

## UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 - 5:00 PM - UMGSA Lounge

### 1. Call to Order (5:18pm).

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

#### **Note: Agenda Items for Concurrence Without Debate**

Any item that has a  beside it denotes an item intended for Concurrence Without Debate. These items include reports and other routine matters, and are considered accepted or adopted by the UMGSA Council without debate or a vote. Any Council Member who wishes to remove any item so-noted from the list of items for Concurrence Without Debate may do so by contacting the Council Chairperson prior to the meeting, or by requesting that it be removed when the Chair asks if there is any opposition to accepting these items for Concurrence Without Debate, immediately prior to the motion to approve the agenda as presented or as amended.

**BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the agenda for the August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

Linguistics/Animal Sciences (*Carried*).

### 3. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this council meeting agenda.

**BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes from the May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

Entomology/Biological Sciences (*Carried*).

### 4. Committee Reports

**4.1. Executive Committee Report:** All the Senate committees and FGS committees have been filled. We have added a third public-use workstation in the office. Early this month Carl, Richard and Albert attended the ThinkGrad conference.

**4.2. Finance Committee Report:** Some changes have been proposed in the conference grant policy. After discussion the Bylaws & Policy committee created a draft with the changes, and the final wording will be solidified at the next committee meeting. The Handbook is at the publisher; we will receive a soft copy of the design so that we can edit for next year and save money.

**4.3. Bylaws and Policy Committee Report:** See item 4.2.

**4.4. Events Committee Report:** For the first time, the UMGSA Summer Games was a two-day event with indoor and outdoor sports; we received positive feedback and it was well attended. The committee is working with FGS and Student Life to plan Fall Orientation and the UMGSA Fall Orientation Social on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The UMGSA Newsletter template is being reworked. We have launched a new Facebook page and Instagram page to increase outreach to graduate students. Jayne has been upgrading the UMGSA website. We are working with UMFM on creating radio advertisements and a Grad Talks feature which will give graduate students the opportunity to go on the radio and discuss graduate student topics. The Effective United Nations University of Manitoba Chapter is now a UMGSA-approved group.

**4.5. Campaigns Committee Report:** Nothing to report.

**4.6. Awards Committee Report:** Student Award and Teaching Award recipients are being confirmed by FGS and the Awards office. The Awards ceremony is in late September.

**4.7. Indigenous Ad-Hoc Committee Report:** A timeline for signing the Accord in 2018 has been created. The committee has an even number of Metis persons to Indigenous people, and is comprised of elders, undergraduates, and graduate students. The committee will meet three times over the next year.

## 5. Senate Report

5.1.  May Senate Report (Appendix II)

## 6. Executive Reports

6.1.  May Executive Reports (Appendix III)

6.2.  June Executive Reports (Appendix IV)

6.3.  July Executive Reports (Appendix V)

7. **Departmental Reports:** On March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Native Studies will host the Rising Up conference on Indigenous issues. They will put out a call for papers in September. The HSGSA will host their orientation on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

8. **Unfinished Business:** None.

## 9. New Business

**9.1. Ratification of Email Vote:** On June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Councilors were asked to vote on a Motion via Email, and the result of this vote needs to be ratified at this meeting. The motion voted-on read: "**BIRT the UMGSA Council form the UMGSA Indigenous Ad-Hoc Committee as defined in the attached terms of reference.**" These terms of reference are included as Appendix VI to this council meeting agenda.

**Email Vote Result: 16 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions**

**BIRT the UMGSA Council ratify the result of this email vote.**

Management - PhD & MSc/Biological Sciences (*Carried*).

**9.2. Approval of Special Project Grant for MEGSA Networking Event:** The Finance Committee recommends the approval of \$500 for a Special Project Grant for the

Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Networking Event to be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. The MEGSA will recognize the UMGSA as a sponsor of the event.

**BIRT the UMGSA Council approves \$500 for a Special Project Grant for the September 22<sup>nd</sup> MEGSA Networking Event.**

Finance Committee/Electrical & Computer Engineering (*Carried*).

- 9.3. Approval of Additions and Changes to the Membership of all UMGSA Internal Committees:** Additions and changes to the membership of all UMGSA Internal Committees need to be approved by the UMGSA Council. The updated list of the members serving on all UMGSA internal committees is included as Appendix VII to this council meeting agenda.

**BIRT the UMGSA Council approve the additions and changes to the membership of all UMGSA internal committees as presented.**

Linguistics/City Planning (*Carried*).

- 9.4. Approval of the Graduate Student Membership of All Senate Committees:** Graduate Student members appointed to serve on Senate Committees need to be approved by the UMGSA Council. The full list of Graduate students appointed to serve on Senate Committees is included as Appendix VIII to this council meeting agenda.

**BIRT the UMGSA Council approve all Graduate Student appointments to Senate Committees as presented.**

Management PhD & MSc/Plant Sciences (*Carried*).

- 9.5. Approval of the Graduate Student Membership of All Faculty of Graduate Studies Committees and its Faculty Council:** Graduate Student members appointed to serve on Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) Committees, as well as on the FGS Faculty Council, need to be approved by the UMGSA Council. The full list of Graduate students appointed to serve on FGS Committees and the FGS Faculty Council is included as Appendix IX to this council meeting agenda.

**BIRT the UMGSA Council approve all Graduate Student appointments to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Committees and Faculty Council as presented.**

Psychology/Animal Science (*Carried*).

**10. Announcements**

- 10.1. 2017 UMGSA Fall Orientation and Social:** The 2017 UMGSA Fall Orientation for New Grad Students, in collaboration with the Faculty of Graduate Studies, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The Orientation requires online registration, and will include numerous information sessions as well as a lunch each day. The UMGSA Grad Student Social, beginning at 5PM on the 6<sup>th</sup>, will take place in the UMGSA Lounge.

- 10.2. Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

**11. Adjournment (5:41pm).**

<b><i>Position/Department</i></b>	<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Signature</i></b>
President	Carl Neumann	Present
VP Internal	Chandan Howlader	Present
VP Academic	Mohammad (Emrul) Hasan	Regrets
VP External	Albert Boakye	Regrets
VP Marketing & Events	Obiajulu Nnaemeka	Present
VP Health Science	Andrew Plesniarski	Present
Exec-At-Large (Non-voting)	Richard From	Regrets
Senator 1	Silvia Araujo	Present
Senator 2	D Skye Kushner	Present
Council Chairperson (No Vote)	Karalyn Dokurno	Present
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Office Assistant (No Vote)	Jayne Hammond (Minute Taker)	Present
<b><i>Agric &amp; Food Science</i></b>		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Allan Walker	Absent
Animal Science	Yue (Yvette) Shang (Co-Council) Jule Dube-Smith	Present (Jule)
Biosystems Engineering	Ikra Iftekhar Shuvo	Absent
Entomology	Thais F. Silva Guimaraes	Present
Food Science	Yuwei Song (Co-Councilors) Pamela Drawbridge	Present (Pamela)
Human Nutritional Sciences	Matt Granger	Present
Plant Science	Anjan Neupane (Co-Council) Harunur Rashid	Present (Anjan)
Soil Science	Mick Runzika (Co-Council) Fernanda Gouvea Pereira	Absent
<b><i>Architecture</i></b>		
Architecture	Julia DeFelice (Co-Council) Emily Pawluck	Absent
City Planning	Andrew Gellner (Co-Council) Sonikile Tembo	Present (Sonikile)
Interior Design	Christine Stochl	Absent
Landscape Architecture	Connor Redman	Absent
<b><i>Arts</i></b>		
Anthropology	Gerhard Jordaan	Absent

Economics	Oluwafemi Bamikole (Co-Council) Hubert Scarlett	Absent
English, Film & Theatre	Sabrina Mark (Co-Council) Grace Paizen	Present (Sabrina)
History	No Rep	No Rep
Linguistics	Irina Volchok	Present
Native Studies	Laura Forsythe	Present
Philosophy	No Rep	No Rep
Political Studies & Public Admin	Anderson Agbugba (Co-Council) Ryan Werbicki	Absent
Psychology	Michelle Ward (Co-Council) Brenna Henrikson	Present (Michelle)
Sociology	Abdul-Bari Abdul-Karim	Absent
<b>Management</b>		
Management – PhD and MSc	Zulfiquer Ali Haider	Present
Management – MBA	Adeoye Babatunde (Co-Council) Han Kang	Absent
<b>Education</b>		
Education – PhD – Ad hoc	Kazutoshi Yoshino	Absent
Education – Admin, Foundations & Psych.	Catherine Draper	Absent
Education – Curriculum, Teaching & Learn	Erica Hildebrand	Absent
<b>Engineering</b>		
Civil Engineering	Alexander Afulero	Present
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat (Co-Council) Ehsan Tahmasebian	Present (Nozhan)
Mechanical Engineering	Shahriar Bagheri	Present
<b>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</b>		
Environment & Geography	No Rep	No Rep
Geological Sciences	Cody Ross	Regrets
Natural Resources Institute	Anderson Assuah (Co-Council) Rajib Biswal	Present (Anderson)
<b>Graduate Studies</b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Nick Kosmenko (Co-Council) Brittany Streuber	Present (Both)

Biomedical Engineering	Ahmed Elwali	Present
Peace and Conflict Studies	Nour Maghanaoui	Absent
<b><i>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</i></b>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Ilana Naiman	Absent
Nursing		
Nursing	Josie Bolainatz	Absent
Science		
Biological Sciences	Gwangseok Yoon Proxy: Elise Couillard	Present (Elise)
Computer Science	Md Momin Al Aziz (Co-Council) Md S. R. Mahdi	Regrets
Mathematics	Andrii Arman (Co-Council) Sergei Tsaturian	Present (Sergei)
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	Regrets
Physics & Astronomy	Jaseer Ahmed	Present
Statistics	Kelly Ramsay	Regrets
Social Work		
Social Work	No Rep	No Rep
UMSU (Non-Voting)		
President or Designate	No Rep	No Rep
CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)		
President or Designate	Abdulrazaki Abi	Absent
FGS Rep (Non-Voting)		
Dean or Designate	Dr. Todd Mondor	Absent
Student Life (Non-Voting)		
Office of Student Life	Cora Dupuis	Absent
Guests		

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President

Date

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Executive at Large

Date