

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 24th, 2017 - 5 PM - UMGSA Lounge

1. **Call to Order** (5:02pm).

2. **Council Chair Ratification**

MOTION: BIRT Council ratifies Karalyn Dokurno as the Council Chairperson for UMGSA Council meetings during the 2017-2018 Executive term.

Biological Sciences/Entomology (Carried).

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION: BIRT the agenda for the May 24th, 2017, UMGSA Council Meeting be approved.

Linguistics/Plant Sciences (Carried).

3.1. **Unanimous Consent Agenda**

3.1.1. Any item that has a beside it denotes unanimous consent agenda

MOTION: BIRT all Executive Reports are accepted omnibus.

Linguistics/Animal Sciences (Carried).

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

MOTION: BIRT the minutes from the April 26th, 2017 UMGSA Council Meeting be approved.

Biological Science/Kinesiology and Recreation Management (Carried).

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

5.1. **GU15/ThinkGrad Report:** As discussed at the last Council meeting, executives from the UMGSA attended this bi-annual meeting from April 19 - 21, 2017, and have prepared a report outlining the information learned at this graduate student association specific conference.

This is an association with all of the grad associations; the former president and Albert VPA attended this meeting. No discussion.

MOTION: BIRT Council approve the GU15 spring conference report as presented.

Recreation Management/Animal Sciences (Carried).

6. New Business

- 6.1. **Ratification of Email Votes:** On May 8, Councillors were asked to vote on three motions via Email, and the results of these votes need to be ratified at this meeting.

6.1.1 **Email Vote Motion #1:** "BIRT the UMGSA Council agrees to allow the UMGSA Executives to present the revised budget for review one week prior to the May Council Meeting, rather than two weeks prior."

Email Vote Result: 15 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

No discussion.

MOTION: BIRT Council ratify the result of email vote Motion #1

Native Studies/Biological Sciences (Carried).

6.1.2 **Email Vote Motion #2:** "BIRT the UMGSA Council agrees to allow the UMGSA Executives to advertise the position of Office Assistant, and undertake the hiring process, the final result of which will be subject to ratification by Council."

Email Vote Result: 15 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

No discussion.

MOTION: BIRT Council ratify the result of email vote Motion #2

Natural Resources Institute/Physics and Astronomy (Carried).

6.1.3 **Email Vote Motion #3:** "BIRT the UMGSA Council agrees to allow the UMGSA President to sign the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord, and to begin the work of setting yearly reconciliation goals along with tracking our success in achieving those goals."

Email Vote Result: 15 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

No discussion.

MOTION: BIRT Council ratify the result of email vote Motion #3

Plant Sciences/Linguistics (Carried).

- 6.2. **UMGSA Office Assistant Position:** A hiring sub-committee, as mandated by the UMGSA Council, received 18 applications and interviewed 7 candidates for the recently advertised position of UMGSA Office Assistant. The UMGSA Executive has approved the sub-committee's final choice of Jayne Hammond for the position of Office Assistant, and Council needs to give final approval.

We went through the process in a tight timeframe, had some strong candidates, and chose Jayne Hammond. No discussion.

MOTION: BIRT Council approve the hiring of Jayne Hammond for the position of UMGSA Office Assistant.

Biological Sciences/Natural Resource Institute (Carried).

- 6.3. **UMGSA Annual Budget for 2017-2018:** The proposed UMGSA Budget for 2017-2018 was sent to Council for review in advance, and requires Council approval.

Carl presented on the budget. More money for orientation, same for events, increased for special projects grants, same rate for department grants, some other lines have gone up for natural reasons such as inflation.

MOTION: BIRT Council approve the UMGSA Annual Budget for 2017-2018 as presented.

City Planning/Biological Sciences (Carried).

- 6.4. **UMGSA Participation as a Partner to Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord:** As mandated by Council, the UMGSA President has begun the process to make the UMGSA a partner to Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord. The Accord signing ceremony is scheduled for June 20, 2017. Our participation in this initiative will include setting yearly reconciliation goals, and tracking our success in achieving those goals.

This came out of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and attempts to change Winnipeg's reputation for racism. Goal is to better include Indigenous people in our organization. Results will be tracked. Look up Winnipeg Indigenous Accord on the city's website. They ask that the organization come up with one goal the first year and two the second year and so on. We can discuss another day what exactly we want our goal to be. Question about how to better include indigenous people in our activities. President says he looks forward to collaborating with people about the best ways to move forward. Suggestion that we look into what the university has already done.

- 6.5. **UMGSA Internal Committee Participation:** All of the UMGSA's Internal Committees need to confirm their membership for the coming year. The sign-up sheet listing the current vacancies is being circulated at the start of this meeting. All departments need to provide at least one Grad student to sit on at least one internal UMGSA committee, whether it is their Councilor or someone else, in order to be eligible for their UMGSA Department Grant. The UMGSA Council needs to ratify both continuing and new members of these committees. Members can be added or replaced as needed at subsequent UMGSA Council meetings.

Return to this after committee reports so everyone has a chance to sign up for a committee.

MOTION: BIRT Council approve the current UMGSA committee membership as presented.

Linguistics/Animal Sciences (Carried).

7. Committee Reports

7.1. Executive Committee Report

President: President gave report, sorry for being behind, the budget and the office assistant hiring have taken up most of our time. Still getting up to speed but have a lot of great events and initiatives coming up.

HSGSA President: It has been very busy. Huge research symposium → Research Days. Awards to esteemed faculty member.

7.2. Finance Committee Report

Meeting this month, approved conference grants. Chandan looking at auditor recommendations.

7.3. **Bylaws and Policy Committee Report**

Next Bylaws committee meeting will look at the elections policy.

7.4. **Events Committee Report**

Nothing to report.

7.5. **Campaigns Committee Report**

Nothing to report.

7.6. **Awards Committee Report**

The application is open now and the deadline is June 26th. There was some confusion that people were supposed to submit to their departments because it says that in the council rules, so we cannot change it and it causes a lot of confusion. FGS grad committee meeting – long discussion on improving the workshops, students register but don't show up. If you have any ideas contact Carl or Emrul.

8. Senate Report

Not a lot to report. Attended one meeting, and it was after the report submission deadline. Working on filling Senate committees with students. Shahriar Bagheri to be the grad member for the committee on nominations. Senators do not vote on the university budget; Skye is a voting member of the Senate Executive.

9. April Executive Reports

Vice President External

Senator 1

10. Department Reports

Nothing to report.

11. Other Business

None.

12. Announcements

12.1. **2017 UMGSA Summer Games:** The 2017 UMGSA Summer Games are scheduled for July 22. There will be lots of fun, with prizes and refreshments. Watch for more details closer to the date.

12.2. **Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017 - 5PM - UMGSA Lounge

13. Adjournment

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council meeting be adjourned.

Linguistics/Native Studies (Carried. 5:42pm).

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance

May 24, 2017

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Carl Neumann	Present
VP Internal	Chandan Howlader	Present
VP Academic	Md Emrul Hasan	Present
VP External	Albert Boakye	Regrets
VP Marketing & Events	Obiajulu Nnaemeka	Present
VP Health Sciences	Andrew Plesniarski	Present
Senator1	Silvia Araujo	Present
Senator2	D Skye Kushner	Present
Senator3	Nour Eissa	Present AL-5:15pm
Exec-at-Large	Richard From	Present
Chairperson (No Vote)	Karalyn Dokurno	Present
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Office Assistant (No Vote)	Danielle Filecia (Minute Taker)	Present
<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Allan Walker	Absent
Animal Science	(Co-Councilors) Jule Dube-Smith & Yue (Yvette) Shang	Yue (Yvette) Present
Biosystems Engineering	Ikra Iftekhar Shuvo	Present AL-5:10pm
Entomology	Thais F Silva Guimeraes	Present
Food Science	Pamela Drawbridge	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Matt Granger	Matt sent Regrets Proxy: Maryam Samsamikor
Plant Science	(Co-Councilors) Harunur Rashid & Anjan Neupane	Harunur Present
Soil Science	Mick Runzika	Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	None	None
City Planning	(Co-Councilors) Sonikile Tembo & Andrew Gellner	Sonikile Present

Interior Design	Christine Stochl	Absent
Landscape Architecture	Connor Redman	Absent
Arts		
Anthropology	Gerhard Jordaan	Absent
Economics	(Co-Councilors) Hubert Scarlett & Oluwafemi Bamikole	Both Absent
English, Film & Theatre	(Co-Councilors) Grace Paizen & Sabrina Mark	Sabrina sent Regrets
Linguistics	Irina Volchok	Present
Native Studies	Laura Forsythe	Present
Political Studies & Public Administration	(Co-Councilors) Anderson Agbugba & Ryan Werbicki	Both Absent
Psychology	(Co-Councilors) Kristene Cheung & Karmen McDivitt	Karmen sent Regrets Proxy: Michelle Ward
Sociology	Abdul-Bari Abdul-Karim	Regrets
Management		
Management - PhD & MSc	Zulfiquer Ali Haider	Present
Management – MBA	(Co-Councilors) Adeoye Babatunde & Han Kang	Both Absent
Education		
Education – PhD	Mehdi Rahimian	Present
Educ - Admin, Fndtns & Psychology	Catherine Draper	Absent
Educ - Curriculum, Teaching & Learning	Erica Hildebrand	Absent
Engineering		
Civil Engineering	Alexander Afuberoh	Present
Electrical & Computer Engineering	(Co-Councilors) Nozhan Bayat & Ehsan Tahmasabian	Proxy for Nozhan: Saeed Shahabi Ehsan Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing Eng.	Shahriar Bagheri	Present
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Geological Sciences	Cody Ross	Present

Natural Resources Institute	(Co-Councilors) Anderson Assuah & Rajib Biswal	Rajib Present LE-5:40pm
<i>Graduate Studies</i>		
Applied Health Sciences	Nick Kosmenko	Present
Biomedical Engineering	Ahmed Elwali	Proxy: Ramin Soltanzadeh
Peace and Conflict Studies	Nour Maghnaoui	Absent
<i>Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.</i>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Ilana Naiman	Present
<i>Nursing</i>		
Nursing	Josie Bolianatz	Absent
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Elise Couillard	Present
Computer Science	(Co-Councilors) Md Momin Al Aziz & Md S. R. Mahdi	Both Absent
Mathematics	(Co-Councilors) Andrii Arman & Sergii Tsaturian	Both Absent
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Jaseer Ahmed	Present
<i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Tanjit Nagra	Absent
<i>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Abdulrazaki Abu	Absent
<i>FGS Rep (Non-Voting)</i>		
Dean or Designate	Dr. Todd Mondor	Absent
<i>Student Life (Non-Voting)</i>		
Office of Student Life	Cora Dupuis	Absent
<i>Guests</i>		
Incoming GSA Office Assistant	Jayne Hammond	Present

President

Date

Executive-At-Large

Date