

**UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2015, 5pm UMGSA Lounge**

APPROVED
Feb 25/15

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Code of Conduct-** Reminder to all Council members to please abide by the code of conduct.
3. **Approval of the January 28, 2015 Agenda**
Friendly amendment by Laura Rempel: addition of 2 conference grants and recommendations from executive committee.

MOTION: BIRT the agenda for the January 28, 2015 UMGSA Council meeting be approved.

Andres Herrera (Entomology)/ Cassandra Tkachuk/Gagandip Sidhu (Plant Science)
Motion Carried.

3.1. Unanimous consent agenda

3.1.1. 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.

MOTION: BIRT all executive reports, Senate Reports are accepted omnibus. Amendment requested to exclude the IDRSC report from the omnibus agenda.

Gustavo Mejicanos (Animal Science)/ Hamid Reza Nasrinpour (Electrical and Computer Engineering)
Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1. MOTION: BIRT the minutes from the November 26, 2014 UMGSA Council Meeting be approved.

Karalyn Dokurno (English Film and Theatre)/Joey Lussier (Chemistry)
Motion Carried. 1 abstention (Animal Science)

4.2. MOTION: BIRT the minutes from the January 12, 2015 UMGSA Emergency Council Meeting be approved.

Melissa Rabb (VP Health Sciences)/ Brett Mallon (Peace and Conflict Studies)
Motion Carried.

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5. Conference Grant Presentations

VP Internal informed council that both applications have been vetted through the Finance committee and are recommended for approval. There is currently \$4,300 in the Special Project grant budget line.

5.1. City Planning

The department is hosting a City Planning Conference, theme: Imagination. The Conference will involve presentations, 3 keynote speakers, workshops, panels, and walking tours. City Planning and Geography graduate students are welcome to attend. Graduate students from across Canada will also be attending. UMGSA would be a session partner, and contributions would be recognized on associated material.

Moved and seconded by the Finance Committee:

MOTION: The UMGSA Council approve the Special Project request for \$500 for the City Planning student conference hosted by the University of Manitoba Association of Planning Students.

Motion Carried.

5.2. Plant Science

Hosting a Grad Student Symposium, students from Saskatchewan, North and South Dakota will be attending. Will include presentations, networking events, panel discussion, industry members, researchers, professors, and a banquet with Key Note Speaker. Inviting other grad student departments from U of M, including Soil Science and Geography. The symposium is currently funded from fundraising by Plant Sciences grad students, and agricultural industry.

Moved and seconded by the Finance Committee:

MOTION: The UMGSA Council approve the Special Project request for \$500 for the Plant Sciences graduate student symposium.

Motion Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1. Ratify Online Vote

The motion was brought to council based on concern about the involvement of the UMGSA when the Canadian Federation of Students is also in the anti-cuts campaign. Email was sent out with votes requested. It was proposed that UMGSA use \$1000 from the Campaign budget line for this campaign and made it clear that it will not be donated directly to the Anti-Cuts Campaign, but managed by UMGSA.

Moved and Seconded by the Executive Committee:

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council endorse the participation of UMGSA with the Anti-Cuts Campaign based on the spirit of the statement of intent. UMGSA will participate in anti-cuts activities on a case-by-case basis to be determined by the Executive and Campaigns Committees.

Results: 25 votes in favour of the motion, 2 opposed and 1 abstention.

Carried in online vote.

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Note: Record of the vote tally and which Council members participated was shared and confirmed in person at the Council meeting.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council ratify the above online vote.

Joey Lussier (Chemistry)/ Karalyn Dokurno (English Film & Theatre)

Motion Carried.

6.2. VP External Position Update

Context from the Chair: The Code of Conduct was emphasized in this agenda because meeting documents that were confidential were released to The Manitoban. Part of VPE's resignation letter were included in the article, taken out of context and not fact checked. The President wrote a Letter to the Editor to set the record straight. To avoid further breaches in confidentiality, we did not email council about the result of Council's request regarding VPE. As of January 16, 2015 the VPE has resigned, included the caveat that he would not sue the UMGSA, as council requested. His resignation has been accepted.

Executive committee rationale for the below motion includes the ability to provide continuity of the work from within the team and ability to start right away or continue to share the work load. With less than three months remaining of the elected term it would take more time to bring someone from the outside up to speed.

MOTION: BIRT the Executive recommend to Council that the responsibilities of the VPE be shared among current executives.

Joe Dipple (Native Studies)/ Brett Mallon (Peace and Conflict Studies)

Motion Carried. 1 opposed (Animal Science)

Discussion

Questions and comments included what would have happened if VPE had not resigned, what the standard procedure is for resignations, and processes for conciliation. It was recommended by a Council member that conditions and guidelines for resignation are further discussed by the Bylaws Committee and developed to define a resignation process to be included in the executive policy manual.

If council decides to distribute roles among current executives then a list of VPE jobs/roles will be sent to the Executive team to define responsibilities, and this will be sent to the IDRSC.

Recommendation from the Executive Committee:

MOTION: BIFRT executive members who take on VPE responsibilities will share the VPE honorarium.

Discussion

A concern was raised regarding the need to share the honorarium for VPE tasks picked up by executives. Precedent includes sharing honorariums based on additional work conducted but other options can be explored. A Council member identified that the shared proportion of work and proportion of honorarium to distribute is a challenge. Suggestion that the position be filled based on bylaws, with a by-election.

AMENDMENT: Motion to approve the amendment “based on proportion of work invested in the positions, as approved by council”

Joe Dipple (Native Studies)/ Brett Mallon (Peace and Conflict Studies)

Amendment Carried.

MOTION: BIFRT executives members who take on VPE responsibilities will share the VPE honorarium based on the proportion of work invested in the positions, as approved by council.

Joe Dipple (Native Studies)/ Brett Mallon (Peace and Conflict Studies)

Motion Carried.

Abstentions: VP Internal, VP Health Sciences

The Executive will keep track of hours and report back to Council each month for consideration of proportion of work and how to allocate the \$775.00 honorarium.

6.3. University Budget Cuts Updates

6.3.1. Anti-Cuts Rally Jan 27, 2015

The rally outside of the Board of Governors meeting was a success with between 200-300 supporters participating and a good media presence. More outreach to graduate students will be needed for future events. To further define concerns, UMGSA submitted a written report to the BOG meeting to include it on the agenda that initiated a short discussion on the topic. A background document on the Anti-Cuts Campaign has been written and will be going out to grad students shortly.

7. Motion from Bylaws Committee

Whereas the Chief Returning Officer receives \$500 for a Referendum and \$1000 for a general election for a possible total of \$1500/year.

Whereas the Internal Development and Review Sub-Committee (IDRSC) Chair files a minimum of two reports throughout the year.

MOTION: BIRT the IDRSC Chair receive an honorarium of \$500/term, plus an additional \$500 for reports approved by council.

VP Internal provided the context that due to the comparable work load and responsibility, and that the chairs of the Elections and IDRSC committees are the only two not Chaired by the Executive team, members of the Bylaws committee made this recommendation. The

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committee's play a supportive role but the Chair is largely responsible for compiling the final reports.

AMENDMENT: BIRT that the IDRC make \$500 per report.

Joëy Lussier (Chemistry)/Brent Mallon (Peace and Conflict Studies)

Friendly amendment:

Kristjan Mann (VP Academic) **"\$500 per term plus an additional \$500 for reports approved by council"**

Friendly amendment

Karalyn Dokurno (English Film and Theatre)/ Joe Dipple (Native Studies) **"\$500 to be paid out in January and April, plus an additional \$500 per reports approved by council"**

Amendment Carried.

MOTION: BIRT the IDRSC Chair receive an honorarium of \$500/term, to be paid out in January and April, plus an additional \$500 per reports approved by Council.

Motion Carried.

Note: As the Bylaws only stipulate Executive honorariums, the Council Chair determined that the IDRSC Chair honorarium could take effect from this point forward.

8. Verbal Committee Reports

8.1. Executive Committee Report

Universal Bus Pass Update: estimate City Council will discuss including graduate students in their original motion in March 2015. The President is working with UMSU to request to BOG to approve the collection of the mandatory fee pending recognition from the City of Winnipeg.

8.2. Finance Committee Report

Approximately \$103,000 in conference grant have been distributed. Special grants distributed equals \$1,050, not including today's proposals. Investment meeting will meet shortly.

8.3. Bylaws and Policy Committee Report

Working on executive policy manual to clearly delineate roles.

8.4. Events Committee Report

A Speed Networking Social will be held on February 5, 2015 5:30pm. The Events committee is meeting to talk about a proposed GSA ski trip.

8.5. Campaigns Committee Report- none.

8.6. Elections Committee Report

8.6.1. UMGSA General Election Dates

February 2 - 13: Nominations

February 13: All Candidates Meeting

February 14 - March 1: Planning

March 2 - 13: Campaigning

March 10, 12pm: All Candidates Forum

March 16-18: Voting

8.7. Internal Development and Review Sub-Committee Report

Discussion of the IDRSC report included a question on how the committee came to their conclusions based on data gathering methods. A recommendation was made to increase the confidentiality of the process. It was reiterated that the recommendations from the report were the result of the bi-annual job performance evaluation, not the interpersonal conflicts. It is the requirement of the bylaws for the committee to share the results with Council. Recommendations about additions/changes to the Bylaws related to this process were provided to the Bylaws Committee Chair. Overall, Executives are doing very well, however, opportunities for improvement were identified for each. Thanks to all the members of the IDRSC for their work.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA council approve the IDRSC Report.

Motion Carried.

VP Internal and Hamid Nasrinpour (Electrical & Computer Engineering) abstain.

9. Verbal Senate Report

- Senate Report November
- Senate Report December
- Senate Report January

10. Executive Reports

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

11. Department Reports - None.

12. Other Business/Announcements

12.1. All members are invited to our Annual General Meeting, 5pm January 29, 2015.

13. Adjournment

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council meeting be adjourned at 7:06pm.

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

Next Meeting is on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 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	Position Not Filled	Resigned Jan 16/15
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	Present
Senator	Richard From	Present
Council Chairperson (Non-voting)	E. RoTimi Ojo	Present
Office Manager (Non-voting)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Clement Adomah	Present LE 6:30
Animal Science	Elnaz Azad (Co-Councilors) Gustavo Mejicanos	Elnaz LE 5:58 Present
Biosystems Engineering	Missed four meetings	No Rep
Entomology	Andres Fabian Herrera	Present
Food Science	Xinyang (Sheyna) Sun	Present LE6:22
Human Nutritional Sciences	Lena Hong	Present LE 6:30
Plant Science	Cassandra Tkachuk Gagandip Sidhu (Co-councilors)	Cassandra LE 6:20 Gagandip LE 6:50
Soil Science	Nicholson Jeke	Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
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 LE 6:30
<i>Arts</i>		
Anthropology	Anu Lotay	Absent
Economics	Dennis K. Nasfoah	Absent

English, Film & Theatre	Karalyn Dokurno (Co-Councilors) Katelyn Dykstra Dykerman	Karalyn Present
History	Nicole Courier Proxy: Danna Slessor-Cobb	Present LE 6:30
Linguistics	Hai Tran	Absent
Native Studies	Joseph Dipple	Present
Political Studies & Public Admin	Missed three meetings	No Rep
Psychology Proxy: Matthew Quesnel	Yunqiao Wang (Co-Council) Hayley Chartrand	Proxy Present LE 6:30
Sociology Proxy: Joseph Y Asomah	Craig Adolphe (Co-Council) Matthew Sanscartier	Proxy Present
Management		
Management – PhD and MSc	Ji Zhou	Absent
Management – MBA	Amanda Gebhardt Proxy: Mike DeLuca	Proxy Present LE5:55
Education		
Education – PhD – Ad hoc	Mehdi Rahimian	Regrets
Engineering		
Civil Engineering	Sam Esfandianpour	Present LE 6:30
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Ahmad Byagowi (co-councilors) Hamid Reza Nasrinpour	Hamid Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing Eng.	Masoud Nasiri Sarvi	Present LE 6:30
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Darcy McDougall	Present
Geological Sciences	Olivier Gagne	Absent
Natural Resources Institute	Jody Daniel Proxy: Aibek Samakov	Proxy Present AL5:57 and LE6:15
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Navjot Pachu Scott Kehler	Scott Present LE 6:30
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

<i>Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.</i>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Travis Hrubeniuk Ramesh Dutta	Absent
<i>Nursing</i>		
Nursing	Alexa Barrett	Absent
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Michael Gaudry	Present LE 6:30
Chemistry	Joey Lussier	Present
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	Absent
Physics & Astronomy	Mohammad Hussein	Absent
Statistics	Missed Four Meetings	No Rep
<i>Social Work</i>		
Social Work	Kaladhar Battepati	Absent
<i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Christian Pierce	Absent
<i>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Jen Black	Present LE 6:20
<i>FGS Rep (Non-Voting)</i>		
Dean or Designate	Jay Doering	Absent
<i>Student Life (Non-Voting)</i>		
Office of Student Life	Cora Dupuis	Regrets
<i>Guests</i>		
Krista Rogness City Planning	Special Project Presentation	Present until 5:30pm

Laura Rempel

President

March 3/15

Date

Melura Poth

Vice President Health Sciences

March 18/15

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