

Council Meeting Minutes
November 27th, 2013, 5:00pm
GSA Lounge

APPROVED
22/01/2014

1. Call to order.

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

2. Approval of the agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the Agenda for the November 27, 2013 UMGSA Council Meeting be approved.

Crystal Cook/Kathleen Strader

- Gary Glavin (Associate Vice-President Research) sent regrets; E. RoTimi Ojo is presenting on the Academic Integrity Ambassador Program in his place.
- The Executive-at-Large report will be submitted at the next Council meeting

Carried

3. Approval of the minutes from October 23rd, 2013 GSA Council Meeting.

MOTION: BIRT the minutes from the October 23, 2013 GSA Council Meeting be approved.

Sebastien Kerhervel/Halya Petzold

Carried

4. Unanimous consent agenda.

- 4.1. 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.

Halya Petzold/Danielle Dubois

AMENDMENT: BIRT the Exec-at-Large report be removed from the unanimous consent agenda as it was not included in the Council documents. It will be included in the documents for the January Council meeting.

Kathleen Strader/Julie Hyde

Carried

MOTION: BIRT all Executive reports be approved omnibus, with the exception of the Exec-at-Large report, which will be included in the January Council documents.

Carried

5. Presentations:

- 5.1. Academic Integrity Ambassador Program: E. RoTimi Ojo

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- When students have academic integrity issues, they typically plead ignorance. Ignorance is not an excuse at the graduate level.
- The Academic Ambassadors report to Student Advocacy, but work student-to-student giving presentations on Academic Integrity.
- They want to meet with grad students in each department and discuss academic integrity; and are asking to have access to councilors emails to set up a meeting to have a conversation with students in the department about academic integrity.

5.2. Meeting CUPE 3909 Unit 1 (President, Ana Vialard Hart).

- CUPE 3909 is the union that represents student academic workers and sessional instructors.
- The union tries to resolve labour-related disputes. They are working most on trying to ensure that people are paid for all of the hours that they work.
- In August 2014, the current CUPE Collective Agreement with the University will expire.
- CUPE is currently collecting data for renegotiating, and will be sending out surveys in February to everyone for whom they have email addresses to get feedback about improvements members would like to see in the Collective Agreement.
- In spring, they will be looking for volunteers to sit on the Bargaining Committee.

6. **Holiday Hampers**

- The GSA has received approximately 70 applications for holiday hampers.
- If you are interested in donating food or money please drop it off at the UMGSA office.

7. **Election for Vice President of Marketing and Events Position.**

7.1. Presentations by VPME candidates.

- Mike Cardillo gave a presentation on his interest in election to the position of Vice President of Marketing and Events

Whereas the VPME position was not filled in the 2013/14 GSA elections.

Whereas the Elections Policy and Procedure Manual stipulates that "any position vacated on or after October 1st shall be filled for the remainder of the year through appointment [by Council]"

7.2. **MOTION: BIRT that the GSA Council vote by secret ballots to appoint a councilor that has been nominated to the VPME position.**

7.3. **MOTION: BIRT the ballots and tally sheet be destroyed.**

7.4. **MOTION: BIRT Motions 7.2 and 7.3 be struck from the agenda.**

Halya Petzold/Daniel Levin

Carried

7.5. **MOTION: BIRT that the GSA Council vote to approve the appointment of Mike Cardillo to the VPME position.**

Farhoud Delijani/Nicholson Jake

Carried

8. **UMGSA 2014/15 Elections:**

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Whereas Article IV, Section 1 of the Elections Policy and Procedure Manual stipulates that the election process shall open beginning of February and no later than prior to the March Council Meeting.

Whereas Article IV, Section 2 of the Elections Policy and Procedure Manual stipulates that the official election schedule shall be published by the election committee and the CRO prior to the GSA council meeting in December.

Whereas there is not council meeting scheduled for December.

- 8.1. **MOTION: BIRT the 2014 UMGSA annual election nomination period begins at 9:00CST on February 3rd, 2014 and ends at 16:30CST on February 14th, 2014.**

Daniel Levin/Jeremy Beller

Carried

- 8.2. **MOTION: BIRT the 2014 UMGSA annual election campaign period begins at 9:00CST on February 24th, 2014 and ends at 16:30CST on March 7th, 2014.**

Sebastien Kerherve/Vikram Banthia

Carried

- 8.3. **MOTION: BIRT the 2014 UMGSA annual election voting period begins at 9:00CST on March 10th, 2014 and ends at 20:00CST on March 12th, 2014.**

Crystal Cook/Kathleen Strader

Carried

9. Child Care Update

- The letter to provincial government requesting the establishment of a Commission of Integrated Early Childcare in Manitoba has been circulated. The mandate requested for the Commission is that they develop a multiyear plan for early learning and childcare in Manitoba.
- Calistus has been collecting signatures for the letter.
- Daycare is officially part of the Bannatyne Campus' Master Plan
- The University of Manitoba Mental Health Advisory Committee also saw childcare as an important issue.

10. Verbal Committee Reports:

10.1. Executive Committee Report

- Jennifer reported on Orientation costs. This year's GSA Orientation cost approximately \$7800, from a budget of \$10,000. Compared to last year, money was saved on food and snack costs, gift cards, posters and brochures, and the contribution to the HSGSA. Total amounts are listed in the Exec-at-Large Executive Report that will be included in the January Council document package.
- Monika:
 - Monika was sent to CAGS by FGS. The UMGSA is doing well compared to other student organizations. One of the biggest issues at universities is student apathy; we have had active participation. All of the other schools in attendance at CAGS wanted to see the University of Manitoba's Student Advisor guidelines, as there are issues surrounding the student-advisor relationship at all universities. As the information booth sessions were less well attended than other Orientation events, some ideas generated at CAGS were to have speed-dating style information booths next year.

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- Yesterday the GSA sold five Lenovo computers. We will be beginning the new contract with UofM-IST in January.
- The October social went well.
- The Student Learning First IT project was advertised in the last newsletter. The IT office at the University is trying to get proposals from students and staff to develop new IT projects that fill the needs of people on campus. One new project that was implemented was the new email service. The awards database is another example of an IT project that was started. There is an awards database for undergraduate students going forward. The database would contain only 5% of the awards for grads; the database is only for internal awards and most for grad students are external awards. Another project is having an equipped audio-visual room so people can have their external committee member attend their defense without having to fly them in or rely on Skype.
- The Kokobi contract is going forward.

10.2. Finance and Bylaws Committee Report

- The Bylaws Committee will be discussing the issue of students paying to go to a conference but getting their visa denied after having already paid registration and travel costs.

10.3. Awards Committee Report

- Mehdi sent regrets, but he will be having an Awards Committee meeting in December.

10.4. Campaigns Committee Report

- The Campaigns Committee meets on the second Thursday of every month. One campaign they are working on is to find out recruitment and retention for graduate students. Each department has a different strategy.
- The campaign is to provide awareness and membership of the GSA and graduate student programs. Each committee member is approaching departments and asking about graduate programs, if their information is up to date, and where the information can be found. This will all be added to a page on the UMGSA website.
- Another campaign is to use the committee to inform the SEM Committee.

10.5. Internal Development and Review Committee Report

- The IDRC Subcommittee met on Nov 22 to go over their reports. They will be giving the review to the Executive Committee in December. The report will be part of the January council document package.

11. Executive Members' Reports:

- 11.1. President
- 11.2. Vice President Internal
- 11.3. Vice President Academic
- 11.4. Vice President External
- 11.5. Vice President Health Sciences
- 11.6. Senator Ekenna (October and November reports)
- 11.7. Senator Mejicanos
- 11.8. Senator Okeke

12. Senate Report

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13. Department Reports

- Linguistics runs a colloquium series and want to know if there is a way, as students, that they could post their upcoming events online. Is there a way to have an online bulletin board to post events to?
 - The GSA doesn't currently have an online bulletin board, but would be able to send out announcements of department events through the UMGSA newsletter.

14. Other Business

- 14.1. Selecting AGM date: January 22nd, 2014 or January 29th, 2014
- We can either have both the AGM and Council meeting on January 22, or the Council meeting on January 22 and the AGM on January 29.
 - If we have them on the same day, the AGM will be at 5:00pm and the Council meeting will follow.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA AGM and Council meeting be held on the same day.

Daniel Levin/Sebastien Kerherve

Defeated

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA AGM be held on January 29 and the Council meeting be held on January 22.

Daniel Levin/ Julie Hyde

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- 14.2. January "Round Table Event: Improving the Student Experience"

15. Announcements

- 15.1. Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 22nd, 2013 at 5pm in the GSA Lounge.
- 15.2. Join HSGSA December 6th for their Holiday Social! For more information please contact president@hsgsa.org.
- 15.3. Save the dates! January 13 to 17th. GSA has sponsored another Speaker Series, the Student Involvement Fair will provide students an opportunity to learn about continued and new involvement on campus and in the community.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA reimburse Monika Wetzel for \$611.31 for the cost of the alcohol for the , minus the amount reimbursed for returned alcohol. for the last social

Crystal Cook/Amanda Gebhardt

Carried

- 15.4. Happy Holidays from UMGSA!

16. Adjournment

MOTION: BIRT the GSA Council meeting be adjourned.

Joey Lussier/ Britney Bell

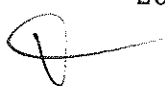
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Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm

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	<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	present
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	Jereme Keren Biney	present
Animal Science	Kristine Blair Atta Kofi Ayekum	present
Biosystems Engineering	Charles Nwaizu	present
Entomology	Andres Fabian Herrera	present
Food Science	Yuming Chen	present
Plant Science	Chami Amarasinghe	present
Soil Science	5e6Nicholson Jeke	
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Gordon Yiu	Absent
City Planning	Krista Rogness	absent
Interior Design	Jaymie Borchardt	present
Landscape Architecture	Britney Bell	present
<i>Arts</i>		
Anthropology	Jeremy Beller	present
Economics	Musah Khalid Urmees Dasgupta	present
English, Film & Theatre	Kendra Magnus-Johnston Karalyn Dakurne	Present present
History	Nicole Courier Danielle Dubois	present

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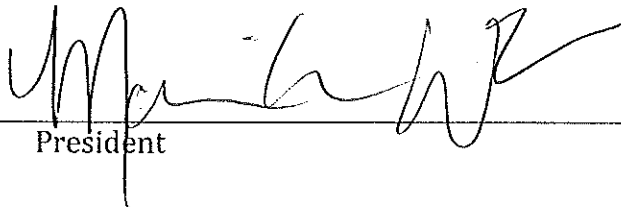
Linguistics	Anna Parenteau Kathleen Strader	present
Native Studies	Ryan Duplassie Proxy: Timothy Maton	present regrets
Philosophy		
Political Studies and Public Administration	Alexander Salt	present
Psychology	Yunqiao Wang Hayley Chartrand (co- councilors)	present
Sociology	Daniel Levin Matthew Sanscartier	Present present
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Navjot Pachu Scott Kehler	present
Peace and Conflict Studies	Julie Hyde Saad Khan	present
Management		
Management - PhD and MSc	Ji Zhou	present
Management 2 - MBA	Amanda Gebhardt	present
Education		
Curr: Hum. & Soc. Sc.		
Curr: Math & Nat Sc		
Curr: Teaching & Learning		
Educ. Admin & Foundations		
Educational Psychology		
Educ. Adm. Fnd. & Psy	Barbara Borgs	regrets
Faculty based PhD		
Educ. St. Boniface		
Engineering		
Civil	Pouria Jabari Barjesteh	absent
Electrical & Computer	Ahmed Byagowi (co- councillors) Dan Lockery	present present
Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering	Vikram Banthia	present
Environment		

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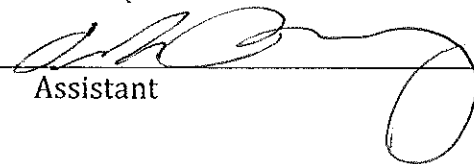
Geography & Environment	Heather Stark	present
Geological Sciences	Halya Petzold	present
Nat Resources Institute	Jessica Lockhart Proxy: Bridget Antze	present Regrets
<i>Human Ecology</i>		
Clothing & Textiles		
Family Social Sciences	Morgan Stirling	present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Mohammad Abdullah	regrets
<i>Law</i>		
Law		
<i>Music</i>		
Music		
<i>Nursing</i>		
Nursing	Jill Norminton	absent
<i>Phys Ed & Rec Studies</i>		
Recreation Management & Kinesiology	Soyun Chapman	Present
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Shuo Huang	regrets
Chemistry	Joey Lussier	present
Computer Science		
Mathematics		
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Sebastien Kerherve	Present
Statistics	Monsur Ahmed Chowdry	regrets
<i>Social Work</i>		
Social Work	Nabieu Musa Sesay	Present - left at 6:00 pm for class
<i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Christian Pierce	present
<i>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Ana Vialard Hart	present
<i>FGS Rep (Non-Voting)</i>		

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Dean or Designate	Jay Doering	absent
<i>Student Life (Non-Voting)</i>		
	Brendan Hughes	regrets
<i>Guests</i>		
Academic Integrity	E. Rotimi Ojo	
VP ME Candidate	Mike Cardillo	


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