



Graduate Students' Association



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October 28, 2011 Council Meeting Agenda

5:00pm

UMSU Chambers

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
- 3. Presentation by RBC**
- 4. Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2011 GSA Council Meeting**
- 5. Committee Reports**
 - 6.1 Finance Committee**
 - 6.2 Campaigns Committee**
- 6. Executive Reports**
 - 6.1 President**
 - 6.2 Vice President Internal**
 - 6.3 Vice President Academic**
 - 6.4 Vice President External**
 - 6.5 Senator Gagne**
 - 6.6 Senator Karari**
 - 6.7 Vice President Health Sciences Report**
- 7. Committee Updates and Ratifications**
- 8. Election of a GSA Senator by Council**
- 9. Departmental Reports**
- 10. Other Business**

11. Announcements

11.1 Haunted Thesis Party October 28, 2011 @ 6pm in the GSA Lounge

12. Adjournment

Next Meeting Wednesday November 30, 2011, 5pm.



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September 28, 2011 Council Meeting

MINUTES

5:00pm

UMSU Chambers

1. Call to order at 5:05pm

2. Approval of the agenda

Motion: BIRT the agenda for the GSA Council meeting of September 28, 2011 be approved.

Freeman / Animal Science

Freeman – would like to amend the agenda to move the presentation by RBC and the presentation of the budget to the next meeting, as the presenter was unable to attend

Carried

3. Presentation of the budget.

Freeman – presented the budget. She highlighted sections of the proposed budget amendments, which was circulated to Council members. She noted that any decisions to amend the budget would have to be proposed at the AGM, rather than at Council, as the AGM is the highest decision-making body of the GSA. She identified areas that would be changed, and encouraged Council members, both present and not present, to contact her with any questions related to proposed changes.

Ojo – said that he was confused about the proposed changes, and asked if a revised version could be sent to council members prior to the AGM.

French Spanish – asked why capital funding is in both expense and revenue.

Freeman – said that the income is from the interest generated from funds in the capital fund.

4. Approval of minutes from September 28th 2011 GSA Council Meeting

Motion: BIRT the minutes from the September 28th 2011 GSA Council Meeting be approved.

Bates / Chen

Anthropology – noted that the minutes indicate that the Margaret Meade film festival will take place on campus, it will in fact take place at Cinimatheque.

Carried with amendments.

Ojo – stated that he would like to amend the agenda to include Matters Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes.

Ojo/Scofield Singh

Carried

5. Matters Arising for Previous Meeting Minutes

Ojo – asked for updates about the Hub Pub, student pub.

Nawrot – said there are still matters being finalized with respect to the pub, and they will not do a presentation to Council until more confirmations are received.

6. Matters Arising for Previous Meeting Minutes

6.1. Finance Committee

Freeman – said that the Finance Committee reviewed 12 applications, and two were rejected due to insufficient information. She said no Special Projects applications were submitted.

6.2. Campaigns Committee

Bates – said that the first meeting of the committee will be on October 5, from 6-8pm. She encouraged members to participate in the campaigns committee, which will be discussion CFS, UMSU and local campaigns. She said that the National AGM package has been received, which will take place November 22-25, and motions are due by October 11. Motions will be discussed on October 5th. She provided an overview of posters that have been developed by CFS for the Manitoba provincial elections.

Anthropology – asked if the GSA will be doing any campaigns work on copyright.

Bates – said that the GSA will be working on this issue, especially in light of proposed changes to the Copyright Act and to access copyright at the universities. She said the university has recently created a copyright office.

6.3. Awards Committee

Chen – said that while the committee didn't meet during the reporting period, an issue arose that required a special meeting on September 12. Because the issue is still confidential, and awaiting confirmation from FGS, details will have to be reported on next meeting.

7. Executive Reports:

7.1. President

Nawrot – provided highlights of his report. He said the Gradzette has a contract with the Manitoban, which will be reviewed by the Executive. He said that he has spoken with UMSU about the agreement between the GSA and Hub Pub. They are still working on renovations, which are projected to be completed mid-November.

He provided an overview of the proposed contract with UMSU, and noted that the agreement with respect to the Hub Pub will be more of a sponsorship of roughly \$10,000/year, allowing for monthly parties to be held at the pub, which would involve significant savings for the GSA.

He noted that the GSA now has insurance, at \$5,000,000 directors liability insurance, which worked out to be the cheapest available, through Campus Insurance, as well as \$150,000 insurance for the GSA space. He noted that because the GSA is autonomous, we are no longer protected by UMSU's insurance, and are no longer a liability to UMSU, and our premiums are no longer tied to UMSU.

He noted that renovations will commence mid-November.

Scofield Singh – asked if access to the GSA computers will be available during the renovations.

Nawrot – said they will be.

7.2. Vice President Internal

Freeman – noted that she held a Finance Committee meeting, approving nearly \$8,000 in travel grants. She said that the Gradzette and Manitoban have agreed on a contract, which she will be reviewing. She also liaised with Sustainability Day. She said Bylaws and Policy Committee has not met, as it has not been ratified.

7.3. Vice President Academic

Chen – highlighted sections of her report. She noted new Masters programs being implemented through Senate, as well as approving a qualitative research group. She noted that the university released the enrollment report, noting an increase in undergraduate enrollment of 1.2 %, while graduate enrollment increased by 4.2%, accounting for 3,211 graduate students in total. She noted October 19 and 20 are the dates for fall convocation, including over 400 graduate students graduating. She noted that the graduate student bursary application is now available, as of October 3rd, and is now available online through Aurora. She said the CFS Provincial executive approved a \$1,000 donation to the Red Cross famine relief efforts, and the CFS office has developed campaign materials for the provincial election.

Scofield-Singh – asked if the qualitative research group has been established or not.

Chen – said that it was established through other research groups, and research centres that serve professors and researchers to have integrated research.

Ojo – asked why CFS is reported under VPA rather than VPE.

Nawrot – said the VPE was elected to the Provincial Executive as a co-women's representative, and that the VPA was elected as the GSA representative.

Ojo – asked why the CFS fees were higher last year

Nawrot – said that it was higher last year, because the GSA repaid some outstanding membership fees from the year before. So these numbers appeared in a different fiscal year. He noted that CFS fees increased by \$.01 per year.

7.4. Vice President External

Bates – noted that she took vacation as well. She said that she spent quite a bit of time preparing for orientation. She said that the date for Take Back the Night march, coordinated through UMSU has not yet been established, and that the SlutWalk will take place on October 15.

Tsikata – asked whether or not this campaign is related to the campaign for women's rights to be topless in public, as an awareness campaign for equal rights.

Bates – noted that it is a different issue, though it is legal in Manitoba and Ontario. SlutWalk has to do with violence in a sexual context.

Cowie – said that the issue did arise in Ontario, and the SlutWalk was related to the topless issue, due to the woman being sexually assaulted over her choice of clothing.

7.5. Senator Gagne

Gagne – had nothing to report.

7.6. Senator Karari

Karari – said that he was actively involved with liaising and discussion participation in orientation of the event facilitators. He said he also attended the Senate Committee for Admission Appeals, which determines whether a rejection of a certain admission was procedural in relation to departmental policies. He found the conflict between formal procedures and ethical concerns makes it difficult, as a student representative, to advocate on behalf of the students effectively when ethical concerns are not considered

with the same weight, and accommodated.

Freeman – asked if he had attended the September 7th Senate Meeting

Karari – indicated that he attended the Senate Appeals Committee

Freeman – asked for clarification as to whether he attended the Committee, or if he had also attended the full Senate meeting on the 7th.

Karari – said he attended the Senate Committee on Student Appeals.

7.7. Vice President Health Sciences Report

Salter – noted that HSGS had roughly 80 to 90 people attend the HSGSA orientation social. He said that Bannatyne Campus will be bringing a Certification in Higher Education and Teaching to campus, as the CHET program is not currently available to Bannatyne Students.

9. Committee Membership updates

Freeman – indicated that a number of Committee positions still need to be filled by council members. She noted that the new committee list will be submitted to the minutes, following the meeting. She said those who do not volunteer for committee positions will be assigned to Bylaws committee.

Nawrot – suggested that an email be sent to all Council members, indicating which committees they sit on, or have been assigned to.

Scofield-Singh – said that Council members should be reminded that if they do not sit on a committee, they may not receive their departmental grant.

Motion: BIRT the amended committee composition list be approved.

Freeman / Scofield-Singh

Carried

10. Financial Policy Change

Nawrot – noted the proposed amendment to the financial policy.
Manual, Article IV, section I:

Motion: BIRT the section that states: "The GSA, through the Finance Committee, will make funds available to University of Manitoba graduate students wishing to attend or present at conferences who do not have adequate personal or departmental resources to do so." be amended to: "The GSA, through the Finance Committee, will make funds available to University of Manitoba current graduate students or graduate students that have graduated within the past eight months, wishing to attend or present at conferences who do not have adequate personal or departmental resources to do so."

Ojo / Armstrong

Carried

The executive committee recommends the following amendment:

"The GSA, through the Finance Committee, will make funds available to University of Manitoba current graduate students wishing to attend or present at conferences, or graduate students that have graduated within the past four months, wishing to present at conferences, who do not have adequate personal or

departmental resources to do so.”

Scofield-Singh – asked why the proposal was reduced from eight months to four months.

Nawrot – said that it would be unfair that a person has almost an entire year to apply after graduation, that if you plan on attending a conference, you should generally know within four months.

Scofield-Singh – said that she would like to see a timeline for student to apply.

Ojo – said that he is in favour of the motion.

Magnusseon – asked if these grants can act in addition to department funding for travel.

Freeman – said that if the student goes outside of North America, the cap is \$500.

Matley – asked if the student has already applied to another school, if students can still apply.

Nawrot – said that as long as its within the four-month period. He also highlighted that this only applied to individuals presenting at conferences.

Freeman – noted that a statute of limitation could be discussed at the Bylaws committee.

Freeman / Lockhart

Carried

Motion: BIRT that the Bylaws Committee look into a statute of limitations or time period for the awarding of conference grants

Salter / Scofield-Singh

Carried

11. Departmental Reports

Matley – said that a fundraiser is being held next Thursday at the Kings Head pub, at \$10 per ticket.

Nawrot – suggested that in the interest of time, Orientation and Wine and Cheese updates can be tabled until the next meeting, as these events fall within that reporting period.

Motion: BIRT Agenda items 11.1 (Orientation update) and 11.2 (Wine and Cheese updates) be tabled until the next meeting of Council.

Freeman / Keller

Carried

14. Announcements

14.1 Sustainability Day

Freeman – said that Sustainability Day is September 30, in the multi-purpose room.

Salter – reminded Council that departmental grants are due November 1st.

Prokesch – said that the application is online, and is simply filling out the form.

Scofield-Singh – asked if the positions of Chair and Senator are being filled.

Nawrot – said that the Chair position is not vacant, and is currently filled by the President, as established at the last AGM. He said that in order to fill the Senate position, a nomination selection through Council would be more time and cost-efficient than a full election. He noted that first preference is given to a Health-Sciences student in order to fill the position, and nominations must occur after October 1st. he noted that it was suggested that an email be sent out to all departments about who the nominees are, so department members will have an opportunity to vote within departments to provide feedback to their council representative on how to vote.

15. Adjournment 6:pm
Freeman / Armstrong

Minutes prepared by D. Jacks

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**August 31, 2011
5:00 pm
UMSU Council Chambers – 176 Helen Glass**

<i>GSA Executive</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Peter Nawrot	Present
VP Internal	Angela Freeman	Present
VP Academic	Jennifer Chen	Present
VP External	Tonia Bates	Present
VP Health Sciences	Neil Salter	Present
Senator1	Peter Karari	Present
Senator2	Olivier Gagne	Regrets
Senator3		Vacant
Council Chair (Non-voting)	Peter Nawrot	(Non-voting) Present
Office Manager (Non-voting)	Ruth Prokesch	(Non-voting) Present
Executive Assistant (Non-voting)	David Jacks	(Non-voting) Present
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Lynn Van De Spiegle	Regrets
Animal Science	Hamidreza Khazanhei	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Senthinkumar Thiruppathi Robin Raja	Present
Entomology	Jonathan Veilleux	Absent
Food Science	Havva Filiz Koksel	Absent
Plant Science		
Soil Science	Michael Cardillo / Timi Ojo	Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Paul Dollick	Present
City Planning	Ashlyn Haglund	Regrets
Interior Design		
Landscape Architecture		t

Arts		
Anthropology	Stephanie Armstrong	Present
Classics		
Economics	Jun Zhao (co-councilors) Murshed Chowdhury	Absent
English, Film & Theatre	Kendra Magnuiusson	Present
French, Spanish & Italian	Michelle Keller	Regrets
German		
History	Erin Acland	Absent
Icelandic Studies		
Linguistics	Kay Hamidzadeh Shannon Price	Present
Native Studies		
Philosophy		
Political Studies and Public Administration	Angela Trunzo)April/11) Proxy Chadwick Cowie	Present
Psychology	Debra Lall Greg Bose	Present
Religious Studies		
School of Art	Monica Martinez	Regrets
Sociology	Zoe St. Aubin	Present
Canadian Studies St. Boniface		
Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice		
Peace and Conflict Studies	Laura Normand	Present
Management		
Management 1 (MBA)		
Management 2	Hamed Aghakhani Jennifer Bozeman (Co-Councilors) Kasey Martin (Proxy)	Present
Education		
Curr: Hum. & Soc. Sc.		
Curr: Math & Nat Sc		

Curr: Teaching & Learning		
Educ. Admin & Foundations		
Educational Psychology		
Educ. Adm. Fnd. & Psy		
Faculty based PhD		
Educ. St. Boniface		
Engineering		
Civil		
Electrical & Computer	Ahmad Byagowi Dan Lockery (Co-Councilors)	Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing	Jonathan Tsikata	Present
Environment		
Geography & Environment		
Geological Sciences	Ryan Sharpe	Regrets
Nat Resources Institute	Jessica Lockhart	Present
Disability Studies		
Food & Nutritional Sciences		
Interdisciplinary		
Human Ecology		
Clothing & Textiles		
Family Social Sciences	Emem Ukpong	Absent
Human Nutritional Sciences	Sule Mundi	Regrets
Law		
Law		
Music		
Music		
Nursing		
Nursing	Alanna Chau Proxy Cathy Scofield Singh	Present
Phys Ed & Rec Studies		
Recreation Management & Kinesiology		

Science		
Biological Sciences	Andrew Olynyk Jordan Matley	Present
Chemistry		
Computer Science		
Mathematics		
Microbiology	April Gislason	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Kurt Hildebrand	Present
Statistics		
Social Work		
Social Work		
UMSU (Non-Voting)		
President or Designate		
CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)		
President or Designate		Absent

HSGSA Departments		
Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Stephanie Chu	Absent
Immunology		
Pathology		
Human Anatomy and Cell Science		
Physiology		
Medical Physics (Non-Voting)	Krista Chytyk	Absent
Medical Microbiology		

Pharmacy	Casey Sayre	
Occupational Therapy & Medical Rehabilitation		
Community Health Sciences	Elsabe du Plessis	
Biochemistry & Medical Genetics	Alexandra Kuzyk	
Oral Biology		
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery		
Orthodontics		
Periodontics		
Physicians Assistant Program		

Guests:

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Report

From: Peter Nawrot, President
To: GSA Council
Date: September 11 – October 10, 2011
Re: Council Report

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended:

October 3, 2011.	GSA Executive	1.15 hours
October 3, 2011.	Alcohol Advisory Committee	1.5 hours
October 3, 2011.	Strategic Enrolment Management Planning	3 hours
September 30, 2011.	CFS-MB Provincial Executive	2.5 hours
September 28, 2011.	GSA Council Meeting	2 hours
September 23, 2011.	Co-Curricular Review Committee	2.5 hours
September 22, 2011.	Strategic Enrolment Management Planning	3 hours
September 22, 2011.	Share your Vision Selection Committee	2 hours
September 21, 2011.	Student Experience Committee	1 hour
September 21, 2011.	Pub Advisory Committee	1 hour
September 20, 2011.	Bannatyne Student Services	1.5 hours
September 19, 2011.	Student Retention Sub-Committee	2 hours
September 19, 2011.	Presidential Review Committee	1 hour
September 19, 2011.	GSA Executive Meeting	2 hours
September 13, 2011.	Student Experience Committee	1 hour
September 12, 2011.	Board of Governors	3.75 hours
September 12, 2011.	GSA Awards Committee	1 hour

Meetings Missed:

October 7, 2011.	Orientation Working Group
October 5, 2011.	GSA Campaigns Committee
September 28, 2011.	Student Experience Committee
September 22, 2011.	Faculty of Graduate Studies Executive
September 19, 2011.	Co-Curricular Review Committee

Absences from meeting were due to scheduling conflicts with other meetings, having to remove myself from jury duty for an upcoming trial on October 27, 2011, and a death in the family.

Executive Summary:

Orientation 2011

This year's orientation was a success with valuable information that was provided to students. GSA swag was ordered and handed to students. A recommendation came from an executive member to implement for next year a "passport to success" program that was used in 2010 to encourage more students to participate in orientation events.

The wine and cheese event on September 23, 2011 was a great success with over 140 graduate students who attended the event. It was a fun time for all.

Canadian Federation of Students

During the last week in October, as part of the Education is a Right campaign, students will be in Ottawa meeting with Members of Parliament and Senators to present our vision for post-secondary education in Canada. In preparation for Lobby Week the Federation produced the following document entitled Public Education for the Public Good outlining our key priorities.

The policy document can be downloaded at the following address: <http://www.cfs-fcee.ca/downloads/2011-Public-Education-for-the-Public-Good-en.pdf>.

Canadian Conference on Student Leadership in Calgary – November 17 -21, 2011.

The GSA is sending 11 students for this conference. A total of 22 students are attending this conference from the University of Manitoba. The conference will take place from Thursday, November 17th to Sunday, November 20th at the University of Calgary.

The conference will provide a mix of student (undergraduate and graduate) and professional lead sessions, keynote speakers and networking activities. The Canadian Conference on Student Leadership is an opportunity for student leaders to come together and share ideas, to become inspired, and to leave determined to make a difference on their own campus and/or in their community.

The conference is comprised of three workshop tiers targeting Undergraduate students, Graduate students and Professional Faculty. The Undergraduate stream will focus on four main areas: *Health and Wellness, Emerging Leadership, Service Learning, and Refining Leadership*. All workshops are facilitated to students, by students.

Pub Advisory Committee

The City of Winnipeg has not yet provided a building permit to UMSU to begin construction of the HUB. Completion of construction is not expected until early December 2011. The official opening of the HUB may occur in the new year.

Bannatyne Student Services

This committee is looking into a number of initiatives to enhance and improve the student experience at the University of Manitoba Bannatyne Campus. A clear concern brought forward from students was safety and safe access to and passage in the buildings of Bannayne Campus. Swipe card access to improve student safety has been estimated to cost \$5000.00 and the departments involved do not have the financial resources for this infrastructure. UMSU and GSA will ask each of their council if they would be willing to contribute towards this initiative.

Student Experience Committee

This committee is looking into a number of initiatives to enhance and improve the student experience here at the University of Manitoba. On the agenda are the following items:

- International Student Health Plan / Manitoba Health Coverage
 - Legislation was passed, but the process and infrastructure to comply with legislation needs to be developed and communicated better to students
- Student safety
- IT /Help Desk issues
 - Wireless access on campus
- Registration issues
 - Holds on accounts
 - Priority registration
- Southwood Golf Course Development
 - Graduate student housing
 - Private development

Share your Vision Selection Committee

Last month the University of Manitoba's Department of Student Life held a contest to provide one of its outstanding students with the opportunity to accompany U of M president Dr. David Barnard to a conference in Montreal where the student will contribute to the dialogue on the future role of Canadian universities. The contest asked students to submit either a video, audio file or essay explaining their vision for the university in the future. The committee selected Gregory Di Cresce, a father of two boys and a PhD candidate in the Department of History. Di Cresce will attend the Oct. 25-26 conference with the president. He has worked for various newspapers, edited film documentaries, and worked for the United Nations information service in Kenya.

"My vision of a 2021 UofM," Di Cresce wrote in his winning essay, "is one that successfully integrates Aboriginal ways of living and learning with those of the West. It's a vision that requires the crossing of countless bridges of understanding in a spirit of mutual respect. It's a vision guided by painful honesty, profound humility, intellectual and moral bravery and an ability to thoroughly quash condescension. This is the revolutionary formula that can begin to move the culture of our university from a place that too often merely reproduces inequalities to a place that regularly challenges inequalities."

The president will lunch with Di Cresce and all of the students who shared their vision before he and Di Cresce depart for Montreal.

Alcohol Advisory Committee

This committee is charged with the task of developing a framework for education and the responsible use of alcohol on campus. Party buses or vehicle rentals for the primary use of shuttling students from the university to alcohol specific functions is banned. Student safety is primary concern, considering that reports have been made of students being assaulted after leaving establishments that serve alcohol. Some of these reports stemmed from provoked behaviours and others were unprovoked.

Strategic Enrolment Management Planning

The SEMP Committee has the following responsibilities:

- Sets goals, objectives & KPIs;
- Approves strategies and tactics;
- Develops annual action plans;
- Provides regular reports to Provost's Council.

The Committee has been asked by the President to provide an enrolment planning framework for the university. The plan will be taken to the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee and Senate, which will approve it in principle. Annual action plans do not have to be presented to Senate.

The university has defined a target of 10% of undergraduate student enrolment / 20% of graduate student enrolment as an international enrolment goal. With regards to Graduate enrolment goals; the university has defined a target of 20% graduate student enrolment. Overall university wide enrolment has not been decided yet.

Gradzette

The Manitoban has submitted to the GSA a draft contract that is has been approved for signing by both parties. A formal agreement will be signed in the beginning of November 2011.

The HUB

A contract between the GSA and UMSU has been drafted by the GSA lawyer as previously reported. UMSU is still reviewing the contract and will follow-up with a response. Logistical complications may arise with the issuance of the "2 free drinks" for graduate students. Consultation with the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission is needed along with the newly hired manager of the HUB.

Insurance

Any graduate student group wishing to hold a party on campus will now require the GSA to sign the conference and catering waiver form. A new form has been developed whereby the issuance of liquor licences will require GSA approval. In addition, students holding these events will require UMSAFE training and certification.

Office Hours:

Mondays: 12:00 - 16:00

September 12, 2011 – Absent (in meetings)

September 20, 2011 – 2.75 hours

September 26, 2011 – Absent

September 28, 2011 – 1.5 hours

October 3, 2011 – Absent (in meetings)

October 10, 2011 - Holiday

September 19, 2011 - 3 hours

September 23, 2011 – 7 hours

September 27, 2011 – 2.5 hours

September 29, 2011 – 8 hours

October 5, 2011 – 4.5 hours

Time spent in the office: 29.25 hours

Time spent in meetings: 31.9 Hours

Report

From: Angela Freeman, Vice President Internal
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: October 15, 2011
Re: Council Report –September 10 – October 10

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended:

September 12, 2011	Orientation activities	1.25 Hours
September 13, 2011	Orientation activities	4.25 Hours
September 14, 2011	Orientation activities	5 Hours
September 14, 2011	Finance Committee	.5 Hours
September 15, 2011	Orientation activities	.75 Hours
September 19, 2011	Executive meeting	2.25 Hours
September 20, 2011	Post-secondary education forum	5 Hours
September 23, 2011	September Social	3 Hours
September 28, 2011	Council Meeting	2 Hours
October 3, 2011	Executive Meeting	.25 Hours
October 5, 2011	Campaigns Committee	2 Hours
October 6, 2011	Email – arrange IDRC and Bylaws	1 Hour
October 6, 2011	BSGSA Social – defenceless	7 Hours

Meetings Missed:

September 15, 2011	Senate Committee on Admissions	Class Conflict
October 4, 2011	Executive meeting beginning	Class Conflict

Executive Summary:

Gradzette

The Graduate Student Association received a copy of a new, edited version of the gradzette contract, which is being reviewed. The October issue is available currently. Anyone interested in writing for the gradzette may contact the Vice President Internal at vpi@umgsa.ca

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on September 14, 2011. We reviewed 12 applications, 2 were rejected because of insufficient documentation. The total amount awarded was \$2,400.

Bylaws and Policy

This committee has been ratified, and will be meeting the last week of October.

IDRC

This committee has been ratified, and will be meeting on October 18th.

Orientation

Orientation was a big success, and was attended by many students. However, last year's passport (stamps collected to win a prize) was more successful for gaining attendance at workshops. The executive discussed ways to improve orientation at the executive meeting.

September Social

The social was well attended, and students remarked that they enjoyed the opportunity to meet other graduate students.

Defenceless with BSGSA

The VPI attended and was the master of ceremonies for the BSGSA social on the 6th.

The VPI had family obligations from October 7-15th, and was away from the office, but in touch via phone and email.

Office Hours:

Wednesday and Friday: 4-5pm

September 14, 2011 – 1.25 ours

September 16, 2011 – .75 Hours

September 21, 2011 – 1 Hour

September 23, 2011 – 1 Hour

September 28, 2011 – 1 Hour

September 30, 2011 – 1.25 Hours

October 4, 2011 (in lieu of Friday) – 1.25 Hours

October 5, 2011 – 1 Hours

Total: 10.5 hours

Time spent in addition to office hours: approx. 34.25 Hours

Report

From: Jennifer Yijie Chen, Vice President Academic
To: GSA Council
Date: September 11 – October 10, 2011
Re: Council Report

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended:

September 12, 2011	GSA Awards Committee Meeting	1 hour
September 17, 2011	ICS Orientation Day	1 hour
September 19, 2011	GSA Executive Meeting	2 hours
September 21, 2011	Preparation Meeting of the Senate Executive Meeting	0.5 hour
	Senate Executive Committee Meeting	0.5 hour
	Student Advocacy, meeting with student and UMSU	1 hour
September 22, 2011	FGS Executive Meeting	1 hour
September 23, 2011	GSA First Day of Fall Party	7 hours
September 26, 2011	Senate Committee on Awards	0.5 hour
	Senate Planning & Priority Committee Meeting	0.75 hour
September 28, 2011	Student Experience Committee Meeting	2 hours
	CUPE AGM	1.5 hours
	GSA Council Meeting	1.75 hours
September 30, 2011	CFS Provincial Executive Meeting	3 hours
October 3, 2011	GSA Executive Meeting	1.15 hours
October 4, 2011	Student Advocacy Appointment	1 hour
October 5, 2011	Senate Meeting	1 hour
	GSA Campaign Committee Meeting	3.5 hours

Meetings Missed:

September 19, 2011	Student Retention Sub-Committee Meeting	Peter Nawrot Proxy
October 3, 2011	Student Senate Caucus Meeting	Cancelled

Executive Summary:

Academic issues:

- (1) The Senate approved the list of graduands for October 2011 Convocation.
Number of graduates in October will be 1,269, 412 from Faculty of Graduate Studies.
- (2) The Senate approved the establishment of the Palliative Care Research Group which the purpose is to create a multidisciplinary community for people who can meet and discuss their interest.
- (3) The Senate approved the establishment of the Education for Sustainable Well-Being Research Group to promote and support a collaborative interdisciplinary research in the area of education for sustainable well-being.
- (4) The Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) and the Copyright Office are hosting a Copyright Session for an overview on copyright law, fair dealing, when permission is required, how to get permission, using free resources, and more.
Fort Garry session: Thursday, October 20, 2011, 9:00 am – 10:30 am Cross Common Room, St. John's College; Bannatyne session: Monday, October 31, 2011, 9:00 am – 10:30 am Theatre A, Basic Medical Sciences Building; Online evening session: Wednesday, October 26, 2011, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Central Standard Time (CST).
- (5) Upcoming main funding opportunity for graduate student:
Doctoral Research Award: Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (2011-2012)
Deadline: 2011-11-09

Graduate Student Advocacy:

Individual cases related to student appeals are confidential.

GSA Awards Committee:

The Awards Committee held a special meeting on September 12, 2011 to discuss issues arising with respect to the status of one of the awards recipients. The results of this meeting await final confirmation from the Faculty of Graduate Studies, but because of the confidential nature of the subject, I will have to report the details at the future meeting of Council pending the decision of FGS.

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 3909 Annual General Meeting:

During this meeting, members of CUPE passed the budget of April 1st 2011 – March 31st 2012, trustees report for 2010-2011, and executive board reports. The CUPE 3909 President Matt Mclean reported the Unit 1 collective bargaining meetings with the University of Manitoba administration. Although the results were different from expectations, members will benefit from several other improvements such as increased number of hours paid and course cancellation fees. CUPE campaigns, grievances, membership survey, and newsletter and website development were presented as well.

Canadian Federation of Students (CFS):

The CFS Provincial Executive meeting was held on September 30, 2011 and discussed the updates of the Provincial Election Awareness Campaign and upcoming campaigns, as well as CFS National AGM, provincial financial report, and federation services. More details of these issues will be sent to each local.

ICS Orientation Day (September 17, 2011):

The GSA attended the International Centre for Students Orientation Day on September 17, 2011 which was for late-arrival international students and introduced the services, events (including the orientation week), and opportunities for graduate students through the GSA. The GSA handbooks, rulers, and pamphlets were released during the session.

Office Hours:

Wednesday: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Time spent in the office: 45.63 hours

September 12, 2011 – 7.83 hours September 13, 2011 – 1.75 hours September 14, 2011 – 7.83 hours

September 15, 2011 – 1.42 hours September 16, 2011 – 4 hours September 17, 2011 – 0.5 hour

September 19, 2011 – 2.16 hours September 21, 2011 – 5.06 hours September 23, 2011 – 3 hours

September 26, 2011 – 1.5 hours September 28, 2011 – 4 hours October 3, 2011 – 1 hour
October 4, 2011 – 1.58 hours October 5, 2011 – 3.5 hours October 6, 2011 – 0.5 hour

Time spent in meetings: 23.15 hours (not included time spent in the party)

Vice-President External Executive Report, October 2011
No Report Received

Report

From: Olivier Gagné, Senator
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: October 15th 2011
Re: October 28th Council Report

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended:

September 12 th	Awards meeting	1 hour
September 12 nd	Senate Committee on University Research	1.5 hours
September 19 th	Exec meeting	2 hours
September 28 th	Council meeting	2 hours
October 5 th	Senate meeting	1 hour

Meetings Missed:

October 3 rd	Exec meeting
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Executive Summary:

October senate meeting: The usual student senate caucus meeting was cancelled due to a consensus that the meeting didn't have much of interest to students.

Orientation: We had a great turnout for food, not so much for presentations. Students were thankful for us to organise this, and most executives were around to chat with our new students.

Wine and cheese party: Spent 4 hours bartending and socializing. Great turnout and everyone had a great time.

Other hours mostly account for:

-21 hours in regards to orientation (6 hours on Monday, 6.5 hours on Tuesday, 4 hours on Wednesday, 4.5 hours on Thursday)

-6 hours for wine and cheese party on the 23rd (for which 2 hours were spent on cheese-related matters prior to the party).

Office Hours:

Thursday 14:00-16:00

September 15, 2011 – 2 hours

September 22, 2011 – 2 hours

September 29, 2011 – 2 hours

October 6, 2011 – 2 hours

Time spent in the office: 8 hours

Time spent in meetings: 7.5 Hours

Time spent in others: 29 hours

Report

From: Peter Karari, Senator
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: October 10, 2011
Re: Council Report

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended:

September 14, 2011	GSA Orientation	2 Hours
September 15, 2011	Admission Appeal Reviews	6 Hours
September 16, 2011	Admission Appeal Reviews	6 Hours
September 19, 2011	GSA Executive Meeting	2 Hours
September 20, 2011	Academic Appeal Reviews	4 Hours
September 23, 2011	Academic Appeal teleconference	1 Hour
October 3, 2011	GSA Executive meeting	2 Hours
October 5, 2011	Senate orientation	1.5 Hours
October 5, 2011	Campaigns Committee meeting	2 Hours
October 9, 2011	Preparation of the executive report	1 Hour

Meetings Missed: None

Executive Summary:

1. Active participation in 2011 GSA orientation. Helping in preparations and also in introducing facilitators.
2. Active involvement in admission appeals senate committee meetings. The key objective of this committee to hear and determine appeals from decisions of faculty and school Selection Committees, administrative decisions affecting the admission process, decisions related to the transfer of credit policy of the faculty/school and the possible granting of advance standing. Once the Committee has determined jurisdiction of an appeal, any decision resulting from the appeal hearing is final and binding on all other committees and the parties concerned. This far, we have been able to hear and three admission appeals.

3. Attended and participated in the Senate orientation meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the new senators into the business of the University senate. It also included an answer and question session. This meeting prepared the new senators for active participation in University Senate meetings.
4. Active participation in the campaigns committee. I put forward a motion to have a campaign against the exploitation of the consumers by the mobile phone companies. This advocated for the need to lobby against hidden charges, double charges (receiver and caller), charges on various important cell phone features such as the caller ID and the right to end a contract when the consumers are not satisfied by the services.

Office Hours:

Mondays: 2:00 pm - 4:00pm

Time spent in the office: 10 hours

September 16, 2011- 6 hours

September 23, 2011- Absent: Oxfam conference on horn of Africa famine in Saskatoon

Sept. 30, 2011- 2 hours

October 7, 2011- 2 hours

Time spent in Committees, meetings and business matters: 27.5 Hours

Report

From: Neil Salter, VP HSC
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: September 28, 2011
Re: Council Report

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended:

September 13, 2011	F of M Diversity Working Group	1.5 hours
September 19, 2011	HSGSA Exec meeting	1.5 hours
September 19, 2011	CHET program meeting	1 hour
September 20, 2011	SS@BC meeting	1.5 hours
September 22, 2011	FGS Executive Committee	1 hour
September 23, 2011	HSGSA Orientation Social	5 hours
September 27	HSGSA Council Meeting	1.5 hours
September 28	GSA Council Meeting	2 hours
September 26-30	HSGSA Orientation	7 hours
October 5	FGS Executive Committee	1.5 hours
October 11	Diversity Working Group	2.5 hours
October 17	GSA Executive Meeting	1.5 hours
October 18	Student Services @ BC	2 hours
October 18	GSA Special General Meeting	1.5 hours
October 19	HSGSA Executive Meeting	1 hour
October 25	Student Services Open House	1 hour

Meetings Missed:

GSA Executive Meeting, October 3rd

Executive Summary:

Executive Duties:

As HSGSA President I have been scheduling and chairing, ordering food services for meetings, working with the GSA and reporting to them through GSA executive and council meetings, as well as sitting on several FGS committees. Also, I have been working with my executive to make sure all events and plans are being managed properly and keeping everyone on the same page.

Orientation Planning:

The social aspects of orientation, including the orientation social, as well as the paintball event were well attending by students. However, the information sessions were attended much less, and it is suggested by the executive that the orientation for the following year take place on no more than two, preferably one, day. This day will be noted by departments to allow students the academic freedom to attend orientation sessions.

Paintball Activity:

The Paintball event was a tremendous success, was under budget, and had great attendance. 27 students enjoyed free transportation, free food, and free play.

Halloween Social:

The Halloween social will be occurring on the 27th of October, from 4:30 to 8:30pm. There will be drinks, food, prizes, games, decorations, and more! The executive team is working hard to make it our best social yet.

GSA Special General Meeting:

Students approved the motions to accept the current fee structure, as well as approve the current investment strategy for the endowment funds and capital. As such, the GSA can now properly implement the exciting massive increases to student grants, such as the departmental grant.

HSGSA/F of M Bus Ticket Program:

The HSGSA will be providing bus tickets to St. Boniface students taking classes at the Bannatyne Campus again this year with financial support from the Faculty of Medicine. The VP St. B will be facilitating this program directly from St.B, a positive step forward.

Certificate in Higher Education Teaching (CHET) Program:

The HSGSA is in talks with the representative of University Teaching Services to bring the CHET program to the Health Science Graduate Students. This service is already being utilized by many from the Fort Garry Campus.

Office Hours: Tuesday/Wednesday 12-1pm

October 4, 11, 18, 19

Office hours missed: September 27, 28 (Orientation conflicts), October 5, 12

Additional time spent in office – 2 hours per week

Time spent in the office: 12 hours

Time spent in meetings: 33 hours

Motions discussed

1) Earlier meetings for Aboriginal and graduate students.

- Aboriginal and graduate meetings have usually been held at the end of our long days.
- People are tired and the meetings are likely less productive as a result. We need *robust* and *healthy* debate to retain *solidarity*.
- As it stands, the current schedule does not allow Aboriginal graduate students to attend both sessions.
- It might be a health risk (e.g., migraines).
- We think the schedule could be reasonably rearranged.
- For example, we could run the Aboriginal and graduate sessions during the first session after lunch on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively. The Aboriginal and graduate sessions would now run concurrently with the workshops during those timeslots. Alternatively, we could move the workshops to the evening.

2) Transparency of finances.

- Concerns about the clarity regarding salaries. Are some staff double-dipping?
- We realize there is a section explicitly listing salaries associated with various titles of those in year-long positions and permanent positions in the National CFS. However, there are also 'wages' lines in each subsection. Where does this money go?
- We would also like more detail about where 'campaign strategy' funds are being spent. How much is being spent on each campaign? How is this money being used?
- Finally, it would be nice to have easier access to more longitudinal data about previous years' spending.

3) No means no revision.

- We would like to see a national committee struck to evaluate the efficacy of the no means no campaign and talk about possible revisions.
- Incorporate academic research on the nature and antecedents of victim-blaming.
- Perhaps a new training kit can be produced.

Motions somewhat discussed

1) Request greater balance on CFS panels.

- CFS workshops are meant educate students on important issues. However, a 'panel' is not really a panel if only one point-of-view is represented (e.g., next four years of conservative government).

Things to bring up with CFS

1) More leadership during campaigns sub-committee.

- More structure and leadership is needed during the campaigns sub-committee meeting.
- Last year's meeting was entirely unproductive.

2) Student loan clawbacks.

- What do other provinces deal with in terms of student loan clawbacks?

**Canadian Federation of Students 30th AGM
November 22 – 25, 2011**

MOTION

Local 96/Local 103

Whereas 1 in 4 North American women will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime; and

Whereas of every 100 incidents of sexual assault, only 6 are reported to the police; and

Whereas over 80% of sex crime victims are women; and

Whereas 80% of assailants are friends and family of the victim; and

Whereas, about 50% of sex assaults occur on dates and only 1 - 2% of "date rape" sexual assaults are reported to the police; and

Whereas 60% of sexual abuse/assault victims are under the age of 17; and

Whereas 80% of sexual assault incidents occur in the home and 17% of girls under 16 have experienced some form of incest; and

Whereas 83% of disabled women will be sexual assaulted during their lifetime; and

Whereas 15% of sexual assault victims are boys under 16; and

Whereas 57% of aboriginal women have been sexually abused; and

Whereas 63% of victims suffer physical harm and 9% of victims are disfigured from the attack; and

Whereas half of all sexual offenders are married or in long term relationships; and

Whereas only 2 - 4% of all sexual assaults reported are false reports¹; and

Whereas the No Means No phrase is a motto used worldwide by many organizations and agencies aimed at increasing the awareness and taking an active stand against man to woman sexual violence, especially towards women 16 – 24 year olds; and

Whereas this campaign does not currently include awareness or education about same sex violence, trans sexual violence, or victim blaming; and

¹ Please note that all the statistics in the first thirteen statements are direct or assembled quotes from the website SexualAssault.ca, <http://www.sexassault.ca/statistics.htm>

Whereas there has never been a academically based study on the effectiveness of this campaign; and

Whereas research can be completed efficiently at a distance and by multiple researchers using modern technology and Web 2.0; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students complete a *thorough* and *research based* review of the effectiveness of the No Means No Campaign's awareness program at post-secondary institutions across Canada; and

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students hire one to three graduate students, with experience in quantitative and qualitative research, to complete the review of the campaign's effectiveness; and

Be it resolved that a fair honorarium, scholarship or payment schedule be created for graduate students to complete the research with regards to this campaign's effectiveness from the unused portion of the Campaign's budget; and

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students develop and create an additional *education component* for this campaign based on the completed research, to be used during post-secondary student Orientation weeks across the country.