identify and implement multiple ways across every student's enrollment, orientation, classroom experiences, and experiences beyond the classroom to Ask Every Student to become an active and informed voter.
2. Increase the number of academic departments with civic engagement in their program goals and/or student learning objectives.
3. Increase the number of non-academic departments with civic engagement in their programs and/or activities.
4. Maintain ongoing group(s) focused on civic participation at BSU.

Many resources are available for civic engagement activities at BSU. They are included in existing budgets for the President's Office, Academic Affairs Division, Outreach and Engagement Division (of which the Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice is a part), the Democratic Governance and Leadership Program within the Political Science department, the endowed Bartlett Faculty Fellowship and the endowed Bartlett Chair for Free Speech, student organization budgets (including Student Government Association and several civic-oriented student groups that were active last year), and other entities. Of particular note is the funding support for four to six student employees to work as Voting and Civic Action Ambassadors for 8-10 hours per week during the entire academic year at the MRISJ.

II. Leadership

The Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice (MRISJ) has been tasked by President Fred Clark to convene, organize, and promote voter education and voter registration on campus. For this, the MRISJ Executive Director convenes campus partners for the development of the Civic Action Plan, submits the plan on BSU's behalf, maintains a campus calendar of related events and activities, and serves as a hub of communication about available resources. The MRISJ offers many voter registration and voter education resources and events but is not the sole department doing this work. Indeed, many staff, faculty and students are involved, as listed and described below.

Civic engagement is a key priority for BSU and the following people are actively involved in civic engagement at BSU, including:

President's Office

- Fred W. Clark, Jr., President
- Dr. Deniz Leuenberger, Vice President for Strategy and Planning and Chief of Staff
- Vinny DeMacedo, Senior Advisor for External Relations

Division of Outreach and Engagement / Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice (MRISJ)

- Diane Bell, Vice President, Division of Outreach & Engagement
- Jill Beckwith, Executive Director, Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice
- Dr. Asa Iacobucci, Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Faculty Associate, Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice
- Dr. José Lara, Associate Professor, Global Languages and Literatures, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Social Justice Studies Minor Coordinator, Academic Director, Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice
- Gillian Misner, BSU's 26-27 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow (Undergraduate)
- Celia Pugsley, Program Manager, Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice
- Dr. Sheena Rancher, Assistant Professor, Special Education, College of Education and Health Sciences and Faculty Associate, Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice
- Jennifer Thibodeau, Director of Programs, Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice, supervisor for VCAs (see below)
- Courtney Woodman, Communications and Marketing Coordinator, Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice
- Voting and Civic Action Ambassadors (VCAs), Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice (4-6 undergraduate student employees per academic year, including Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow)

Division of Student Life / Center for Student Engagement / Residence Life and Housing

- Dr. Lucy Croft, Vice President, Division of Student Life
- Matt Miller, Director, Center for Student Engagement
- Lauren Mountain, Director, Residence Life and Housing
- David Benevides, Assistant Director of Residential Engagement, Residence Life and Housing

Division of Academic Affairs

- Dr. Arnaa Alcon, Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dr. Nicole Glen, Associate Provost, Academic Affairs
- Mike Sandy, Director, Study Abroad
- Jenna Shales, Executive Director, Student Accessibility Services
- Dr. Aeon Skoble, Professor, Philosophy, Bartlett Chair in Free Speech and Expression, and Co-coordinator, Interdisciplinary Minor in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- Cynthia Svoboda, Acting Dean, Maxwell Library
- Dr. Melinda Tarsi-Goldfien, Professor of Political Science and Bartlett Endowed Professor of Civic Education and Engagement

Division of Enrollment, Marketing and Communications

- Paul Jean, Vice President, Division of Enrollment, Marketing and Communications
- Kristen Romanelli, Director, Web Communications

Division of Operations

- Mark Carmody, Vice President, Division of Operations
- Stefanie Eaton, Director of University Services

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- Dr. Brian Payne, Interim Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Dr. Jordon Barkalow, Associate Professor and Chairperson of Political Science and Co-Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Minor in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics,
- Dr. Kevin Donnelly, Professor, Graduate Chairperson
- Dr. Brian Frederick, Professor, Political Science
- Dr. Mark Kemper, Professor, Political Science
- Dr. Rachel Navarre, Associate Professor, Political Science and Coordinator of Democratic Governance and Leadership Program (DGLP)

Student Government Association

- Sophia Pinarreta, 26-27 AY SGA President, third year as SGA president, former VCAA and current 26-27 MRISJ Ambassador
- Gillian Misner, 26-27 SGA member, current BSU 26-27 Newman Civic Fellow, 26-27 VCAA
- Joshua Neff, 26-27 SGA member, previous BSU 25-26 Newman Civic Fellow, Fall 2026 VCAA

Community Partners

- ACLU Massachusetts
- Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights (BCCR) community coalition
- Brockton Interfaith Community (Brockton)

- Coalition for Social Justice Education Fund (Attleboro, Brockton, Fall River, New Bedford)
- League of Women Voters Massachusetts
- Dr. Michael Kryzanek, Professor Emeritus, Political Science, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, author of Simply Civics blog on BSU Civic Engagement webpage
- Town of Bridgewater, Town Clerk Tina Larson

III. Commitment

Bridgewater State University has been a signatory to the Higher Education Presidents' Commitment to Full Student Voter Participation and joined the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge in 2020.

BSU also has been recognized by ALL IN with the following seals: 2016 Silver, 2018 Gold, 2020 Silver, the inaugural 2022 Most Engaged Campus for College Student Voting, and ALL IN's Highly Established Action Plan Seal for the 2024 election cycle.

BSU's names fostering global citizenship as a key aspect of our institutional mission –

*Bridgewater State University is an inclusive community dedicated to the lifelong success of all students, focused on the continuous improvement of its people, and responsible for leading innovation that benefits Southeastern Massachusetts, the Commonwealth, and the world. Bridgewater's accessible environment of teaching and learning stimulates critical thinking, demands the rigorous pursuit of new knowledge and deeper understanding, cultivates meaningful and diverse interpersonal relationships, **fosters global citizenship**, and strives to transform lives and improve the human condition.*

Bridgewater State University Strategic Plan

The institutional commitment to civic education, learning, and engagement at BSU is stated clearly in BSU's Strategic Plan. BSU launched a five-year Strategic Plan in 2024 to guide us through 2028.

Civic education and voter education and registration are specifically noted as commitments under **Goal 5**, which is to **Lead and catalyze equity and social justice within Bridgewater State University, our region, state, and nation.**

Under Goal 5, Objective 5E specifically identifies civic engagement: **Commit to social justice education, social change action, and civic engagement.**

The Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice will be the lead on ensuring that two commitments related to this objective are fulfilled:

*BSU Commitment 5E1: Support projects and initiatives to advance social justice education, social change action, and **civic education** through university partnerships.*

*BSU Commitment 5E4: **Promote civic engagement to the larger BSU community** through the Civic Speaker Series, **voter education and registration events**, service opportunities, and community engaged learning opportunities with local partner organizations.*

Other evidence of institutional commitment includes:

BSU Votes

The MRISJ serves as the lead coordinating department for BSU Votes. MRISJ maintains the BSU Votes website and creates and distributes BSU Votes materials including vote plans, voter registration brochures, an election toolkit, and multiple voter registration and educational events. MRISJ also supports 4-6 undergraduate non-work study student employees to support nonpartisan voter registration and education activities. MRISJ hires, trains and supports their work throughout the academic year.

Two Endowed Professorships Relating to Civic Engagement

BSU maintains two endowed faculty positions relating to civic engagement. Since 2021, there has been a Bartlett Endowed Professorship for Civic Education and Engagement, first filled by Dr. Jo Hoffman, Associate Professor of Elementary and Early Childhood Education, from 2021 through 2024, then by Dr. Melinda Tarsi-Goldfien, Professor of Political Science, from 2025-2026. In March 2022, Philosophy Professor Dr. Aeon Skoble was named as the inaugural Bartlett Chair in Free Speech and Expression at BSU, for which he hosts an annual forum about the role of freedom of expression in a liberal education; a free speech and expression speaker series; and co-sponsors opportunities with other BSU organizations to foster cross-campus collaboration on the intersection of free speech with other important values and priorities. This is a permanent appointment; Dr. Skoble will continue with it during the 26-27 Academic Year. Both of these endowed positions ensure attention focused by faculty members on civic engagement issues as well as funding for events and initiatives.

IV. Landscape

Bridgewater State University (BSU) is a public 4-year regional comprehensive University located in Bridgewater, MA. BSU has one main campus in Bridgewater and a small satellite campus in Attleboro (at which classes are held but no students reside)

BSU Student Demographic Data (2025-2026):

Undergraduate students: 8,849

Graduate Students: 1,500

Total Enrollment: 10,349

As of Fall 2025, 57% of the 8,849 enrolled undergraduate students were female, and 35% were students of color. More specifically, 63% of undergraduate students were White, 10% were Black, 13% were Hispanic, 8% were of two or more races, 2% were Asian, 1% were international students, <1% were Native American, <1% were Middle Eastern/North African, <1% were Native Hawaiian, and 1% were of unknown race. In Fall 2025, 35% of undergraduates were considered low-income and 46% were first-generation students.

Among the 1,500 graduate students enrolled in Fall 2025, 75% were female, and 20% were students of color. More specifically, 77% of graduate students were White, 5% were Black, 8% were Hispanic, 3% were international students, 3% were of two or more races, 2% were Asian, <1% were Native American, <1% were Middle Eastern/North African, and 1% were of unknown race. In Fall 2025, 26% of graduate students were considered low-income and 44% were first-generation students.

In terms of where our students reside, 93% of undergraduates are from Massachusetts, and 38% of all undergraduate students live on campus.

Due to our large number of commuter students, we continue to partner closely with our Office of Off Campus and Commuter Students to promote voter registration and education opportunities. They share information on their active social media accounts and BSU Votes voter registration tables are common at large scale OCCS events.

Massachusetts has not passed any new local or state voter laws or regulations that would hinder voter access since the last election, while we still do not have some options that would improve voter access, such as same-day voter registration. Massachusetts offers online voter registration, mail-in voting, and early voting.

In November 2026, there is a ballot question seeking to approve Election Day Voter Registration, which was sponsored by the Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin. There is also a ten-day overlap between the date that early voting starts and the voter registration deadline, which we are capitalizing on messaging and events for students who live on campus or in the town of Bridgewater to get them registered and vote early on the same day at Town Hall in late October.

V. Goals

Short Term Goals:

By the 2028 presidential election, BSU's short-term goals are to:

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3. Continue to nurture and maintain our positive working relationship with Town of Bridgewater officials, with a priority on the Town Clerk.

Long Term Goals:

Within the next two election cycles, BSU's goals are to:

1. Identify and implement multiple ways across every student's enrollment, orientation, classroom experiences, and experiences beyond the classroom to *Ask Every Student* to become an active and informed voter.
2. Increase the number of academic departments with civic engagement in their program goals and/or student learning objectives.
3. Increase the number of non-academic departments with civic engagement in their programs and/or activities.
4. Maintain ongoing group(s) focused on civic participation at BSU.

VI. Strategy

The Divisions of (1) Academic Affairs, (2) Student Life, (3) Marketing, Communication & Enrollment, (4) the President's Division, (5) Student Success, Equity & Diversity, and (6) Outreach & Engagement have been actively collaborating each semester to offer resources and activities to reach out stated goals.

Strategy 1: Build and maintain momentum on promoting civic participation among various campus entities and individuals working on these issues

Tactic 1A. Regularly convene the entities, programs, student groups, and individuals working on voter education and voter registration to share information, coordinate activities, and create opportunities for collaboration to improve student voter registration and turnout.

Tactic 1B. Maintain regular communication between the groups to maintain transparency, increase efficiency, and better serve our students.

Tactic 1C. Continue to update and maintain BSU's *Civic Engagement at BSU* webpage (<https://www.bridgew.edu/civic-engagement>), which was created as a collaborative effort across divisions and departments in 2022. It provides a place to share our priorities for civic engagement, provides connections to various types of engagement opportunities, and is a cross-departmental and cross-divisional space to highlight the opportunities offered at BSU with a broad audience. The various initiatives on this page are updated annually by the MRISJ, who seeks updates from various departments and shares the information with the Enrollment, Marketing and Communication for timely updates.

Tactic 1D. BSU's Marketing, Communications and Enrollment Division will develop and widely share media content to encourage a culture of civic engagement and increase voter turnout. They have also collaborated with campus partners to increase visibility of civic engagement content on internal and external facing websites. They are actively involved in the various entities and will be a key partner in all communications strategies.

Tactic 1E. The MRISJ actively and continually reaches out to invite non-academic departments to join the civic planning efforts and identify civic engagement as a priority in their programs and/or activities.

Strategy 2: Provide multiple voter education and voter registration opportunities for students.

Tactic 2A. Offer a variety of voter registration and education activities for students.

- Voter registration tables and education will be available in centrally located areas weekly during the semester and on National Voter Registration Day (this year, on September 15), every day during National Voter Registration Week (this year, from October 5-9), Vote Early Day (this year, October 24), and Election Hero Day (this year, October 27).
- The MRISJ is hosting a series of "Hot Topics" educational workshops focused on important social justice topics relevant to the upcoming election, including Civil Rights with ACLUM (9/17), Reproductive Rights with Reproductive Equity Now (9/24), Ballot Question 9: Gun Violence Prevention with the MA Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence (10/8), Immigration Policy Updates w MIRA (10/15), and Ballot Question 8: Repeal of Legal Cannabis with ACLUM (10/29).
- The MRISJ's VCAs will host voter registration tables for students in each residence hall during the week of September 28, 2026, two halls per day, under the banner of "Donuts & Democracy."
- The Democratic Governance & Leadership Program will host two educational sessions on the MA ballot questions. "What's on Your Ballot: Part 1, Questions 1-4" will be held on September 30 and "Part 2, Questions 5-8" will be held on October 14.

- The MRISJ will hold its now-annual in-person “VoteFest” with more than a dozen collaborating BSU departments and external organizations during National Voter Education Week (October 5-9, 2026, this year’s VoteFest will be October 6).
- The MRISJ has voter registration and education at BSU’s annual Homecoming for students, alumni, and family members (this year, on Saturday, October 3, 2026).
- Program Council and MRISJ’s VCAAs will cohost an evening of Bingo during the last week before the voter registration deadline (Monday, October 19). Bingo is an extremely popular and well-attended event on campus and a coveted partnership opportunity.
- The Center for Student Engagement/SGA, Residence Life & House/Residence Hall Association, Weekend & Evening Programming, and the MRISJ/VCAAs will host a “Party at the Polls” event on Saturday, October 24, the deadline date for voter registration that is also an early voting day, on which students can register and vote at the same time.

Tactic 2B. Voter Information Materials

Since 2024, the MRISJ (led by students, with staff input) has created and updated multiple BSU Votes-branded educational resources, including two BSU-specific brochures related to student voting, “Voting for the First Time?” and “Voting After Graduation” and a bookmark with important dates and #GetVote Ready Checklist. These educational materials will continue to be a part of all voter education and registration activities at BSU in the coming years. The MRISJ prints them and free copies are offered regularly to campus offices and faculty members.

Posters are regularly posted in the Rondileau Student Union (RSU) and Maxwell Library, and voter registration materials are available at the RSU Info Desk and Library Circulation Desk.

Tactic 2C. BSU’s Division of Student Life has engaged the Student Government Association (SGA) in publicizing information about voting and ballot questions in previous elections and plans to do this again. Voter registration tables and materials continue to be incorporated into SGA elections. Voter registration information is available in the SGA office.

Tactic 2D. Offer a wide variety of educational events relating to civic engagement, hosted by varying offices and featuring faculty members, student leaders, and guest speakers, including the Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice, BSU’s Political Science department, Political Science’s [Democratic Governance and Leadership Program](#), Center for Student Engagement, Residence Life and Housing, and others.

The DGLP is an active collaborator in campus planning efforts and will continue to offer a full slate of civic education events. They are the lead department on ballot question education in particular.

Tactic 2E. MRISJ staff has developed and will continue to maintain a strong working relationship with the Town Clerk in Bridgewater. The Towns Clerk’s office staff have participated in our annual on campus VoteFest event and regularly share information and printed materials with the MRISJ.

Strategy 3: Promote Civic Engagement, particularly Voting

Tactic 3A. Promote the **BSU Votes webpage** (www.bridgew.edu/bsuvotes), which provides accurate, up-to-date, and easily accessible information about the voting process and voting

deadlines. We continue to utilize MRISJ social media channels and the EngageBSU platform to widely share important voting information and link students with BSU Votes.

BSU Votes is linked through a prominent button on the home page of Engage BSU, which is the primary platform for student groups. We have created a BSU Votes event tag that all groups on campus can use the tag any voter engagement event as part of BSU Votes (and it serves as a sorting mechanism to identify them easily).

Any campus departments or organizations doing nonpartisan voter registration or education can use the BSU Votes logo and tag in Engage. We have also created stickers and t-shirts with the BSU mascot, wearing a BSU Votes pin, pointing at the viewer saying “I Want You to Vote” (a la Uncle Sam) to help promote the message of voting in a branded and fun way.



Tactic 3B. University Communications - BSU President Fred Clark is committed to emphasizing the importance of voter registration, voter education, and voter participation in University messaging. BSU has used the following communication methods to communicate with students in the past and will use them again to communicate about the upcoming election, voting timelines, and voting process: email; Student and Faculty announcements, institutional and program-specific social media channels, flyers, BSU Mobile App, Engage BSU, BSU Votes webpage, and on campus electronic bulletin boards.

President Clark typically features BSU Votes and asks MRISJ to report on BSU votes activities and resource as part of his annual campuswide Town Hall meeting during the fall semesters (this year, will be held on September 30, 2026). He also invited a presentation to his Cabinet on September 15, 2026, which helped to provide high level updates to Vice Presidents to be shared with their divisions.

BSU's Division of Human Resources and Talent Management sends an email to all employees during October, describing voting leave available to the three unions on campus. This year, they have compiled those policies and links to several election resources (BSU Votes, Election Toolkit, and LinkedIn learning modules) on an internal website for employees.

Tactic 3C. MRISJ will continue to employ undergraduate students as Voting and Civic Action Ambassadors (VCAAs) and works with BSU's Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow to

engage students in peer-to-peer education on voting, and other important community issues. They support the activities described in this plan.

Strategy 4: Increase civic engagement within the classroom, by supporting BSU faculty members to incorporate civic engagement in their teaching, research, and/or service.

Tactic 4A. *Faculty Institute on Civic Learning and Media Literacy* - On June 3 and 4, 2026, the Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice welcomed 35 full-time and part-time faculty, one Librarian and four staff for our online Summer 2026 MRISJ Faculty Institute, “*Civic Learning & Media Literacy*.” Dr. Nicholas Longo, the inaugural director of the Rutgers University Democracy Lab at the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University-New Brunswick, and Dr. Eyal Hanfling, director of the Democracy Lab’s Technology and Democracy Research Hub, lead Day One of the Faculty Institute. Dr. Longo and Dr. Hanfling talked about civic education, particularly in the context of the fall election cycle, with a focus on media literacy. Day Two included breakout sessions in which faculty talked with one another about their Day One learnings and shared their activity/lesson plan, learned about MRISJ’s Election Toolkit and other voter education resources, and identified next steps for the 26-27 Academic Year and beyond.

Tactic 4B. *BSU Election Toolkit* - Since the 2020 election cycle, the MRISJ has annually shared an Election Toolkit for BSU faculty and staff. It includes PowerPoint slides and sample language for faculty to share on their online teaching sites, in classrooms, and through direct communication with students, and is shared electronically with faculty and staff at the start of each semester. We focus on the message that every year is an election year and tailor it to whether the upcoming elections that semester are local, midterms or presidential. It is shared via campuswide listserves as well as targeted smaller groups and individual outreach.

Tactic 4C. MRISJ staff see to increase the number of academic departments with civic engagement in their program goals and/or student learning objectives using existing program reviews available through the Office of Assessment.

VII. Reporting

BSU makes our Civic Action Plan widely available with the active groups focused on these issues, as well as the entire campus community through internal communication mechanisms described above.

BSU’s Civic Action Plan is posted at this URL (<https://www.bridgew.edu/civic-engagement/democratic-engagement>) along with links to BSU Votes (and formerly to our NSLVE results).

We also share it via Community Announcements and Student Announcements, as well as targeted communications with our BSU faculty email listserve.

VIII. Evaluation

BSU will evaluate our action plan in the following ways:

As we have all along, we will track participation levels at civic events and programs through attendance lists which we will use to gather student demographic and curricular information. For example, in Academic Year 25-26, the MRISJ had 21 events that were entirely or mostly focused on civic engagement, and we had 788 students participate across those events (549 were in a tabling setting and 179 in an educational workshop or other educational event).

The MRISJ will track the number and type of non-academic departments/programs participating in civic engagement activities. Over the past year, we've worked with Athletics, Center for Student Engagement, Health Promotion, the Honors Program, the Lewis & Gaines Center for Inclusion & Equity (LGCIE), the Office of Commuter and Off Campus Services, the Pride Center, Residence Life & Housing, Student Accessibility Services and Weekend & Evening Programming, as well as student groups including the Environmental Action Team, Global Brigades, Program Council and Student Government Association.

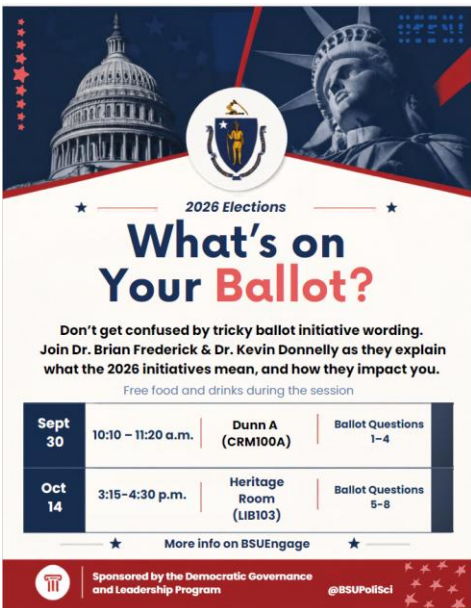
We will continue to monitor our outreach and communications measures by tracking communications with the university community. Our communication efforts will include direct emails, campus announcements, newsletters, and social media engagement.

We will work with the Office of Assessment to assist with tracking the number of academic departments that include civic engagement in their program goals and/or student learning outcomes, as updated program and course descriptions become available.

The disintegration of the National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE) data apparatus is a big loss to our measurement efforts. We hope that it will be re-instituted in the future.

BSU will continue to seek opportunities to incorporate civic engagement focused questions on campus wide assessments to measure our progress on goals identified in our strategic plan and civic action plan. We will work collaboratively with the Office of Institutional Research and Decision Support, the Office of Assessment, and other campus and community partners to identify these opportunities and review data that can be used to inform our future civic engagement efforts.

Sample materials



What's on Your Ballot?

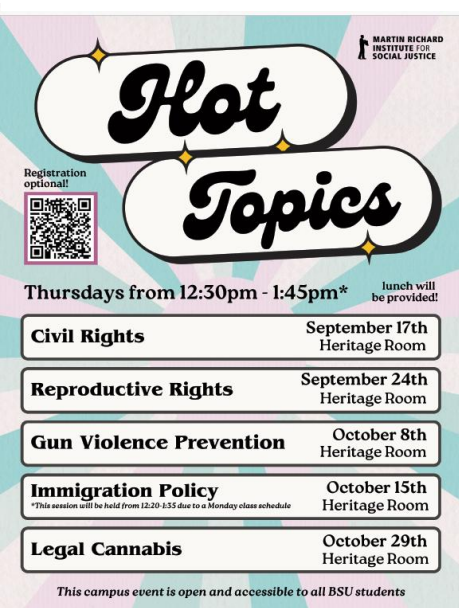
Don't get confused by tricky ballot initiative wording. Join Dr. Brian Frederick & Dr. Kevin Donnelly as they explain what the 2026 initiatives mean, and how they impact you.

Free food and drinks during the session

Date	Time	Location	Ballot Questions
Sept 30	10:10 - 11:20 a.m.	Dunn A (CRM100A)	Ballot Questions 1-4
Oct 14	3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	Heritage Room (LIB103)	Ballot Questions 5-8

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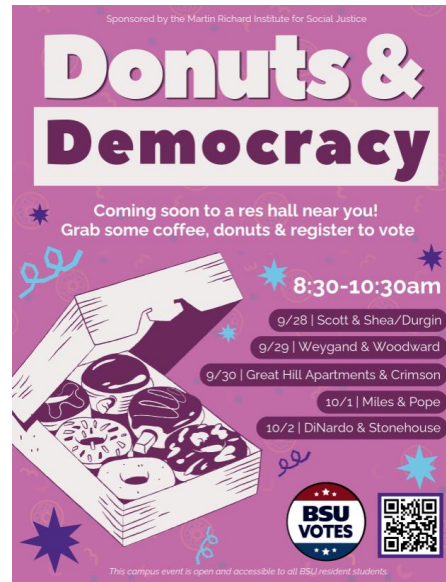
Hot Topics

Registration optional! 

Thursdays from 12:30pm - 1:45pm* lunch will be provided!

Civil Rights	September 17th Heritage Room
Reproductive Rights	September 24th Heritage Room
Gun Violence Prevention	October 8th Heritage Room
Immigration Policy *This session will be held from 12:20-1:35 due to a Monday class schedule	October 15th Heritage Room
Legal Cannabis	October 29th Heritage Room

This campus event is open and accessible to all BSU students



BSU Votes Bookmark:

