

Council Meeting Minutes
August 28th, 2013, 5:00pm

1. Call to order.

Meeting called to order at 5:07pm.

2. Introductions.

New councilors introduced themselves.

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3. Approval of the agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the agenda for the August 28, 2013 Council meeting be approved.

Ryan Coulling/Hamaidreza Khazanehei

Add 'Presentation from Callan Davy from Student Care under Item 7. ' Health and Dental'
Change 'Campaigns Committee Report' to 'Events Committee Report' in Item 11.5

Carried

4. Approval of the minutes from May 29th, 2013 UMGSA Council Meeting.

MOTION: BIRT the minutes from the May 29, 2013 UMGSA Council Meeting be approved.

Carried

5. Unanimous consent agenda.

5.1. 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 be accepted omnibus.

Yunqiao Wang/ William Grey

Carried

6. Committee Membership (please see Appendix A)

6.1. Motion from the Executive Committee:

Whereas a minimum number of graduate students must be present for quorum.

MOTION: BIRT the Council ratifies the updated list of Internal Committee members.

Crystal Cook/Sarah Gauntlett

Carried

7. Health and Dental

7.1. New Health and Dental Insurance Provider: Student Care Networks

- Final fee 2013/14: \$246.75, \$10 less than 2012/13 school year.

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- Coverage starts September 1st, 2013
- September 18th, 2013: VW deadline, and the deadline to opt-out of the Health and Dental Plan without penalties
- September 30th, 2013: 2nd opt-out deadline, after this date no refunds will be issued
- Family and couple enrolments are dealt with on a case-by-case basis by Student Care Networks.
- Student health plans cover different things than employee plans (ex. travel coverage)
- Student plans on average are less expensive than employee or individual plans
- All full time graduate students are eligible for coverage
- Late registering graduate students are eligible, as are spouses and dependent children of graduate students
- Other services (aside from eye glass/contact lens coverage, travel coverage, and claim submissions) will be the same as the plan that was in place last year. Travel coverage has increased, and the coverage for prescription glasses has increased by \$100.
- Health-Care network benefits will give you a discount at the cash register at over 2000 providers nationwide. This discount is in addition to the percent covered by the insurance plan.
- All claims and opt-outs will be completed online
- Opt-out is available for students who have other coverage. They must opt-out annually with proof of alternate coverage. Students can opt out of some, or all portions of their coverage.
- Contact Information: ihaveaplan.ca
1-888-795-4435

8. Council Retreat

- 8.1. A council retreat provides an environment to orient council members to the GSA structure, Budget, Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order, as well as other aspects related to GSA. Food and a social component will be included. There is \$2500.00 in the budget for a Council Retreat. The Executive Committee is planning for the retreat to occur on September 29th or October 6th. **If Councilors have any ideas for the council retreat or to RSVP, please e-mail Emeka Okeke at senator3@umgsa.org ASAP.**
- 8.2. Please answer the Doodle poll as soon as possible. Attendance at the retreat counts towards your attendance for your Department Grant.

9. Orientation

- 9.1. The Bannatyne Campus Orientation is a 3-day orientation run by UMSU where workshops and food will be provided. The HSGSA provides support financially and physically with an HSGSA booth for this orientation. In addition, a separate orientation specifically geared towards HSGSA students will be occur all day September 6th.
- 9.2. Tthe UMGSA orientation will take place at the Fort Garry Campus from September 9th to 13th. In addition to educating students on the services available to them, as well as other necessary information to support students in their academic futures at the UofM,

students attending the orientation will be provided with VIP passes to the lunch program, entertainment, prizes, and social events.

- 9.3. Posters and brochures are available to take back to department offices. The GSA executive is requesting all councilors promote orientation to students in their department, as this event is open to all graduate students.

10. Department Elections/ Nominations for new Council Members.

- 10.1. Please make sure you update Ruth (gsa@umgsa.org) with any changes to your department's councilor names and e-mails.
- 10.2. Please inform incoming GSA department representatives that council meeting dates will continue to be the 4th Wednesday of every month, except for December when there will not be a meeting.

11. Verbal Committee Reports:

11.1. Executive Committee Report

- The Committee is still working on the CFS relationship and is working on getting an external consultant
- The Executive members are getting together an Executive Guideline Manual that will allow future executives to be proactive about planning
- Orientation 2014 is being planned with FGS and the University.

11.2. Finance Committee Report

- The Finance Committee made changes to the Conference Grant application procedure. The changes were accepted by the Executive Committee and the new application form has been posted online. The new instructions are clearer. The hope is that the new application procedure will decrease the percentage of incomplete Conference Grant applications. All applications must be filled out online, handwritten applications will no longer be accepted.

11.3. Awards Committee Report

- The Awards Committee met in May and again in early July. There were 1 Phd, 2 Masters, 2 part-time and 1 teaching award recipients chosen by the committee.
- The Awards Luncheon was held on Tuesday, August 27.

11.4. Bylaws Committee Report

- The Bylaws Committee has not met over the summer. There is a lot of feedback from last year's executive, so there is a lot of upcoming work for the committee.

11.5. Events Committee Report

- The Events Committee has been busy through the summer planning Orientation.

12. Executive Members' Reports

- 12.1. President
- 12.2. Vice President Internal
- 12.3. Vice President Academic
- 12.4. Vice President External
- 12.5. Vice President Health Sciences
- 12.6. Senator Ekenna
- 12.7. Senator Mejicanos
- 12.8. Senator Okeke

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12.9. Executive-at-Large

13. Senate Reports (May & June)

14. Department Reports

- Social Work is having a barbeque in Kildonan Park tomorrow at 5:00pm.

15. Other Business

- If anyone has any suggestions for the UMGSA, please contact Monika at pres@umgsa.org

16. Announcements

- Congratulations to the UMGSA Awards Recipients.
- Next Meeting is Wednesday, September 25th, 2013 at 5 pm in the GSA Lounge.
- Social Dates
 - Softball/Orientation Social – September 13 (in the Lounge)
 - Halloween Social – October 31 (in the Lounge)
 - End of the year social – May 2 (in the Hub)

17. Adjournment

MOTION: BIRT the August 28, 2013 UMGSA Council Meeting be adjourned.

Ryan Coulling/Pouria Jabari Barjesteh

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Monika Wetzel	present
VP Internal	Farhoud Delijani	present
VP Academic	Mehdi Rahimian	present
VP External	Crystal Cook	present
VP Health Sciences	Melissa Rabb	Present – arrived at 5:45
Senator1	Calistus Ekenna	present
Senator2	Gustavo Mejicanos	present
Senator3	Emeka Okeke	present
Exec-At-Large (non-voting)	Jennifer Chen	present
Office Manager (Non-voting)	Ruth Prokesch	present
Office Assistant (Non-voting)	Trish Kelley	present
<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Awudu Lukeman	present

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Animal Science	Hamidreza Khazanehei	present
Biosystems Engineering	Behzad Bashiri	Present
Entomology	Andres Fabian Herrera	present
Food Science	Yuming Chen	present
Plant Science	Chami Amarasinghe	absent
Soil Science	Taiwo Akinseyin	Present – arrived at 6:00
Architecture		
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City Planning	Lise Gibbons	absent
Interior Design	William Gray	present
Landscape Architecture	Britney Bell	present
Arts		
Anthropology	Jeremy Beller	present
Classics		
Economics	Prosper Koto	absent
English, Film & Theatre	Kendra Magnus-Johnston Karalyn Dakurne	Present present
French, Spanish & Italian		
German		
History	Sarah Gauntlett	present
Icelandic Studies		
Linguistics	Anna Parenteau	present
Native Studies	Ryan Duplassie	absent
Philosophy		
Political Studies and Public Administration	Alexander Salt	absent
Psychology	Yunqiao Wang Hayley Chartrand (co- councilors)	Present
Religious Studies		
School of Art		
Sociology	Ryan Coulling	Present
Canadian Studies St. Boniface		
Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice		

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Peace and Conflict Studies		
Management		
Management 1 (MBA)		
Management 2	Paul Dueck Ji Zhou (Co-councilors)	absent
Education		
Curr: Hum. & Soc. Sc.		
Curr: Math & Nat Sc		
Curr: Teaching & Learning		
Educ. Admin & Foundations		
Educational Psychology		
Educ. Adm. Fnd. & Psy		
Faculty based PhD		
Educ. St. Boniface		
Engineering		
Civil	Pouria Jabari Barjesteh	Present
Electrical & Computer	Ahmed Byagow (co-councillors) Dan Lockery	Present – arrived at 5:35 present
Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering	Sobhan Sadri	present
Environment		
Geography & Environment	Heather Stark	absent
Geological Sciences	Kerry Bates Proxy: Halya Petzold	Regrets present
Nat Resources Institute	Jessica Lockhart	regrets
Disability Studies		
Food & Nutritional Sciences		
Interdisciplinary		
Human Ecology		
Clothing & Textiles		
Family Social Sciences	Proxy: Melina Elliot	regrets
Human Nutritional Sciences	Shyamchand Mayengbam	regrets
Law		

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<i>Music</i>		
Music		
<i>Nursing</i>		
Nursing		
<i>Phys Ed & Rec Studies</i>		
Recreation Management & Kinesiology	Soyun Chapman	present
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Shuo Huang	present
Chemistry	Joey Lussier Proxy: Edward Bodnar	present Regrets
Computer Science		
Mathematics		
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Kurt Hildebrand (Co-councilors) Sebastien Kerherve	Present
Statistics	Monsur Ahmed Chowdry	Present
<i>Social Work</i>		
Social Work	Nabieu Musasesay	present
<i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate		
<i>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Shannon Price	absent
<i>FGS Rep (Non-Voting)</i>		
Dean or Designate	Jay Doering	absent
<i>Student Life (Non-Voting)</i>		
	David Grad	absent

Minutes prepared by Trish Kelley

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M. L. W. Z.

President

2013/10/04

Date

J. Long

Assistant

2013/10/02

Date

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