

**Council Meeting Minutes
February 26th, 2014, 5:00pm
GSA Lounge**

APPROVED
2014.03.26

1. Call to order.

Meeting called to order at 5:06pm.

2. Approval of the agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the agenda for the February 26, 2014 UMGSA Council meeting be approved.

Farhoud Delijani/Julie Hyde

AMENDMENTS: Strike Item 7 "Committee Policy and Procedure Manual", add Item 12.1. "Assessing Executive Committee Candidates" to Item 12 "Any Other Business", Add Item 12.2. "Recognizing 3MT Winners" to Item 12 "Any Other Buisiness".

Farhoud Delijani/Jeremy Beller

Carried

Amended Agenda Carried.

3. Approval of the minutes from January 22nd, 2014 UMGSA Council Meeting.

MOTION: BIRT the minutes from the January 22, 2014 UMGSA Council Meeting be approved.

Karalyn Dokurno/Crystal Cook

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.

Sebastien Kerherve/Mario Solis Nepote

Carried

5. Motions passed at the January 29 AGM (Chair)

- Jen delivered a summary of the motions that were passed at the AGM.
 - The minutes from the prior AGM were approved.
 - The audit from the 2012-2013 fiscal year was approved.
 - BDO Canada was approved as the auditor for the 2013-2014 year.

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- Executive honorariums were increased; the motion to increase the honorariums retroactively was ruled out of order.
- Article 7 of the Bylaws was amended to align with Article 5 of the Financial Policy Manual to create consistency between the two documents; the HSGSA gets 13% of the money collected by the GSA from Bannatyne Campus students.
- The UMGSA's relationship with CFS was reviewed.
- The membership approved the grammar corrections to the Bylaws.
- Four \$50.00 gift cards were given to students in attendance who were selected through a draw.

6. Health and Dental Feedback (VPI)

- Callan Davy represented StudentCare at the last council meeting.
- Farhoud and Crystal met with Amanda McMullin (VPI UMSU) to discuss the problems with the new health and dental plan. Farhoud has received 24 emails from students regarding things that were not being covered under the new health care plan that was covered under the last one.
- UMSU is receiving a lot of negative feedback from students. The renewal date for the health care plan is in August. Please email any additional concerns to Farhoud to forward to UMSU. UMSU is looking into solving the issues with the health care provider.

7. Financial Policy Manual Revisions (VPI)

Whereas these motions are recommended by the Bylaws committee.

7.1. BIRT the UMGSA Council approve the changes made to the Financial Policy Manual omnibus.

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7.2. BIRT the UMGSA Council approve the changes made to the Financial Policy Manual as indicated in Appendix A.

Carried

8. Verbal Committee Reports:

8.1. Executive Committee Report

8.1.1. SPC Graduate Student Consultations

- The Strategic Plan for the University is renewed every five years. The committee has asked for consultation from students. The consultation will be held during the March council meeting.
- The input consultation sessions can take up to 90 minutes. There are four broad questions, that the council will receive in advance. A draft of the report will be sent to council so council members can be sure their voices were heard.

8.1.2. Student Guide and Department Handbook Update

- Monika presented this handbook to the FGS Council; they were very impressed. They are currently distributing the handbook to all of the department heads. Monika met with Student Guide Committee. The committee decided the handbook will be an addendum to the student guide.

8.1.3 Dream Catcher Workshop

- Crystal led a Dream Catcher workshop on Monday, February 24 in the GSA Office. She taught students how to make dream catchers and provided them with information about First Nations culture. Ten students registered, eight students attended. It was a relaxing, great networking opportunity. Costs were \$40 total; the workshop was provided free of charge to students.

8.1.4 UPass Update

- A motion to approve the UPass was carried today at a City Council meeting. The motion had previously been approved by the City Public Works committee.
- At this stage, only undergraduate students from the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg are involved. The UPass price is \$260 for eight months. The UMGSA must hold a referendum before November approving the UPass if they want to be included.

8.1.5 Parent Support Group Update

- Four people are registered for the Parent Support Group. The March 3 and March 31 meetings will provide networking opportunities and allow participants to come up with strategies to help cope with studies and parenting responsibilities.

8.2. Finance Committee Report

- There were 14 applications in December, two were not completed correctly. The total amount to be paid is expected to be \$6000.
- The February 11 Finance Committee meeting will be reported on at the next council meeting. The next Finance Committee meeting is March 12.
- One Special Project Grant was received, for the History Students' Association's Fort Garry Lectures Graduate Student History Conference.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA approve \$500.00 for the History Graduate Students' Association for a Special Project Grant.

Julie Hyde/Amanda Gebhardt

Carried

8.3. Awards Committee Report

- Mehdi is on a leave of absence. There are no updates from the Awards Committee. The GSA Awards application form is currently being revised and needs to be approved by the Senate.

8.4. Bylaws Committee Report

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- The committee is working on policy changes and will inform Council when they are done. They have been meeting regularly.

8.5. Campaigns Committee Report

- The committee has reviewed the Student Engagement Enrollment Round Table report.
- They have collected all of the departmental links except for one, to be posted to the UMGSA website. There are only 2 more campaigns committee left.

8.6. Events Committee Report

- A Valentine's Day social earlier was held in February. Approximately 75 people attended. The lounge has been entirely booked for March, so there will be no socials in March. There may be one more event before the executive turnover in May.

8.7. Elections Committee Report

- Elections are going well, the campaigning is in full swing. There are over 20 candidates; this is the first time that this has happened for the GSA elections. The Elections forum is going to be on Thursday, March 6. It will be an opportunity to ask candidates about their competencies and goals.
- The elections will be online, the contract has been signed with TomKorp Computer Solutions Inc.. Elections will run on March 10, 11 and 12.
- If you have questions for candidates for the Elections forum, send them to Kendra so she can ask them to candidates at the Elections forum.

9. Executive Members' Reports:

- 9.1. President
- 9.2. Vice President Internal
- 9.3. Vice President Academic
- 9.4. Vice President External (November, December and January reports)
- 9.5. Vice President Health Sciences
- 9.6. Vice President Marketing and Events
- 9.7. Senator Ekenna
- 9.8. Senator Mejicanos
- 9.9. Senator Okeke
- 9.10. Executive-at-Large

10. Senate Report

11. Department Reports

- 11.1. Peace and Conflict Studies Announcement (Julie Hyde)
 - Peace and Conflict Studies is looking at networking with other smaller departments and interdisciplinary programs on concerns about the Strategic Management plan. If you are interested please contact her at hydej@cc.umanitoba.ca.
- 11.2. English Film and Theatre
 - February 28, 2014 talk in the Icelandic Room at noon on the collaborative process a group of master's students in their department engaged in to

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publish a paper a few months ago. They will also be discussing Low Theory and High Theory.

- Hosting a movie screening on Friday, February 28, 2014 of Joss Wheedon's 'Much Ado About Nothing' in the UMGSA Lounge at 7:00.
- Kendra is coordinating an event on March 20 called Wine and Words at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. There are some University of Manitoba graduate students who have submitted works. This event is part of Spur Fest. If you want to attend Spur Fest, you can apply for a scholarship.

11.3 Food Science

- Hosting an event for undergraduate students on applying for graduate school, and what programs are available.

12. Other Business

12.1 Assessing Executive Candidates.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA establish and ad hoc joint Elections and IDR committee to develop a recommendation to council in the April 2014 Council meeting on implementing a process to assess candidates for executive positions with the GSA and HSGSA.

Farhoud Delijani/ Mike Cardillo

Motion defeated (10 for, 10 against, 4 abstain)

12.1 Recognizing 3MT winners.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA give the 3MT winners 1 \$20 gift card each to recognize their achievement.

Mike Cardillo/Joseph Dipple

Carried

- The Gradzette will be featuring an article on the 3MT winners and the contest.

13. Announcements

13.1. The President's Executive Team have endorsed the Mental Health Strategy that we have been working on in the committee, meaning next steps will involve developing communication strategies and an implementation process.

13.2. Department Grant Applications are due April 1st, 2014.

13.3. Join us and get inspired by the words of Neil Degrasse Tyson's at another GSA Sponsored Speaker Series event. The public keynote address will take place 4 to 5:15pm March 13th, 2014, for more information please see www.umanitoba.ca/student/studentlife/leadership/speaker!!!

13.4. Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 26th, 2014 at 5pm in the GSA Lounge.

13.5. The HSGSA is hosting a Pub Quiz Night at Kings Head March 19 from 7-11pm. There will be food and 1-2 drink tickets per person.

14. Adjournment

MOTION: BIRT the GSA Council meeting be adjourned.

Joey Lussier/Crystal Cook

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

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| | <i>Name</i> | <i>Signature</i> |
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| President | Monika Wetzel | Regrets - vacation |
| VP Internal | Farhoud Delijani | present |
| VP Academic | Mehdi Rahimian | Regrets – LOA - Campaigning |
| VP External | Crystal Cook | present |
| VP Health Sciences | Melissa Rabb Proxy: Alison Muller | Regrets – LOA – Campaigning present |
| Senator 1 | Calistus Ekenna | present |
| Senator 2 | Gustavo Mejicanos | Regrets – LOA - Campaigning |
| Senator 3 | Emeka Okeke | Regrets – LOA - Campaigning |
| 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 – left at 6:05pm |
| Entomology | Andres Fabian Herrera | present |
| Food Science | Yuming Chen | present |
| Plant Science | Chami Amarasinghe | Present |
| Soil Science | Nicholson Jeke | present |
| <i>Architecture</i> | | |
| Architecture | Gordon Yiu | Present – left at 6:30 |
| City Planning | Krista Rogness | present |
| Interior Design | Jaymie Borchardt | absent |
| Landscape Architecture | Britney Bell | Present – left at 6:05 pm |
| <i>Arts</i> | | |
| Anthropology | Jeremy Beller | Present |
| Economics | Musah Khalid Urmee Dasgupta | absent |
| English, Film & Theatre | Kendra Magnus-Johnston Karalyn Dakurne | Present present |

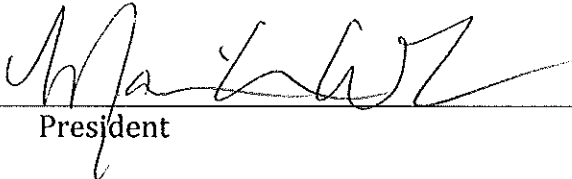
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| History | Nicole Courier Danielle Dubois | Present – left at 6:05pm |
| Linguistics | Anna Parenteau Kathleen Strader | regrets |
| Native Studies | Ryan Duplassie Proxy: Joe Dipple | regrets present |
| Philosophy | | |
| Political Studies and Public Administration | Alexander Salt | regrets |
| Psychology | Yunqiao Wang Hayley Chartrand (co- councilors) Proxy: Maia Kredentser | Regrets Regrets Present – left at 5:40pm |
| Sociology | Daniel Levin Matthew Sanscartier | Present |
| <i>Graduate Studies</i> | | |
| Applied Health Sciences | Navjot Pachu Scott Kehler | Present – left at 6:27pm |
| Peace and Conflict Studies | Julie Hyde Saad Khan | Present |
| Biomedical Engineering | Mario Solis Nepote | Present |
| <i>Management</i> | | |
| Management - PhD and MSc | Ji Zhou | present |
| Management 2 - MBA | Amanda Gebhardt | Present – left at 6:10pm |
| <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 | absent |
| Faculty based PhD | | |
| Educ. St. Boniface | | |
| <i>Engineering</i> | | |
| Civil | Pouria Jabari Barjesteh | Present – left at 5:50pmp |
| Electrical & Computer | Ahmed Byagowi (co- councillors) Dan Lockery | present |
| Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering | Vikram Banthia | Present – left at 6:10pm |

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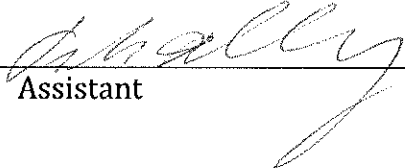
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| <i>Environment</i> | | |
| Geography & Environment | Heather Stark | regrets |
| Geological Sciences | Halya Petzold Proxy: Richard From | present regrets |
| Nat Resources Institute | Bridget Antze | Present – left at 6:05pm |
| <i>Human Ecology</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 | present |
| <i>Phys Ed & Rec Studies</i> | | |
| Recreation Management & Kinesiology | Soyun Chapman | Present – left at 6:15pm |
| <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 5:40pm |
| <i>Social Work</i> | | |
| Social Work | Nabieu Musa Sesay | Present - left at 5:55 pm for class |
| <i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i> | | |
| President or Designate | Christian Pierce | |
| <i>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</i> | | |

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| 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> | | |
| | Brendan Hughes | present |
| <i>Guests</i> | | |
| VPME Candidate | Emeka Okeke | |
| MBA | Mike Deluca | |
| Candidate for President | Laura Rempel | |
| VPA Candidate | Ikechuwu Agomoh | |
| VPE Candidate | Pauline Priadka | |
| Presenter for History GSA Special Project Grant | Sarah Ramsden | |
| VPI Candidate | Valery Agbor | |
| Senator Candidate | Chido Uchime | |
| VPI Candidate | Gustavo Mejicanos | |
| VPME Candidate | Beibei Lu | |


08/04/2014

President Date


07.07.2014

Assistant Date



