

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2014

APPROVED
Nov 26/14

1. Call to Order at 5:03pm
2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: BIRT the agenda for the October 22, 2014 UMGSA Council meeting be approved.

Alexa Barrett *Nursing*/ Andres Fabian Herrera *Entomology*: *Carried*

2.1. Unanimous consent agenda

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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.

MOTION: BIRT all executive reports and senate report are accepted omnibus.

Mario Solis Nepote *Biomedical Engineering*/ Ifeanyi Nwachukwu *Human Nutritional Sciences*: *Carried*

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: BIRT the minutes from the September 24, 2014 UMGSA Council Meeting be approved.

Brett Mallon *Peace and Conflict*/ Tosan Okorosobo *Natural Resource Institute*

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- 4.1. IT Update from Student Life- Cora Dupuis, Manager Student Life Office

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

1) Improve the password renewal process (Votes- 40)

- a) 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 process to change password.

- b) Phone changing password option for Iridium

i) **RESPONSE:** Great suggestion, there is an ongoing project for improving such processes and IST would be happy to learn more about this issue and work with you to come up with viable solutions. Please contact K-L Holter: k-l.holter@umanitoba.ca

2) Improve wireless access

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- a) Requirements are different during the day and evening depending on number of users- service is currently better in the evening- improve hardware? (Votes- 25)
- b) Moving from one building to another, need to reconnect to wireless (Votes- 21)
- i) **RESPONSE:** since 2011 we have invested over \$2 million dollars into wifi on campus. We will be introducing outdoor wifi in priority areas (such as the Duckworth Quadrangle, the Currie Place Pedway, in front of the Buhler Building, and in between St. John's and St. Paul's. Updates are ongoing and you should expect a progress report by your November meeting.
- 3) **Improve IT Assistance (Votes- 17)**
- a) 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
- i) **RESPONSE:** IST does have an online chat function available off of the IST homepage: <http://umanitoba.ca/computing/ist/>.
- 4) **Central Portal- JUMP upgrades are in the progress (11)**
- a) Volunteer: VP Academic - Kristjan Mann- vpa@umgsa.org
- i) **RESPONSE:** The Portal Project (Phase 1) is almost done and should be live towards the end of 2014. We met with Faizan and other students to get their feedback and are modeling the new look based on the mobile app. Phase 2 should be even more exciting as we leverage all of the capabilities that the software has to make JUMP better: single sign on, one stop online shop for all of your electronic student needs. Phase 2 is being proposed for 2015-16, and we will keep Kristjan in the loop on this.
- 5) **Notifications of student emails through phone app would be great (11)**
- i) **RESPONSE:** Interesting suggestion. We brought this up with IST and the immediate solution is being able to link your myumanitoba.ca email to your smartphone. More info available here: <http://umanitoba.ca/computing/ist/email/studentemailhelpresource.html>
- 6) **D2L Suggestions (11)**
- a) When D2L makes changes include a process that highlights tutorials or information on changes that have been made- similar to facebook 'forced tutorial' (7)
- i) **RESPONSE:** We will pass this feedback along to the D2L project team and ask for a response by your November meeting.
- b) Webmail login is separate from D2L is inconvenient -reintegration would be great (4)
- i) **RESPONSE:** This will be addressed in Phase 2 of the JUMP upgrade. Thanks for confirming what other students (and staff) have also been asking for: single sign-on service.

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- 7) Concerns about data privacy related to Office 365 because data goes through US servers (8)
- i) **RESPONSE:** When the University moved to Office 365 we undertook an extensive Privacy Impact Assessment. We take the collection and storage of personal and health information very seriously, and are glad that you do too. These concerns seem to be about any email, not just Office 365, because any email should be assumed to be going through other jurisdictions, whether they are housed on a server or in the cloud. More information, as well as help and support, can be found on the IST website: <http://umanitoba.ca/computing/ist/email/studentemailfaqs.html>
- 8) Physics has a separate department email and isn't linked to UManitoba (1)
- i) **RESPONSE:** Interesting. More information is needed on this. If someone was willing to follow up, they can contact Brendan Hughes: brendan.hughes@umanitoba.ca or 204-272-1596.

The responses above were provided by Brendan Hughes, Executive Director of Student Engagement and co-chair of the Student IT Experience Committee. They were presented to the GSA Council meeting on October 22, 2014 by Cora Dupuis, Manager of Student Life, ex-officio member of the GSA Council.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to you for your time and ideas, and look forward to following up with you about the ideas you presented above, as well as any others that come up along the way.

5. Universal Bus Pass Referendum and Elections Committee Update- VPI

- October 23, 2014 is the Public Forum from 12-1pm in the Multipurpose Room
- Co-CRO Update (Karolyn Dokurno and Joe Dipple)
- All voting is done online and will be emailed to your student email address
- During Oct 28-30th the CROs and/or election committee members will be in the office from 10-2pm to assist with the voting process trouble shooting
- 3 Candidates: 2 "yes" and 1 "no" campaigners. Campaign started Oct 14-27th.
- Bannatyne Forum is tentatively Oct 27th from 12-1pm
- Elections committee met on the 17th. Will meet on November 7th to discuss the results

Human Nutritional Sciences asked for clarification about the online voting

Joe: every student will get an email every day that they haven't voted, if they vote the first day, they won't receive more emails

Timi: Please spread the word about the Referendum for voter turnout as its affects everyone
Also municipal election is today, so get out and vote too!

6. Verbal Committee Reports

6.1. Executive Committee Report- VPI for the President attending Convocation

- Council orientation downtown at MAWs Eatery, 24 councilors and executives attended and learned a lot, from both Fort Garry and Bannatyne campus
- Upcoming Social next Thursday for Halloween

6.2. Finance Committee Report- VPI

- Conference grants, exceeded \$80,000 disbursed back to students, not including October
- Investment Policy Document, a subcommittee was established and is working on a first draft of the policy. Extensive discussions, will determine the future investments we will make and how to evaluate those investments. The policy will still go to Council for debate and discussion and approval
- Departmental grants are due Monday, Nov 3rd
 - Application is online, submit to the office (Ruth)
 - Participation at committees and council is necessary to receive your full disbursement
- Human Nutritional Science: What percentage of the budget line is the amount spent so far (\$80 000).
- Budgeted \$150 000 this year, because last year they went over. Not anticipating to spend that much, trying to streamline so that only students with no funding apply for the grants (e.g. if your advisor can't pay).

6.3. Bylaws and Policy Committee Report- VPI

- Upcoming meeting will look at restructuring executive policy manual with respect to Executive portfolios, roles and responsibilities and any ambiguities between various positions.

6.4. Events Committee Report- VPME

- Oct 15th, discussed Halloween social, which will be on Oct 30th: discussed food choices, entertainment and alcohol sales. Also discussed having a movie night with student movies, to support student independent documentaries and movies. Email BeiBei if you're interested submitting or volunteering.
- Trying some new things with our socials, we will have evaluations for feedback about these changes

6.5. Awards Committee Report- none

- VPA attending Convocation to give the UMGSA Teaching Award to recipient Martin Scanlan

6.6. Proposed Working Group- topics arising from GU15 and continuing fee proposals -

none

6.7. Campaigns Committee Report- VPE

- Shared ideas about drafting poster for sharing Referendum info. Posters are made and available now
- Campaign committee would like input for campaign ideas for this year. Please send ideas to Faizan at vpe@umgsa.org

7. 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
- Senate Report

8. Department Reports

- Human Nutritional Sciences: Oct 28th Halloween Social, everyone is welcome, BITC EI 150
- Biological Sciences: Oct 30th 8pm to late (at the HUB) "After Party" of the GSAs. Buy tickets at Answers (\$10), door prizes, prize for best costume

9. Other Business/Announcements

- Departmental Grant Applications Due November 3, 4pm to Ruth, Office Manager at gsa@umgsa.org
 - Download the form on our website: www.umgsa.org/our-services/departmental-grants/
 - No financial report is required for this
- Special Project Grants
 - No deadline, but need to get an application to Val before the monthly Finance meeting (email Val for those dates)
- U-Pass Referendum
 - Public Forum- October 23, 12-1pm Multi-purpose Room, University Centre
 - Request to share U-Pass voting and informational posters and put them up in your departments

- Online Voting- October 28-30, 2014
- UMGSA Halloween Social October 30 from 5-8pm
- The HSGSA is having their social this Friday, Oct 24th in 204 Brodie from 4:30-7:30pm.
- The University of Manitoba has partnered with The Scion Group LLC to conduct a STUDENT HOUSING MARKET AND DEMAND STUDY for the Fort Garry campus, and they want your opinion. Future development of housing on the Fort Garry campus will be influenced by this survey, so we encourage you to complete it and let students' opinions be heard.

The survey can be found at www.housing-survey.com/FortGarry and will take no more than 10 minutes to complete. The survey will be active from October 8 to 22, so don't delay.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council meeting be adjourned.

Chemistry (Joey Lussier)/ Native Studies (Joseph Dipple)

Carried.

Meeting ended at 5:36pm

Next Meeting is on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 5 pm in the UMGSA Lounge.

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Laura Rempel	Regrets
VP Internal	Valery Agbor	Present
VP Academic	Kristjan Mann	Regrets
VP External	Faizan Khan	Present
VP Marketing & Events	Beibei Lu	Present
VP Health Science	Melissa Rabb	Present
Exec-At-Large (Non-voting)	E. RoTimi Ojo	Present
Senator	Chido Uchime	Present
Senator	Diba Vafabakhsh	Regrets
Senator	Richard From	Regrets
Council Chairperson (Non-voting)	Timi Ojo	Present
Office Manager (Non-voting)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Clement Adomah	Absent

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Animal Science	Elnaz Azad (Co-Councilors) Gustavo Mejicanos	Both Absent
Biosystems Engineering	Missed four meetings	No Rep
Entomology	Andres Fabian Herrera	Present
Food Science	Xinyang (Sheyna) Sun	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Lena Hong Proxy: Ifeanyi Nwachukwu	Proxy
Plant Science	Cassandra Tkachuk Gagandip Sidhu (Co-councilors)	Both Present
Soil Science	Nicholson Jeke	Present
Architecture		
Architecture	David Anderson(Co-Council) Julia Evancio	Julia Present
City Planning	Evan Allan (Co-Councilors) Andrew Macauley	Both Present
Interior Design	Stephanie Prouse	Present
Landscape Architecture	Meaghan Pauls	Present
Arts		
Anthropology	Anu Lotay	Present
Economics	Dennis K. Nasfoah	Present
English, Film & Theatre	Karalyn Dokurno (Co-Councilors) Katelyn Dykstra Dykerman	Both Present
History	Nicole Courier	Present
Linguistics	Hai Tran	Present
Native Studies	Joseph Dipple	Present
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	Both Absent
Management		
Management – PhD and MSc	Ji Zhou Proxy: Tianni Wang	Proxy
Management – MBA	Amanda Gebhardt	Absent

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Education		
Education – PhD – Ad hoc	Mehdi Rahimian	Regrets
Engineering		
Civil Engineering	Sam Esfandianpour	Present
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Ahmad Byagowi (co-councilors) Dan Lockery	Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing Eng.	Masoud Nasiri Sarvi	Present
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Darcy McDougall	Present
Geological Sciences	Olivier Gagne	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Jody Daniel Proxy: Tosan Okorosobo	Proxy
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Navjot Pachu Scott Kehler	Both Present
Biomedical Engineering	Mario Solis Nepote	Present
Peace and Conflict Studies	Brett Mallon (Co-Councilors) Shorsh Palani	Brett Present
Human Ecology		
Family Social Sciences	Missed four meeting	No Rep
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Travis Hrubeniuk Ramesh Dutta	Ramesh Present
Nursing		
Nursing	Alexa Barrett	Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Michael Gaudry	Present
Chemistry	Joey Lussier	Present
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Sebastien Kerherve	Present
Statistics	Monsur Ahmed Chowdry	Absent
Social Work		

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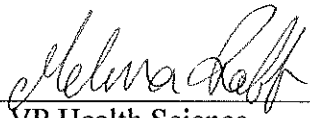
Social Work	Kaladhar Battepati	Regrets
<i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Christian Pierce	Absent
<i>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Ana Vialard Hart	Regrets
<i>FGS Rep (Non-Voting)</i>		
Dean or Designate	Jay Doering	Absent
<i>Student Life (Non-Voting)</i>		
Office of Student Life	Cora Dupuis	Present
<i>Guests</i>		



Jan 21/15

VP Internal

Date



VP Health Science

Jan 21/15

Date

