



September 26, 2012 GSA Council Meeting

MINUTES

5:00pm

GSA Lounge

1. Call to Order – 5:04 pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

Olivier Gagne/Kurt Hildebrand

Changes:

Senator Gagne pulled his report from the Unanimous Consent Agenda, Item 4

Tonia-Bates, VPE: Add Item 'Orientation Reimbursement' to 'Other Business'

MOTION: BIRT the agenda be approved as amended

Carried

3. Approval of Minutes from the August 29, 2012 GSA Council Meeting.

Jennifer Chen/Chad Cowie

Carried

3.1 Business Arising from the minutes

Council Retreat

The Council Retreat will be on Sunday, October 21, 2012 from 1:00pm-5:00pm. Carolyn Weiss will be sending out invitations to all counsellors via eventbrite.com. The executive is currently looking for venues, and the choice of location will depend on how many people will attend. Interested councillors should register early, as the cap is at 60 participants.

The purpose of the retreat is to make sure everyone is familiar with Robert's Rules of Order and how council operates.

T-Shirt Competition

The competition closes on Friday. Please spread the word to your department that the GSA is still looking for submissions for the t-shirt competition.

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.

MOTION: BIRT All other executive reports be accepted omnibus.

Olivier Gagne/Kerry Bates

Carried

5. Active Living Centre Presentation

The Active Living Centre Ground-Breaking Celebration will take place at 11:30 am, Thurs Oct 11 at X parking lot in front of Frank Kennedy Centre. There will be free food and entertainment. All students, faculty, staff, and alumni are welcome to attend. Please hang up posters in your department and help to spread the word.

6. Motions With Notice

6.1 Motions Recommended by the Bylaws Committee

Strike 6.1.4a. – The Chair ruled this motion out of order. This item has already been discussed and approved at the May 23, 2012 Council Meeting.

6.1 Motions recommended for approval by the Bylaws Committee:

6.1.1 **Motion:** BIRT Vice President Internal be added to Article IV, Section V, Subsection 2, 4, 5 and 6 of the Financial Policy and Procedural Manual.

6.1.2 **Motion:** BIRT in Article III, Section 6, Subsection b of the Committee Policy and Procedure Manual; item v be added to read that the Finance Committee has the duty “To review reports submitted by Executive members who coordinate UMGSA events using UMGSA funds.”

6.1.3 **Motion:** BIRT Article IV, Section 2 (a, b, and c), and Article 4, Section 3 (a and b) of the Financial Policy and Procedural Manual be amended as following:

2. Applications will be accepted throughout the academic year by the Finance Committee of the UMGSA and be reviewed as follows:

IV.2.a. Applications must be received no later than one (1) week prior to the Finance Committee Meeting.

IV.2.b. Finance Committee will bring forth their recommendations on Special Project Grants to the monthly UMGSA Council Meeting, where Council can debate and ask for more detail on the decisions made by the Finance Committee.

IV.2.c. In situations where the Finance Committee lacks quorum, the

Special Project Grants will be put forth to Council at the next scheduled

UMGSA Council Meeting.

IV.2.d. All applications must be received within four (4) months of the special project event.

3. All Proposals for individual, organization or department grants shall be considered by the Finance Committee if they meet they meet the requirements outlined here and on the Special Project Grants Form (Appendix B). The Committee has the authority to debate each submission and vote on acceptance. Committee members must abstain from voting on grant requests sponsored by themselves or a unit to which they are affiliated.

IV. 3.a. Special Project Grants of \$250.00 or less must submit all documents but will not be required to present to the finance committee

IV.3.b. Recommendation for grants greater than \$250 will require the applicant to present to the Finance Committee. Council has the authority to debate each submission and vote on acceptance.

~~6.1.4 **Motion:** BIRT under Article III, Section 5 of the Executive Policy Manual, the duties of the Vice President Academic be amended to read:~~

~~a. Serve on Senate Committees and Co-Chair, unless designated otherwise, of the Student Senate Caucus~~

~~f. Act as liaison between the Association and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and serve on the Faculty of Graduate Studies Executive Committee and Council.~~

6.1.5 **Motion:** BIRT a sub-committee be established under the Finance Committee in order to properly assess graduate student needs for the 2013/2014 academic year student planners which will be chaired by the Vice President Internal.

MOTION: BIRT the GSA Council vote to approve all of the motions under 6.1 omnibus.

Olivier Gagne/Tonia Bates

Carried

MOTION: BIRT the GSA Council approve the motions made by the Bylaws Committee.

Carried

6.2 Motions coming from the Executive Committee:

6.2.1 **Motion:** BIRT the Council approves the sponsorship of the Leadership Speaker Series organized by the Office of Student Life.

AMENDMENT: BIRT the GSA Council approve the sponsorship of the Leadership Speaker Series organized by the Office of Student Life up to a maximum of \$800, and also provide a green room space for the speaker.

Jennifer Chen/ Kurt Hildebrand

Carried

MOTION: BIRT the GSA Council approve the sponsorship of the Leadership Speaker Series organized by the Office of Student Life up to a maximum of \$800 and also provide a green room space for the speaker.

Carried

6.3 Motions tabled from April 25, 2012 Council Meeting

6.3.1 **Motion:** BIRT the GSA Council endorse the proposed Faculty of Graduate Studies Fee structure to be presented for approval by the President of the Association at the May 2012 Board of Governors meeting.

The Chair ruled this motion out of order. Bill 2 supersedes the ability of the university to restructure fees, as now all changes to fee structures have to be approved by the government.

Jay Doering stated that this proposal did not originate from FGS. Tonia Bates stated that it did not originate from the GSA Executive.

7. Departmental Elections/ Nominations for New Council Members

New council members were asked to introduce themselves.

8. Committee reports

8.1 Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee is meeting on the first Wednesday of the month until the end of term. The Committee will now be looking at special project grants, and executive reports from events.

8.2 Awards Committee Report

There is nothing to report as the award selection process has been completed. The committee will be meeting in January to discuss the awards forms for the upcoming school year.

8.3 Bylaws Committee Report

The Bylaws Committee met for the first time on September 18, 2012. The committee will be meeting on the first Tuesday of every month.

8.4 Campaigns Committee Report

The Campaigns Committee is developing a statement of Mission, Vision and Goals for the GSA. The committee created a rough draft at the last meeting and will be reviewing it at the next meeting before presenting it to council. There are a couple of opportunities for students to get involved politically on campus. There is a UPASS committee that is looking for assistance in acquiring sponsors to subsidize a UPASS for Winnipeg Transit. There is also a committee for Bill 2. Bill 2 has upset a number of students as they feel it is too broad and lacks detail and information. The GSA will also be forming an Aboriginal Committee. This committee was started last year. This committee will be a subcommittee of the Campaigns Committee.

8.5 Internal Development and Review Committee Report

Timi will chair the committee for the first time tomorrow. One of the committee members will be selected as the sub-chair for the committee at that meeting.

9. Canadian Federation of Students

- Update on Membership Status

10. Executive Reports

- 10.1 President
- 10.2 Vice President Internal
- 10.3 Vice President Academic
- 10.4 Vice President Health Sciences Report
- 10.5 Vice President External
- 10.7 Senator Rebizant
- 10.8 Senator Moreno

10.6 Senator Gagne

Senator Gagne provided a brief overview of the softball league. There were 130 people who signed up for the league, and it benefitted over 170 people. The season ended with a social that was well attended and appreciated by graduate students. There are some inconsistencies in the budget as presented that were brought to Senator Gagne's attention right before the meeting. The first two paragraphs should be stricken from the report. This section of the report should be tabled until the next meeting.

MOTION: BIRT the GSA Council table Senator Gagne's report until the next Council meeting.

Chad Cowie/Akinseloyiw Taiwo

Carried

15. Department Reports

Economics is holding a social to welcome new grad students with free food – on September 28.

NRI is holding a potluck, and they are also using some of the money from the GSA to subsidize NRI t-shirts.

Social Work finished their departmental orientation.

16. Other Business

Orientation Reimbursement

Tonia has spent \$1016.68 purchasing prizes and food for orientation. She is asking for Council to approve this expense because its over \$500. The purchases include prizes and gift certificates purchased from Safeway, pop for the BBQ from Superstore, gift bags from

Dollarama, and food and prizes from Costco. All expenses are coming from the orientation budget, and the expenses were approved by the executive committee.

BIRT: The GSA Council approve a reimbursement of \$1016.68 for Tonia Bates for her orientation purchases.

*Chad Cowie/ Akinseloyiw Taiwo
Carried*

17. Announcements

There is an investigation under way regarding suspicious activity in the office. Due to privacy concerns, there are no further details available at this time.

There is an Aramark Food Forum on October 4. 11:30 -3:30pm in room E2110 in the Engineering Building. Aramark's contract will be expiring soon. Any suggestions or concerns about the current food service will be heard.

There will be a Campus Planning Open House on October 11 from 12pm-6pm regarding the Southwood Land Development Project.

Imagin Canada will be giving away up to \$100,000 for students to develop an ad campaign for them. This item will be sent out in the next newsletter.

There is an SGM on October 30. All grad students are invited to attend. We are planning to hold it in the Senate Chambers. At the last AGM, the GSA voted to hold CFS money in trust at the last meeting. One of the decisions we need to make is to choose the direction we want to go with this issue. Please encourage students in your department to attend. It will be at 5pm, location will be confirmed.

Sociology/environment and geography

Carried

6:25

18. Adjournment – 6:25pm

*Kyla Doll/ Matt Gale
Carried*

	<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	present
Senator2	Olivier Gagne	present
Senator3	Sem Moreno	present
Office Manager (Non-voting)	Ruth Prokesch	present
Office Assistant (Non-voting)	Trish Kelley	present
Researcher (Non-voting)	Liz Gonsalves	present
<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics		
Animal Science	Hamidreza Khazanehei	present
Biosystems Engineering	Behzad Bashiri	present
Entomology	Graham Parsons	
	Filiz Koksel	regrets
Food Science	Proxy: Mingjue Wu	present
Plant Science	Chami Amarasinghe	absent
	Michael Cardillo	Present
Soil Science	Akinseloyiw Taiwo	present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Samantha Peters	present

City Planning	Lise Gibbons	present
Interior Design		
Landscape Architecture	Tamara Urben-Imbeault	absent
Arts		
Anthropology	Autumn Whiteway	present
Classics		
Economics	Fariba Solati (Co-councilors) Prosper Koto	present
English, Film & Theatre	Kendra Magnusson	present
French, Spanish & Italian	Michelle Keller	present
German		
History	Sarah Gauntlett	present
Icelandic Studies		
Linguistics	Kay Hamadzadeh	present
Native Studies	Ryan Duplassie	present
Philosophy		
Political Studies and Public Administration	Alexander Salt Johanu Botha	Present present
Psychology	Proxy: Tamara Sucharyna	present
Religious Studies		
School of Art	Monica Martinez	
Sociology	Kyla Doll	present
Canadian Studies St. Boniface		
Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and		

<i>Justice</i>		
Peace and Conflict Studies	Laura Normand	absent
<i>Management</i>		
Management 1 (MBA)		
Management 2	Paul Dueck Ji Zhou (Co-councilors)	present
<i>Education</i>		
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		
<i>Engineering</i>		
Civil	Pouria Jabari Barjesteh	present
Electrical & Computer	Ahmed Byagow (co-councillors) Dan Lockery	present
Mechanical & Manufacturing	Naghmeh Garmsiri Yaser Maddahi Md. Abul Khair Afzal Hossain (Co-councillors)	absent
<i>Environment</i>		
Geography & Environment	Matthew Gale	present

Geological Sciences	Kerry Bates	present
Nat Resources Institute	Jessica Lockhart	present
Disability Studies		
Food & Nutritional Sciences		
Interdisciplinary		
<i>Human Ecology</i>		
Clothing & Textiles		
Family Social Sciences	Gia Ly	Present – left at 6pm
Human Nutritional Sciences	Shyamchand Mayengbam	present
<i>Law</i>		
Law		
<i>Music</i>		
Music		
<i>Nursing</i>		
Nursing	Cathy Scofield-Singh	regrets
<i>Phys Ed & Rec Studies</i>		
Recreation Management & Kinesiology	Beibei Lu	absent
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Helia Zhang	absent
Chemistry	Fatemeh Farazkhorzasani	absent
Computer Science		
Mathematics		
Microbiology	April Gislason	regrets
Physics & Astronomy	Kurt Hildebrand Sebastien Kerherve	present present

Statistics		
<i>Social Work</i>		
Social Work	Calistas Ekenna	Present – 5:56pm
<i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Jennifer Black	
<i>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Matt Mclean	
<i>Invited Speakers</i>		
Office of Student Life	David Grad	Present – left at 5:30pm
Faculty of Graduate Studies	Jay Doering	Present – left at 5:41pm

Minutes recorded by Trish Kelley