

ACADEMICS

PRESIDENT OF KYIV SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS VISITS UMASS AMHERST

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As part of UMass Amherst's ongoing partnership with the Kyiv School of Economics (KSE), Tymofiy Mylovanov, president of KSE, visited campus and met with UMass leaders on Feb. 22. Mylovanov has previously served as the minister of trade for Ukraine.

"I am honored that we had the opportunity to welcome President Mylovanov to campus as we approach the first anniversary of the brutal and illegal war on Ukraine," said Kalpen Trivedi, vice provost for global affairs. "It is very important for us to show that UMass stands with Ukrainian academia, and the work we have begun this year will surely be the foundation of a lasting partnership."



Tymofiy Mylovanov and Provost Tricia Serio



Tymofiy Mylovanov and SBS Leadership

Last March, the campus community united to offer support to Ukraine, and the partnership with KSE was established as a means of supporting Ukrainian scholars. The initiative was spearheaded by Anna Nagurney, Eugene M. Isenberg Chair in Integrative

Studies at the Isenberg School of Management, in collaboration with Bogdan Prokopovych, an Isenberg lecturer; Ina Ganguli, associate

professor of economics; and Lauren McCarthy, associate professor of legal studies and political science. Support was also provided by the International Programs Office and then-Provost John McCarthy.

As a result of their efforts, UMass' series of memoranda of agreement with KSE culminated in an academic exchange program for students and established a non-resident, virtual scholar in residence program for Ukrainian scholars to continue their research during wartime.

Fifteen scholars from Ukraine in a variety of fields have been matched with UMass faculty in Isenberg School of Management, the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, and the College of Natural Sciences. A virtual symposium is planned for the spring semester to showcase the collaborative projects.

During his visit, Mylovanov met with a number of UMass officials including Provost Tricia Serio; Provost Emeritus McCarthy; Vice Provost Trivedi; Isenberg Dean Anne Massey; SBS Dean R. Karl Rethemeyer; and CNS Interim Dean Nathaniel Whitaker.



Tymofiy Mylovanov (center) with Anna Nagurney (left) and Nathaniel Whitaker (right)