

MINUTES

Meeting:	Council meeting	
Chair:	Executive-at-Large, Karalyn Dokurno	
Date:	January 25, 2017	
Start Time:	5:00	
Location:	217 University Centre	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions
BIRT the agenda for the January 25, 2017 UMGSA Council meeting be approved	Linguistics/Biomedical Engineering Friendly amendment: changes to GETS program Agenda approved	
BIRT all Executive Reports and the Senate Report be accepted omnibus	Environment and Geography/ Biological Sciences Motion carried	
BIRT the minutes from the November 23rd, 2016 UMGSA Council meeting be approved.	Environment and Geography/ Sociology Motion Carried	
GETS funding program Guest: Todd Mondor	Graduate Enhancement of Tri-council Stipends (GETS). Researcher/faculty member gets funding and the university matches it by providing a stipend for students. When it first started there was very little buy-in, but rules were made easier and now the commitments of the program exceeds the budget. The ration used to be \$1 from researcher and \$2.5 from GETS. Ratio of funding will now be \$1 per \$1 and one student per faculty member. If students are funded by GETS they will continue to get funded. The consequence of the change will be bringing new students in to the program not on existing students	
Special Project Grants- Department of English, Film, and Theatre	Request \$500, asking for money for their colloquium: <i>Communities, Wrenching, Repairing</i> at 3PM. The money would go toward food and poster design by Dr. David Eng. Motion acceptance of special project grant Electrical and Computer Engineering second. Motion carried.	
MOTION: BIRT the "Travel Expenses (Mandatory Form)" on Page 6 of the Conference Grant Application be replaced with the revised "Travel Expense (Mandatory Form)" in Appendix I.	Seconded by animal science. Discussion → need a space between "receipt" and "date." Motion carried.	
BIRT the changes recommended to the Financial Policy Manual (pages 4-5) and "POLICY II – CONFERENCE GRANT" (pages 7-8 of the Conference Grant Application) be modified as indicated in Appendix II.	Biological Sciences. No Discussion. Motion is carried.	

Verbal Committee Reports		
Executive Committee Report	Over the holidays there was communication about January 2017 bus passes. Because of the strike student's bus passes ran out.	
HSGSA Report	Preparing for AGM tomorrow, planning for research days, company coming to Winnipeg looking for opportunities for international students. Did winter orientation.	
Awards Committee Report	Slow time of the year, pushed back the awards committee meeting to February	
Bylaws and Policy Committee Report	Did not meet in January, will meet in February, in Dec worked on bylaws changes	
Finance Committee Report	A bunch of conference grant applications and special conference grant applications.	
Campaigns Committee Report	Campaigns committee members have thoroughly discussed summer registration; the issue will be raised at the board of governors meeting. Campaigns committee members are looking at estimates regarding ThinkGrad which is formed out of GU15. Committee has been thinking about whether it is a good idea to join. Our inputs on illegal rooming houses have been recognized, and we have been working with City Planning.	
Events Committee Report	Movie night, winter social, winter orientation. Winter social had about 58, orientation had about 20. Events committee is working on the Valentines Social on February 14 th . Also working with Alumni association for an event in the first week of march.	
MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council meeting be adjourned.	Linguistics/anthropology	

Minutes by: Danielle Filecia
Meeting adjourned: 5:45
Next meeting: February 22nd, 2017 @ 17:00