

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017 - 5:30 PM - UMGSA Lounge

1. Call to Order (5:32pm).

2. Approval of the Agenda

Note: Agenda Items for Concurrence Without Debate

Any item that has a beside it denotes an item intended for Concurrence Without Debate. These items include reports and other routine matters, and are considered accepted or adopted by the UMGSA Council without debate or a vote. Any Council Member who wishes to remove any item so-noted from the list of items for Concurrence Without Debate may do so by contacting the Council Chairperson prior to the meeting, or by requesting that it be removed when the Chair asks if there is any opposition to accepting these items for Concurrence Without Debate, immediately prior to the motion to approve the agenda as presented or as amended.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the agenda for the November 22nd, 2017, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Human Nutritional Sciences/Biological Sciences (Carried).

3. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the October 25th, 2017, UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes from the October 25th, 2017, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Anthropology/City Planning (Carried).

4. Committee Reports

Executive Committee:

- Had a debrief regarding the UMGSA Awards Luncheon. There were some A/V issues which should be prevented for the next event by setting up earlier.
- The UMGSA is now a signing member of the Our Turn Initiative. The press conference in October was a success.
- Planned new councilor orientation which took place at the October Council meeting.

Awards Committee:

- Awards committee met October 30th to discuss changes to the awards application requirements. They are considering increasing the number of awards by reducing the amount of individual awards. They hope to present these proposed changes at the next Council meeting.

Finance Committee:

- Has been processing conference grants.

- Is considering creating a required order for supporting documents in order to make applications easier to review.

Bylaws and Policy Committee:

- Currently reviewing the elections policy.
- They are recommending the creation of a Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) position and are working on creating the selection process for the DRO and CRO.

Campaigns Committee:

- Discussed how to improve Alumni relations.
- Discussed how to make changes to the U-Pass to benefit students next winter. Investigating the creation of a monthly summer bus pass which might benefit graduate students. Question as to whether we have a fixed contract with the City regarding the U-Pass, in case the costs for students rise. The UMGSA does not directly negotiate with the city regarding the U-Pass, and as such are unaware of the terms of the contract. The UMGSA's role on the U-Pass committee is largely to review student appeals for opting in and out of the pass.

Events Committee:

- The Halloween Social on October 27th was well attended and lots of fun.
- The Christian Graduate Students' Association has met the requirements and is now an official UMGSA group.
- Planning the UMGSA-Alumni Mentorship Event in Marshall McLuhan Hall on November 30th. The event has been promoted in the newsletter and students are asked to pre-register. Councillors are invited to attend and to pass the information on to their departments. If any councillors can recommend alumni to bring to the event, they should approach Carl or Obi. Concern is raised about how we can ensure there are diverse professional fields represented by alumni at the event. Suggestion that engaging specific departments could make the workload easier for the events committee and would ensure more diverse alumni attendance. Carl and Albert are discussing working on department-specific alumni events for the future.

Internal Development and Review Sub-Committee:

- The IDRSC was formed on October 25th with Sakib Rahman and Jahidul Islam elected co-chairs. The review was done during a short time frame. Peer-review forms were submitted to Executives and staff. The committee examined Executive committee minutes, the office hour calendars, internal committee attendance, and Council minutes. They will review the Executive reports in their next review.
- The IDRSC intends to help the Executive be as productive as possible for the rest of their terms and reflect on their performance.
- If any councillors have questions or concerns they should contact the IDRSC.
- Some common issues were long leaves of absence, maintaining the minimum requirement of two office hours per week (they often saw gaps followed by lots of office hours in a following week), and better communication between executives and the HSGSA executives. They recommend that the Executive policy manuals should be updated so that the IDRSC has a clear benchmark on which to evaluate the Executive, as some descriptions of Executive positions are no longer accurate.
- During the review process, the IDRSC found it difficult to retrieve information

about the HSGSA. They recommend that UMGSA and HSGSA executives keep accurate records of their office hours on a shared calendar.

- For the next review, they would like to poll the councilors and possibly the larger student body for feedback.
- The IDRSC welcome suggestions as to how to make the process more efficient and effective.
- Jayne will ensure students can provide feedback by forwarding any emails to the IDRSC Co-Chairs.
- Any questions or concerns about the review will be discussed at the January 2018 Council meeting. The review will be distributed to all councillors in the coming week.

5. Senate Report

5.1. November Senate Report (Appendix III)

Silvia:

- Senate met on November 1st to discuss changes that will be made to department names and the academic calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. Silvia will present these changes in full at the January Council meeting.

6. Executive Reports

6.1. October Executive Reports (Appendix IV)

7. Departmental Reports

English, Theatre, Film and Media:

- Call for papers for their annual colloquium, to take place on February 1st 2018.

HSGSA:

- Science fair is coming up in April. Students can volunteer to be judges. Great teaching/learning opportunity.
- Andrew is working on the Biomedical youth program, which is an opportunity for graduate students to mentor indigenous youth and give them hands on experience with science.

8. Unfinished Business

None.

9. New Business

9.1. Approval of an Amendment to the Graduate Student Membership of the FGS

Awards Committee: A graduate student member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies Awards Committee had to resign her position. After seeking replacements, in consultation with FGS, Zachary Janzen was determined to be the best choice of replacement.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves Zachary Janzen as the replacement for Michele Lemonius on the FGS Awards Committee.

Biological Sciences/Kinesiology and Rec Management (Carried).

9.2. Amendment to the Council Policy to Create an Ex-Officio Non-Voting Council Position for an Indigenous Student Centre Representative: The Indigenous Ad-Hoc Committee recommends that we create another ex-officio non-voting position on Council for an Indigenous Student Centre Representative. The Committee believes that this is a good first step in promoting more meaningful engagement with Indigenous students. Trevor Phillips is the current Indigenous Grad Student Success Coordinator, and he is eager to serve as this representative. This position is equivalent to the current CUPE 3909 spot on Council. The policy amendment is as follows:

Council Policy Manual

Article IV - Membership and Voting Rights

1. Members of Council

b. The following shall be ex-officio non-voting members of Council

add: "vi. Indigenous Student Centre Representative"

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves this amendment to the Council Policy Manual as written.

English, Theatre, Film and Media/Asper Master of Finance (Carried).

9.3. Bi-Annual Financial Report to Council: The Vice-President Internal is mandated to present a bi-annual financial report to Council. The report presents the actual income and expenses of the UMGSA up to the end of October, with reference to the Association's approved Budget. The Financial Report is included in the Council Documents Package as Appendix V.

- Question as to what will be done with the money being collected for CFS after the statute of limitation ends. Any changes to the collection or distribution of student fees would need to be approved at both an Annual General Meeting and by a referendum.
- Carl will consult with the UMGSA lawyer about when would be an appropriate time to release the funds.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council accepts the Bi-Annual Financial Report to Council as information.

Asper Master of Finance/ Mechanical Engineering (Carried).

10. Announcements

10.1. Alumni Mentorship Event: Thursday, November 30th, 2017 - 5:30PM - Marshall McLuhan Hall

10.2. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, January 24th, 2017 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

10.3. Office of Sustainability Movie Screening: Thursday, November 30th 2017 – 11:30am – UMGSA Lounge

11. Adjournment (6:09pm).

Position/Department	Name	Signature
President	Carl Neumann	Present
VP Internal	Chandan Howlader	Present
VP Academic	Md Emrul Hasan	Present
VP External	Albert Boakye	Present
VP Marketing & Events	Obiajulu Nnaemeka	Present
VP Health Science	Andrew Plesniarski	Present
Senator1	Silvia Araujo	Present
Senator2	D Skye Kushner	Regrets
Senator3	Nour Eissa	Will be Attending HSGSA Council Mtgs
Exec at Large	Richard From	Present
Chairperson	Karalyn Dokurno	Present
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Office Assistant (No Vote)	Jayne Hammond (Minute Taker)	Present
Agric & Food Science		
Animal Science	Yue (Yvette) Shang (Co-Councilors) Dipana Maharjan	Yvette Present
Biosystems Engineering	Ikra Iftekhar Shuvo	Present
Entomology	Thais F Silva Guimeraes	Absent
Food Science	Pamela Drawbridge	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Matt Granger	Present
Plant Science	Kenny So (Co-Councilors) Win Jian (Daniel) Chan	Both Absent
Soil Science	Mauli Gamhewage (Co-Councilors) Marufa Fatema	Mauli Present
Architecture		
Architecture	Steven Hung (Co-Councilors) Matthew Rajfur	Steven sent Regrets Matthew Present
City Planning	Andrew Treger (Co-Councilors) Felipe Mogollon	Both Present
Interior Design	Eugenia Amoako	Present

Landscape Architecture	Alyssa Magas	Present
Arts		
Anthropology	Analucia Vucic	Present
Economics	Francis Dzikpe (Co-Councilors) Siavash Taheri	Both Present
English, Film & Theatre	Shaylyn Maharaj-Poliah Kasey Morgan (Co-Councilors)	Both Present
Linguistics	Iuliia Rezvukhina (Co-Councilors) Tasheney Holness	Tasheney Present
Native Studies	Laura Forsythe (Co-Councilors) Timothy Maton	Laura sent Regrets Timothy Present
Political Studies & Public Administration	Ryan Shibley	Present
Psychology	Michelle Ward (Co-Councilors) Brenna Henrikson	Michelle Present
Sociology	Wanda Hounslow	Present
Management		
Asper - Master of Finance	Qing Qiu (Co-Councilors) Meer (Farhan) Shahriar	Farhan Present AL-6pm
Management - PhD & MSc	Zulfiquer Ali Haider	Present
Management – MBA	Currently No one	Currently No one
Education		
Education – PhD	Kazutoshi (Koe) Yoshino	Absent
Educ - Admin, Fndtns & Psychology	Tyler Kelsch	Present
Educ - Cirric, Teaching & Learning	Erica Hildebrand	Absent
Engineering		
Civil Engineering	Alexander Afuberoh	Present LE-6pm
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat (Co-Councilors) Ehsan Tahmasabian	Ehsan Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing Eng.	Shahriar Bagheri	Present
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Tonya Burgers (Co-Councilors) Maddie Harasyn	Maddie Present
Geological Sciences	Cody Ross	Absent

Natural Resources Institute	Anderson Assuah (Co-Councilors) Rajib Biswal	Jessica Waldinger-Proxy
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Nick Kosmenko (Co-Councilors) Brittany Semenchuk (Streuber)	Present
Biomedical Engineering	Ahmed Elwali (Co-Councilors) Mehrangiz Ashiri	Both Present
Peace and Conflict Studies	Mathias Ateng	Present
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Laura Ceccarelli (Co-Councilors) Yash Rawal	Yash Present
Law		
Law	Kelechi Okorafor	Absent
Nursing		
Nursing	Chloe Shindruk (Co-Councilors) Tanja Scharnagl	Both Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Gwangseok Yoon	Present
Chemistry	Haben Gabir	Present
Computer Science	Md Momin Al Aziz (Co-Councilors) Md S. R. Mahdi	Mahdi sent Regrets Toufique Mershed - Proxy
Mathematics	Jane Breen (Co-Councilors) Mohammad Shirazi	Mohammad Present
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Darren Flynn	Present
Statistics	Kelly Ramsey	Present
Social Work		
Social Work - Indigenous Knowledge	Kyra Wilson	Absent
UMSU (Non-Voting)		
President or Designate		Absent
CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)		
President or Designate	Abdulrazaki Abu	Absent
FGS Rep (Non-Voting)		
Dean or Designate	Dr. Todd Mondor	Absent
Student Life (Non-Voting)		
Office of Student Life	Cora Dupuis	Absent
Guests		

Mgmt - MBA Interdiscip (possible Councilor)	Udit Khanna	Present
IDRSC Co-Chair (Presenting Report)	Md. Jahidul Islam	Present
IDRSC Co-Chair (Presenting Report)	Sakib Rahman	Present

President

Date

Executive-At-Large

Date