

Council Meeting Minutes
October 23rd, 2013, 5:00pm
GSA Lounge

APPROVED
27/11/2013

1. Call to order.

Meeting called to order at: 5:01pm

2. Approval of the agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the October 23, 2013 Council Meeting agenda be approved.

Sebastien Kerherve/Crystal Cook

Carried

3. Approval of the minutes from September 25th, 2013 GSA Council Meeting.

MOTION: BIRT the minutes from the September 25, 2013 UMGSA Council Meeting be approved.

Kendra Magnus-Johnson/Halya Petzold

Carried

4. Presentations:

4.1. Childcare Report by Brandy Usick & Susan Prentice.

- This group was put together because the GSA raised the issue of childcare on campus last year.
- There is little statistical data available to determine the need for childcare on campus.
- The ratio of post-secondary students who are parents of children 0-12 was applied to the number of students on campus, as well as the number of faculty and staff who are parents to children aged 0-6.
 - There are at least 3000 students on campus with children
 - Among Faculty at least 348 employees have children
 - 1101 staff have children
- There are only 128 childcare spaces on campus (Fort Garry and Selkirk locations)
- The committee looked at the Strategic Planning Framework to determine where childcare would fit in. It fits under the sections:
 - Student Experience
 - Indigenous Achievement
 - Outstanding employer
- Short term recommendations: collect and analyze data staff students, enhance the current facilities, capitalize on current planning.
- Long term recommendations: integrate family services into all student housing, include childcare into future and capital building plans, review U15 policies for best practices

- The presenters recommended to council that the UMGSA write a letter to legislature regarding childcare on campus, to try to get graduate student voices heard in consultations with the province

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council recess for 15 minutes for pizza.

Kendra Magnus-Johnson/Sobhan Sadri

Carried

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council move back into session.

Krista Rogness/Jill Norminton

Carried

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA President, Monika Wetzel draft a letter to the province regarding the need for childcare on campus, to be circulated among the council for feedback prior to being sent to the provincial government.

Kendra Magnus-Johnson/Halya Petzold

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.

Daniel Levin/Mohammad Abdullah

MOTION: BIRT Senator Ekenna's report be removed and amended to reflect the actual number of hours spent in meetings.

Crystal Cook/Nicholson Jeke

Carried

MOTION: BIRT Senator Mejicano's report be removed from the unanimous consent agenda.

Halya Petzold/Daniel Levin

Carried

MOTION: BIRT all other executive reports be accepted omnibus.

Carried

6. Closed Session

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council meeting move into closed session.

Farhoud Delijani/Joey Lussier

Carried

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council meeting move into open session.

Farhoud Delijani/Sebastien Kerherve

Carried

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approve the service agreement put forward by Kokobi to provide a framework for the development of a report regarding the UMGSA's relationship with the CFS, a timeline of the UMGSA's membership and political involvement in the CFS as well as a financial analysis of potential issues regarding outstanding fees to the CFS.

Farhoud Delijani/Melissa Rabb

Carried

7. Holiday Hampers

7.1. Please inform students that registration for the UMGSA Holiday Hamper Program is now open. to fill out the online form available at www.umgsa.org in the "Services" section. Forms can be printed, signed and submitted in person by 4pm on Friday, November 15th, 2013 to the GSA Office (221 University Centre). If you want to donate or have any questions, you may contact Mehdi Rahimian at vpa@umgsa.org or drop off your donations at the GSA office.

8. Department Grants

8.1. Reminder to all councilors that Departmental Grant applications are due November 1st.

9. Verbal Committee Reports:

9.1. Executive Committee Report

- The FGS is offering workshops on the new academic guidelines at both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses. There is a grace period if you want to go with the old rules for thesis submission, though if you want to use the old rules, there is no provision for a dissenting voice on the committee. FGS is dealing with student's situations on a case-by-case basis.
- FGS is trying to offer more online courses, but it's not something that will be offered soon
- FGS offered a round table 'off the record' meeting between students and the dean. The GSA could host, students would be invited and be able to voice their concerns and ask questions about the new regulations.
- FGS will be providing a new tab on jump to electronically access and submit forms (including thesis submissions).
Thesis toolkit will be integrated into our website,

9.2. Finance Committee Report

- There are still a lot of applications coming in, the committee is still dealing with incomplete applications. Two special project grants were approved. They were both less than \$250 so they were not brought to council.

9.3. Awards Committee Report

- Mehdi sent his regrets.

9.4. Bylaws Committee Report

- The first Bylaws Committee meeting has occurred. It has been 3 years since the Bylaws were separated into two documents, the Constitution and Bylaws. There are still some bugs in the Policies and Bylaws manuals that need to be corrected. If you have any feedback about the policies and bylaws, please email Farhoud at vpi@umgsa.org to make amendments.

9.5. Campaigns Committee Report

- The Campaigns Committee met for the first time last week. Crystal gave an overview on daycare, housing, and the uPass. The uPass has been tabled for now. The campaigns committee developed two action items; awareness of GSA and how to recruit grad students.

9.6. Events Committee Report

- The next Events Committee meeting will likely be called next year, though it may be called earlier as the UMGSA may start the planning for Orientation 2014 earlier this year.

9.7. Internal Development and Review Committee Report

- IDRC met on October 18 and developed the subcommittee. Karolyn Dokurno is the subcommittee chair. They are currently reviewing documents, and will continue receiving documents until the end of October. Their next meeting is November 22.

10. Executive Members' Reports:

- 10.1. President
- 10.2. Vice President Internal
- 10.3. Vice President Academic
- 10.4. Vice President External
- 10.5. Vice President Health Sciences
- 10.6. Vice President Marketing and Events
- 10.7. Senator Ekenna
- 10.8. Senator Mejicanos

MOTION: BIRT Senator Mejicanos report be approved.

Halya Petzold/ Jessica Lockhart

Carried

- 10.9. Senator Okeke
- 10.10. Executive-at-Large

11. Senate Report

12. Department Reports

- None

13. Other Business

- None

14. Announcements

- 14.1. Next Meeting is Wednesday, November 27th, 2013 at 5 pm in the GSA Lounge.
- 14.2. Thank you to all Councilors who attended the Council Retreat!!
- 14.3. Halloween Social October 31st in the GSA Lounge from 5pm to 9pm. Please remind everyone to wear costumes and bring Government Issued Photo ID. The HSGSA social is this Friday from 5-9pm. All graduate students are welcome to attend.
- 14.4. Alumni awards nomination forms are up. The deadline is early December.
- 14.5. The VPME position is still vacant. We will be appointing someone at the next council meeting.
- 14.6. Thank you for coming today. This is the highest attendance we've ever had at a meeting.

15. Adjournment

MOTION: BIRT the GSA Council meeting be adjourned.
Joey Lussier/Jaymie Borchardt
Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm


	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Monika Wetzel	present
VP Internal	Farhoud Delijani	present
VP Academic	Mehdi Rahimian	Regrets - class
VP External	Crystal Cook	present
VP Health Sciences	Melissa Rabb	present
Senator 1	Calistus Ekenna	Regrets
Senator 2	Gustavo Mejicanos	present
Senator 3	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
Animal Science	Kristine Blair Atta Kofi Ayekum Roseline Kahindi	present Regrets Regrets
Biosystems Engineering	Charles Nwaizu	present
Entomology	Andres Fabian Herrera	present
Food Science	Yuming Chen	present
Plant Science	Chami Amarasinghe	present
Soil Science	Taiwo Akinseloyin Nicholson Jeke	present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Gordon Yiu	Absent (waiting for paperwork)
City Planning	Krista Rogness	present
Interior Design	Jaymie Borchardt	present
Landscape Architecture	Britney Bell	present
<i>Arts</i>		
Anthropology	Jeremy Beller	present

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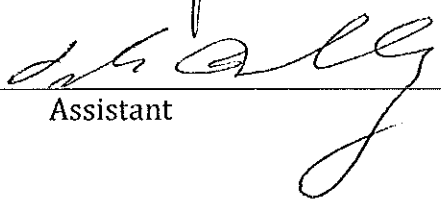
Economics	Musah Khalid Urmee Dasgupta	present
English, Film & Theatre	Kendra Magnus-Johnston Karalyn Dakurne	Present present
History	Nicole Courier Danielle Dubois	Present
Linguistics	Anna Parenteau Kathleen Strader	regrets
Native Studies	Joseph Dipple	present
Philosophy		
Political Studies and Public Administration	Alexander Salt	absent
Psychology	Yunqiao Wang Hayley Chartrand (co- councilors)	Present
Sociology	Daniel Levin Matthew Sanscartier	Present
<i>Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice</i>		
Peace and Conflict Studies		
<i>Management</i>		
Management 1 (MBA)		
Management 2	Paul Dueck Ji Zhou (Co-councilors)	present
<i>Education</i>		
Curr: Hum. & Soc. Sc.		
Curr: Math & Nat Sc		
Curr: Teaching & Learning		
Educ. Admin & Foundations		
Educational Psychology		
Educ. Adm. Fnd. & Psy	Barbara Borgs	present
Faculty based PhD		
Educ. St. Boniface		
<i>Engineering</i>		
Civil	Pouria Jabari Barjesteh	Present – left at 5:50pm
Electrical & Computer	Ahmed Byagowi (co- councillors) Dan Lockery	present
Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering	Sobhan Sadri Ebenezzer Ekow Essel (proxy)	present Regrets

<i>Environment</i>		
Geography & Environment	Heather Stark	present
Geological Sciences	Halya Petzold	present
Nat Resources Institute	Jessica Lockhart	present
<i>Graduate Studies</i>		
Applied Health Sciences	Navjot Pachu Scott Kehler	Present present
<i>Human Ecology</i>		
Clothing & Textiles		
Family Social Sciences	Melina Elliot	absent
Human Nutritional Sciences	Mohammad Abdullah	present
<i>Law</i>		
Law		
<i>Music</i>		
Music		
<i>Nursing</i>		
Nursing	Jill Norminton	present
<i>Phys Ed & Rec Studies</i>		
Recreation Management & Kinesiology	Soyun Chapman	Present – left at 6:17pm
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Shuo Huang	present
Chemistry	Joey Lussier	present
Computer Science		
Mathematics		
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Sebastien Kerherve	Present
Statistics	Monsur Ahmed Chowdry	Present – left at 5:45pm
<i>Social Work</i>		
Social Work	Nabieu Musa Sesay	absent
<i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i>		

President or Designate	Christian Pierce	present
<i>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate		
<i>FGS Rep (Non-Voting)</i>		
Dean or Designate	Jay Doering	absent
<i>Student Life (Non-Voting)</i>		
	Brendan Hughes	present


29/11/2013

President Date


28/11/2013

Assistant Date