

**UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2014, 5pm UMGSA Lounge**

APPROVED  
Oct. 22/14

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** BIRT the agenda for the August 27, 2014 UMGSA Council meeting be approved.

*Chemistry (Joey Lussier)/Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering (Vikram Banthia)  
Carried.*

**2.1. Unanimous consent agenda**

2.1.1. Any item that has a  beside it denotes unanimous consent agenda

*Any member who wishes to debate an item that is listed below may have it removed from the consent agenda by contacting the Chair prior to the meeting or by asking that it be removed before the Chair calls for a mover and seconder for the following motions.*

Education Ad/Hoc (Mehdi Rahimian) requested that the senate report, highlight the information most pertinent to grad students.

**MOTION:** BIRT all executive reports, the senate report and GU15 reports are accepted omnibus.

*English, Film & Theatre (Karalyn Dokurno)/Peace and Conflict (Julie Hyde/Saad Khan)  
Carried.*

**3. Approval of Minutes from August 27, 2014 UMGSA Council Meeting**

**MOTION:** BIRT the minutes from the August 27, 2014 UMGSA Council Meeting be approved.

*Microbiology (Mac Kohlmeier)/Social Work(Kaladhar Battepati)  
Carried.*

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**4.1. Motion:** BIRT the UMGSA Council ratifies the updated list of Internal Committee members.

The last council meeting, this motion had not actually been moved and seconded. Now, the executive committee has moved and seconded so we are requesting ratification.

*Carried.*

**5. Student Experience IT Request for Feedback- Cora Dupuis, Student Life (15 minutes)**

Question: What could the University do to improve the IT experience on campus?

- **Improve the password renewal process (Votes- 40)**
  - Students are not always on campus to do renew their passwords, short 6 month expiry timelines/updates that can lock you out of your account. Request for easier to change password process
  - Phone changing password option for Iridium
  - Volunteer: VP External- Faizan Khan
- **Improve wireless access**
  - Requirements are different during the day and evening depending on number of users- service is currently better in the evening- improve hardware? (Votes- 25)
  - Moving from one building to another, need to reconnect to wireless (Votes- 21)
  - Volunteers:
    - VP External- Faizan Khan
    - Sociology- Craig Adolphe
    - Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering- Vikram Banthia
- **Improve IT Assistance (Votes- 17)**
  - Similar to ask a Librarian for online proposed Ask an IT person if you are experiencing an issue, as the in person process can be lengthy
  - Volunteers:
    - VP Academic - Kristjan Mann
    - Anthropology- Sarah Duignan
- Central Portal- JUMP upgrades are in the progress (11)
  - Volunteer: VP Academic - Kristjan Mann
- Notifications of student emails through phone app would be great (11)
  - Volunteer: Kinesiology & Recreation Management- Travis Hrubeniuk
- D2L Suggestions (11)
  - When D2L makes changes include a process that highlights tutorials or information on changes that have been made- similar to facebook 'forced tutorial' (7)
  - Webmail login is separate from D2L is inconvenient –reintegration would be great (4)
- Concern about data privacy with Office 365 because data goes through U.S. servers (8)
- Physics has a separate department email and isn't currently linked to UManitoba (1)

## 6. Universal Bus Pass Referendum Update (U-Pass)

**Update:** The Elections committee met to advertise and deliberate on Chief Returning Officer candidates. The referendum will be held October 28-30 through online voting. University of Winnipeg will vote October 27-29 and UMSU will vote October 29-31. What is being proposed is a \$260 per year (adjusted for inflation) mandatory fee. If passed by UMSU and UWSA the program would come into effect sometime between Sept 2015-Sept 2016. The results of the UMGSA referendum will identify to City of Winnipeg if we want to be included in the program or not since we were not in the original council motion. Information sessions will be held prior to the referendum date. The UMGSA will be neutral as this should be decided by students.

## 7. Appointment of Chief Returning Officer (CRO)

7.1. Whereas Article V Section 1 of the Elections Policy and Procedure Manual stipulates that “the CRO shall be selected by Council at the September council meeting, and will be Chair of the Elections Committee”

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council vote to appoint the Elections committee nominated students at large, Karayln Dakurno (English and Film Theatre) and Joe Dipple (Native Studies) to the CRO position ending April 30, 2015.**

*Carried.*

Abstentions:

Education Ad Hoc (Mehdi Rahimian), Sociology (Craig Adolphe), VPE (Faizan Khan), VP Health Sciences (proxy, Trisha Roche)

Discussion occurred related to the process, how many candidates submitted names, recommendation considered from the last CRO report, timing and motivation of waiving the honorarium, qualifications of the candidates, amount of work, responsibility and accountability the position requires, the precedent that waiving the fee could create and the interpretation of the bylaws regarding having Co-CROs. There was a suggestion to consider reviewing or clarifying our bylaws regarding if it is acceptable to waive the honorarium. Also to determine which of our committee chairs get paid, as there is a lot of work and responsibility for the IDRC chairperson as well.

**MOTION: BIRT that the two candidates receive the honorarium as stipulated in the UMGSA bylaws.**

Animal Science (Gustavo Mejicanos) / Peace and Conflict (Julie Hyde/Saad Khan)

Carried. 17 for, 14 opposed, 3 abstentions

## 8. Council Orientation

Provided an overview of logistics, activities, and presentation topics. This will be confirmed through email the week prior to the October 18 event.

## 9. Verbal Orientation Report

Roundtable discussion brought out good voices of Graduate Students. Thanks to everyone!

## 10. Verbal Committee Reports

### 10.1. Executive Committee Report

There were two executive meetings this month. Major topics for discussion included orientation planning, U-PASS, council orientation and planning for our first meeting with the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

### 10.2. Finance Committee Report

In the past three months, we have given out \$16,000 in conference grants and are approaching \$70,000 total in distributed conference grants. A few members of the committee are working on developing an investment policy and once we are done we will put it forward to be approved by Council.

- 10.3. Bylaws and Policy Committee Report  
See the attached Elections Policy Manual for the proposed modifications highlighted in track changes. Motion from the Bylaws and Policy Committee:  
**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA approve and adopt all the grammatical corrections, numbering and insertions that are in the spirit of the document spotted by the BPC in the Election Policy Manual.**  
Moved and seconded by the committee.  
Carried.  
Abstention: Education Ad Hoc (Mehdi Rahimian)

Discussion occurred regarding the need to make all policy manuals consistent when changes are made in one policy manual. An example to look into was in committee policy and procedure manual Sect 3 B III, regarding the roles of VPME and VPE.

- 10.4. Events Committee Report  
The Events committee members agreed to work as volunteers for orientation. Details will be made available in a written report when the financial are available.
- 10.5. Awards Committee Report  
There was less going on for the Awards committee this month after the successful awards luncheon in August. The committee will meet in October to put together a report and make recommendations for next year.
- 10.6. Campaigns Committee Report  
The campaigns committee has not met this month but will meet shortly. Faizan will seek out a few new members for the committee.

## 11. Executive Reports

- President
- Vice President Internal
- Vice President Academic
- Vice President Health Sciences
- Vice President External
- Vice President Marketing and Events
- Senator 1
- Senator 2
- Senator 3

12.  Senate Written Report for June 25, 2014

### 13. GU15 Written Report

#### 14. Department Reports

- CUPE 3909 Event: September 30 at 3pm in Cross Common Room, St. John's College for students who are teaching assistants, grader/markers, lab demonstrators, seminar leaders, tutors and lecturer/instructors who work at the University and are represented by CUPE. They can discuss workplace issues and there will be free food and drinks provided.
- Karolyn Dakurno (English, Film, & Theatre): She is hosting a conference called *A matter of lifedeath* on October 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. Free food, register online [umanitoba.ca/mosaic](http://umanitoba.ca/mosaic) to register

#### 15. Other Business/Announcements

##### 15.1 University strategic planning framework

The University is looking for feedback by October 3 on the strategic planning document.

15.2 Congratulations to Engineering who won the UMGSA soccer tournament in August. A trophy will be presented at the next UMGSA social event.

#### 16. Adjournment

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council meeting be adjourned.**

Chemistry (Joey Lussier)/Animal Science (Gustavo Mejicanos)

Next Meeting is on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 5 pm in the UMGSA Lounge.

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Laura Rempel	Present
VP Internal	Valery Agbor	Present
VP Academic	Kristjan Mann	Present
VP External	Faizan Khan	Present
VP Marketing & Events	Beibei Lu	Present AL 5:30pm
VP Health Science	Melissa Rabb Proxy: Trisha Roche	Present
Exec-At-Large (Non-voting)	E. RoTimi Ojo	Present
Senator	Chido Uchime	Present
Senator	Diba Vafabakhsh	Present
Senator	Richard From	Present
Council Chairperson (Non-voting)	Timi Ojo	Present
Office Manager (Non-voting)	Ruth Prokesch	Present

<b><i>Agric &amp; Food Science</i></b>		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Clement Adomah	Present
Animal Science	Elnaz Azad (Co-Councilors) Gustavo Mejicanos	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Missed four meetings	No Rep
Entomology	Andres Fabian Herrera	Present
Food Science	Xinyang (Sheyna) Sun Proxy: Yuming Chen	Present Regrets
Plant Science	Chami Amarasinghe	Present
Soil Science	Nicholson Jeke	Present
<b><i>Architecture</i></b>		
Architecture	David Anderson(Co-Council) Julia Evancio	Both Present
City Planning	Evan Allan (Co-Councilors) Andrew Macauley	Both Present
Interior Design	Stephanie Prouse	Present
Landscape Architecture	Meaghan Pauls Proxy: Kari Zahariuk	Present Regrets
<b><i>Arts</i></b>		
Anthropology	Anu Lotay Proxy: Sarah Duignan	Present Regrets
Economics	Musah Khalid Urmee Dasgupta	Both Absent
English, Film & Theatre	Karalyn Dokurno	Present
History	Nicole Courier Proxy: Danna Slessor-Cobb	Present Regrets
Linguistics	Hai Tran	Present
Native Studies	Ryan Duplassie	Absent
Political Studies and Public Administration	Missed three meetings	No Rep
Psychology	Yunqiao Wang (Co-Council) Hayley Chartrand	Present
Sociology	Craig Adolphe (Co-Council) Matthew Sanscartier	Present
<b><i>Management</i></b>		
Management – PhD and MSc	Ji Zhou	Absent

Management – MBA	Amanda Gebhardt	Present	LE 5:57pm
<b>Education</b>			
Education – PhD – Ad hoc	Mehdi Rahimian	Present	
<b>Engineering</b>			
Civil Engineering	Sam Esfandianpour	Present	
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Ahmad Byagowi (co-councilors) Dan Lockery	Present	
Mechanical & Manufacturing Eng.	Vikram Banthia	Present	
<b>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</b>			
Environment & Geography	Darcy McDougall	Present	
Geological Sciences	Olivier Gagne	Present	
Natural Resources Institute	Jody Daniel	Present	
<b>Graduate Studies</b>			
Applied Health Sciences	Navjot Pachu Scott Kehler	Navjot Present	
Biomedical Engineering	Mario Solis Nepote		Absent
Peace and Conflict Studies	Julie Hyde Saad Khan	Present	
<b>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</b>			
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Travis Hrubeniuk Ramesh Dutta	Travis Present	
<b>Human Ecology</b>			
Family Social Sciences	Missed four meeting		No Rep
Human Nutritional Sciences	Lena Hong	Present	
<b>Nursing</b>			
Nursing	Alexa Barrett	Present	
<b>Science</b>			
Biological Sciences	Michael Gaudry	Present	
Chemistry	Joey Lussier	Present	
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	Present	
Physics & Astronomy	Sebastien Kerherve	Present	
Statistics	Monsur Ahmed Chowdry		Absent
<b>Social Work</b>			

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Social Work	Kaladhar Battepati	Present
<i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Christian Pierce	Absent
<i>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Ana Vialard Hart	Present
<i>FGS Rep (Non-Voting)</i>		
Dean or Designate	Jay Doering	Absent
<i>Student Life (Non-Voting)</i>		
Office of Student Life	Cora Dupuis	Present LE 6:00pm
<i>Guests</i>		
MBA (possibly new Councilor)	Mike DeLuca	Present LE 5:57pm
English (possibly new Councilor)	Katelyn Dykstra Dykerman	Present

*Laura Kempf*  
 President

November 19 /14  
 Date

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November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
 Date