



**August 29, 2012 GSA Council Meeting  
MINUTES  
5:00pm  
GSA Lounge**

**1. Call to Order**

5:05pm

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION: BIRT the agenda be approved**

*Jennifer Chen/Hamed Aghakhani*

*Carried*

**3. Approval of Minutes from May 23, 2012 GSA Council Meeting and June 7, 2012  
Emergency Council Meeting**

Tonia Bates sent in her report but it wasn't included in the May Council Documents. Add VPE's report to the May Council package.

*Carolyn Weiss/Michael Cardillo*

*Carried*

**3.1 Business arising from the minutes**

**3.1.1 Presentation by Jay Doering, the Vice Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies**

There is currently graduate student representation on every Faculty of Graduate Studies committee. It would be advantageous to have someone from senior administration on the GSA council, as it would go a long way towards facilitating communication between the GSA and FGS, and help to deliver FGS information more clearly.

**3.1.2 Presentation by David Grad, Office of Student Life**

OSL is here to enhance student experience, including that of graduate students.

It is not possible to do that unless they know what the student experience is.

OSL can take information from the GSA council meetings back to their office and incorporate it into ways to improve graduate student experience.

**4. Unanimous consent agenda**

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.*

Exec at large report will be included in the next month's meeting.

**MOTION: BIRT All executive reports be accepted omnibus.**

*Matt Gale/Greg Boese*

*Carried*

**MOTION: BIRT Council recess for 6 minutes for pizza.**

*Tonia Bates/Fariba Solati*

*Carried*

Council recessed at 5:21pm

Council back in session at 5:27pm

**5. Motions With Notice**

**5.1 Motions coming from the May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012 GSA Council Meeting:**

Whereas up to 14 graduate students sit on the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) Committee

Whereas UMGSA President is a voting member of the FGS Executive Committee

Whereas UMGSA has designates on almost all FGS committees

Whereas the Office of Student Life engage and connect students to leadership and service opportunities

Whereas graduate students can benefit from these local and international connections

***BIRT the GSA Council approve a designate from the FGS and Office of Student Life respectively to be part of the UMGSA Council as non-voting members.***

***BIFRT relevant sections in the Council Policy Manual be amended to reflect this change.***

*Carried*

**5.2 Motions coming from the Executive Committee:**

**5.2.1**

Whereas the UMGSA currently have a joint Health and Dental plan with UMSU through Green Shield

Whereas graduate students have raised concerns in the past about the need for graduate student-specific services that may not be covered in the current plan

***BIRT the Council approves the review of our current Health and Dental plan by StudentCare.net at no cost.***

*Carried*

5.2.2

***BIRT the Council approve \$500 for the International Centre for Students' Orientation.***

*Carried*

### **5.3 General Motions**

#### **5.3.1 Motion to appoint the GSA representative to the CFS-Manitoba Provincial Executive**

Whereas the CFS-Manitoba Provincial Executive does not endorse multiple delegates from one local to act as officers of the corporation

Whereas the CFS-Manitoba bylaws and policies charge each local with the task of selecting a representative for the CFS-Manitoba Provincial Executive based on the local's own bylaws and policies

Whereas the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association is questioning its membership status in CFS and requires access to information and documents pertaining to its membership

Whereas the CFS-Services, CFS-National and CFS-Manitoba believe the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association is part of CFS and its affiliates

Whereas the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association wants to foster active communication and engage in dialogue with CFS and its affiliates

**BIRT the Council approves the Vice-President External; Ms. Tonia bates to the CFS-Manitoba Provincial Executive as the representative of the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association;**

**BIFRT the Council approve researcher, Ms. Liz Gonsalves to the CFS-Manitoba Provincial Executive as an observer and resource person with no decision-making or voting rights on behalf of the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association.**

*Carried.*

### **6. Special Projects Presentation**

Presentation was cancelled. No discussion or voting took place.

### **7. Council Retreat**

A council retreat would allow council members to review the Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order, different aspects of the GSA, as well as include a social component. There is \$4000.00 in the budget for a Council retreat. The Executive Committee would prefer that the retreat occur before mid-October.

If councillors have any ideas for the council retreat, please send them to Tonia Bates at [vpe@umgsa.ca](mailto:vpe@umgsa.ca).

The executive will review the ideas, narrow them down to 3 – 4 options, and send out the options to council to vote on.

## **8. Orientation**

The Bannatyne Campus Orientation is a 3 day orientation run by UMSU. The HSGSA provides support financially and physically with an HSGSA booth.

The HSGSA orientation will be on Sept. 21. There will be workshops and food.

GSA orientation will only be 3 days this year, September 11- 14. Posters and brochures are available to take back to department offices.

Workshops and presentations will take place during the day, 6 or 7 groups have asked us if they can participate in orientation. The GSA is trying hard to get more people to come to orientation.

Incentives for attending presentations and workshops include prizes and the VIP lunch program. There are also social events all three nights for orientation. The GSA executive is requesting all councillors promote orientation to students in their department.

## **9. GSA T-shirt Competition**

The T-shirt competition has been restarted, since the original call for submissions did not go to all students. Please inform students in your department.s

## **10. Departmental Elections/ Nominations for new Council members**

The GSA executive wants to have a method that is comprehensive for all departments so councillors are elected at the same time every year in all departments.

Please make sure you update Ruth ([gsa@umgsa.ca](mailto:gsa@umgsa.ca)) with any changes to your department's councillor names.

## **11. Committee Reports**

### **11.1 Finance Committee Report**

The Finance Committee has completed more than 100 applications for Conference Grants so far. Most have been passed, the remainder are missing some information and will be accepted when all outstanding documents have been submitted.

### **11.2 Awards Committee Report**

Awards recipients have been chosen, one of the candidates was offered CIHR funding so the award went to an alternate candidate. The awards luncheon was on August 28, guests

from provincial government, administrative staff at the university, awards recipients and some members of council attended. Further details are included in the committee report. Eighty applications were received. This is twice as high as last year.  
Motion from the Awards Committee:

**MOTION: BIRT the 2012-2013 GSA Awards and Teaching Awards be awarded to the following individuals:**

**Teaching Award– Kelley Main**

**FT Masters Award– Mary Anne Clark – Peace and Conflict Studies**

**FT Masters Award - Kim Witges - Nursing**

**FT PhD Award– Aynslie Hynes – Community Health Sciences**

**PT Award – Carla Loewen – Education**

**PT Award – Leanne Leclair – Community Health Science**

*Carried*

## **12. Canadian Federation of Students**

- Update on Membership Status

## **13. Executive Reports**

- 13.1 President
- 13.2 Vice President Internal
- 13.3 Vice President Academic
- 13.4 Vice President Health Sciences Report
- 13.5 Vice President External
- 13.6 Senator Gagne
- 13.7 Senator Rebizant
- 13.8 Senator Moreno
- 13.9 Executive at Large

## **14. Senate Report**

## **15. Department Reports**

Biosystems Engineering will have a departmental orientation on September 21.  
Anthropology will have a colloquium series throughout the year.

## **16. Other Business**

Campaigns committee will be meeting the first Thursday of each month

Bylaws and some other committees still need more members. Please contact a member of the executive if you are not yet on a committee, or are interested in serving on additional committees.

**17. Announcements**

GSA Workshop series – The GSA has partnered with different university offices to plan workshops throughout the year. The first workshop is September 12 during orientation on Working with your Advisor. It will be held at the Bannatyne campus on September 21. The next workshop will be on Copyright on September 18 on the Fort Garry Campus on on September 19 on the Bannatyne campus. Dates for all of the workshops are in the VPA’s report.

Peter Nawrot has resigned from his position as Exec-at-Large for the GSA. The Exec will determine if they need another Exec-at-Large.

**18. Adjournment**

*Carolyn Weiss/Hamidreza Khazanehei*  
*Carried*

Next Meeting Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 5 pm in the GSA Lounge.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	E. RoTimi Ojo	present
VP Internal	Chad Cowie	present
VP Academic	Jennifer Chen	present
VP External	Tonia Bates	present
VP Health Sciences	Carolyn Weiss	present
Senator1	Jessica Rebizant	regrets
Senator2	Olivier Gagne	regrets
Senator3	Sem Moreno	regrets
Office Manager (Non-voting)	Ruth Prokesh	present
Office Assistant (Non-voting)	Trish Kelley	present

Researcher (Non-voting)	Liz Gonsalves	regrets
<b><i>Agric &amp; Food Science</i></b>		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics		
Animal Science	Hamidreza Khazanehei	present
Biosystems Engineering	Behzad Bashiri	present
Entomology	Graham Parsons	
	Filiz Koksel	regrets
Food Science	Proxy: Kun Wang	present
Plant Science	Chami Amarasinghe	present
Soil Science	Michael Cardillo	present
<b><i>Architecture</i></b>		
Architecture	Samantha Peters	present
	Ryan Gilmore (Co-councilors)	regrets
City Planning	Adam Prokopanko	present
Interior Design		
Landscape Architecture	Tamara Urben-Imbeault	present
<b><i>Arts</i></b>		
	Autumn Whiteway	regrets
Anthropology	Proxy: David Landry	present
Classics		
	Fariba Solati (Co-councilors)	present
Economics	Prosper Koto	
English, Film & Theatre	Kendra Magnusson	present
French, Spanish & Italian	Michelle Keller	present
German		

History	Sarah Gauntlett	regrets
Icelandic Studies		
Linguistics	Kay Hamadzadeh	present
Native Studies	Ryan Duplassie	regrets
Philosophy		
Political Studies and Public Administration		
Psychology	Greg Boese	present
Religious Studies		
School of Art	Monica Martinez	
Sociology	Kyla Doll	regrets
Canadian Studies St. Boniface		
<b><i>Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice</i></b>		
Peace and Conflict Studies	Laura Normand	
<b><i>Management</i></b>		
Management 1 (MBA)		
Management 2	Hamed Aghakhani Kasey Martin (Co-councilors)	present
<b><i>Education</i></b>		
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		
<b>Engineering</b>		
Civil	Pouria Jabari Barjesteh	present
Electrical & Computer	Ahmed Byagow (co-councillors) Dan Lockery	present
Mechanical & Manufacturing	Naghmeah Garmsiri Yaser Maddahi Md. Abul Khair Afzal Hossain (Co-councillors)	present
<b>Environment</b>		
Geography & Environment	Matthew Gale	present
Geological Sciences	Kerry Bates Proxy: Laura Bergen	present regrets
Nat Resources Institute	Jessica Lockhart	
Disability Studies		
Food & Nutritional Sciences		
Interdisciplinary		
<b>Human Ecology</b>		
Clothing & Textiles		
Family Social Sciences	Gia Ly	
Human Nutritional Sciences	Shyamchand Mayengbam	
<b>Law</b>		
Law		

<b>Music</b>		
Music		
<b>Nursing</b>		
Nursing	Cathy Scofield-Singh	regrets
<b>Phys Ed &amp; Rec Studies</b>		
Recreation Management & Kinesiology	Beibei Lu	regrets
<b>Science</b>		
Biological Sciences	Helia Zhang	present
Chemistry	Fatemeh Farazkhorzasani	present
Computer Science		
Mathematics		
Microbiology	April Gislason	present
Physics & Astronomy	Kurt Hildebrand	regrets
Statistics		
<b>Social Work</b>		
Social Work	Calistas Ekenna	regrets
<b>UMSU (Non-Voting)</b>		
President or Designate	Jennifer Black	
<b>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</b>		
President or Designate	Matt Mclean	
<b>Invited Speakers</b>		
Office of Student Life	David Grad	present
Faculty of Graduate Studies	Jay Doering	present



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