

2015-2016 UMGSA AGM
January 21, 2016

1. Call to Order: 5:42 pm

Rich explains the purpose of the meetings, with a brief introduction to Roberts rules of order, and a quick summary of the agenda.

2. Ratification of Rich as Chair: Kyle Ritchie/Joe Dipple
CARRIED.

3. Introductions of all executive

4. Guest(s) presenting at AGM, to be approved:

- Rich: Dr. Iman Yahyaie will be joining us. And Megan Colwell and Anu Lotay will be acting in the capacity of the gradzette.

MOTION to approve guests: Jorge/Amelie

CARRIED: Ms. Colwell abstaining.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Gustavo Mejicanos/Kyle Ritchie

CARRIED.

6. Approval of minutes from January AGM:

Motion to approve: Karalynn/Gustavo Mejicanos

CARRIED.

7. Review of GSA budget and Actual budget used:

- VPI presented the budget: Opened with discussion about where the student fee paid at the beginning of the year goes. Currently, GSA spending is roughly within our budget, with some exceptions, more specifically with conference grants we've gone over what we had anticipated.

Question (Ifanyi): I noticed line 4050 – Ad sales student handbook – can you explain this.

VPI: We used a local agenda producer this year and due to our last-minute request we accrued slightly higher expense than expected.

Question (Carl Neumann): Was there \$0 ad income?

VPI: No, that was going forward from May. That budget line stay 0.

Chair: Clarifying the question, have we generated any income from the ads in the handbook.

VPI: Yes, but we have not yet invoiced the ad giving organizations such as RBC. The handbook is not a profit-generating enterprise.

Question (Mohammad): What is line 4114?

President: That line represents the contribution we make to the world wise centre. The world wise centre does a lot of things for students, including providing aid to refugee students.

Question (Puneet): What is 4111?

President: UFM is the campus radio group that we have a good relationship with and who we can count as a very helpful ally.

9. UMGSA Annual Audit Process

- President provided some insight into how long BDO has been carrying out the auditing process for GSA and why it is important.

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9.1 **MOTION** to approve audit as produced by BDO Canada: Elise/Joe Dipple
CARRIED.

9.2 **MOTION** to approve BDO Canada as auditors for next year: Kyle Ritchie/Kelsey
CARRIED.

10: Committee Reports:

10.1 Executive Committee Report

- Key Actions: GU15 meeting, orientation, bursaries/awards

10.2 HSGSA Internal Activities

- Student development events, key note speakers, orientations, socials

10.3 Finance Committee Report

- 268 conference grants (>\$120,000) paid out ; 3 special projects (\$814)

10.4 Awards Committee Report

- Evaluation of submissions of students and faculty for awards; modifications to application processes; Awards luncheon

10.5 Bylaws Committee Report

- Completion of 3 manuals including the UMGSA bylaws and policy manual itself.

10.6 Campaigns Committee Report

- Anti-cuts campaigns; communication with student body and administration regarding the consolidation of IST services; lobbied province for financial support of the university

10.7 Events Committee Report

- Socials; Christmas events; Movie Night; Confirmation of first student club to be established under UMGSA

10.8 Internal Development and Review Sub-Committee Report

- Review of executive performance summary ready for January 27th council meeting.

11. Proposed Bylaw Revisions

11.1. **MOTION:** BIRT that in Article III, Section 3e, reference to the Members of the HSGSA executive, be amended to include sub point vii, noting that if an HSGSA senator is elected then they will fill one (1) of the three (3) senator roles ascribed to the UMGSA executive.

Joe Dipple/Karalynn

CARRIED.

11.2 **MOTION:** BIRT that references to finances of the association as they relate to HSGSA funding be amended to include mention of a joint HSGSA and UMGSA meeting of their respective bylaws committees no later than one month after any motion for review is put forward.

Sixtus/Joe Dipple

- VPI clarifies the purpose of the modification.

CARRIED.

11.3 IDRSC recommendation to increase honoraria.

- Chairs calls on IDRSC chair Carl Neumann to provide some context.

Carl: The committee looked into how other U15 and non-U15 institutions pay the Grad student executives. Great range in pay. Most schools with similar grad student populations pay between \$12-15,500.

MOTION: BIRT the proposed increase to executive honoraria, as reviewed and recommended by the UMGSA Internal Development and Review Sub- Committee (see attached report Appendix F) and the UMGSA Bylaws and Policy Committee be approved to increase UMGSA Presidential honoraria to 15,500\$ CAD, and UMGSA VP honoraria to 12,000\$ CAD.

1st Puneet/2nd Jennifer

- Chair proposes amendment to proposal to add that the increase would be for the upcoming term.

VPI: That is not necessary because the bylaws do state that any increases to honoraria would not increase until the upcoming academic year.

Gustavo: What is the background of changes to honoraria in the past? What is the % increase?

Carl: Roughly ~30%, just under that for all roles. Senators and Exec-at-large would not see an increase.

President: Actually, closer to a 12% increase.

Gustavo: Isn't this increase discriminatory towards senators?

Carl: Senators do have an important role, however, they are not required to put in the hours required of other executives. The recommendations are based on the roles outlined in the bylaws/policies.

Jennifer: Would it not be better to have more staff instead of so many executives?

Carl: That was beyond the scope of our investigation, but it certainly is something worth investigating perhaps in the coming year or so.

President: There is a cost-benefit aspect to this too. It is far more cost-effective to have executive rather than full-time staff.

Walter: Are the honoraria taxed?

President: Yes, they are.

Gustavo: I don't believe they are not taxed.

President: As a student, you can choose to not have your income taxed. It may seem like it's not being taxed because it's a low amount, but it is taxed.

Gustavo: I am aware that the president has a higher workload, so perhaps he should have a higher increase. At the same time, I do feel that it is discriminatory towards senators.

Colin – Point of information: This change says nothing for the HSGSA, and while I am VP-HSGSA, I do think that we need to consider increase to HSGSA executive as well if we consider this increase for across the board.

Sixtus: Asked for clarification on voting for the current motion.

Joe: I'd like to point out that IDRSC was asked to go over our honoraria compared to those of the other U15 organizations, and that's where these recommendations came from.

Anu: I'd like to point out that of all student senators on campus, only GSA senators are paid. Is the only option for the motion to vote for it or defeat it? Is there another option?

Chair: We can amend the motion, vote on it as is, defeat it, and or send it back for further review.

Gustavo: Why was the HSGSA not considered in this recommendation?

Carl: We did not want to increase costs unnecessarily, and we are not opposed to increases. However, this can be reviewed in the future. The HSGSA is autonomous.

Chair calls the question: **BIRT the proposed increase to executive honoraria, as reviewed and recommended by the UMGSA Internal Development and Review Sub- Committee (see attached report Appendix F) and the UMGSA Bylaws and Policy Committee be approved to increase UMGSA Presidential honoraria to 15,500\$ CAD, and UMGSA VP honoraria to 12,000\$ CAD.**

CARRIED

Opposed: Gustavo

Abstentions: VP's, Anderson, Carl Neumann, President.

11.4 **MOTION:** BIRT that the following typographical changes, found within the title page and article V of the Bylaws of the UMGSA, be amended as reflected in this document.

Joe Dipple/Kyle Ritchie

CARRIED.

12. MITACS presentation by the director of Mitacs for MB/SK

13. Review of Current Bylaws: Relationship with the CFS

- President offers overview of CFS relationship.

15. UMGSA elections coming up soon. Looking to establish the elections committee. Student-at-large spots available on every committee. CRO will also need to be elected soon.

Adjournment – MOTION: Kyle/Megan
CARRIED.