

## **UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 5:30 PM - UMGSA Lounge**

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

**2. Traditional Territories Acknowledgement**

The University of Manitoba campuses are located on original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

**3. 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.

**Two special project grant presentations are added to the agenda.**

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the agenda for the February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting as amended.**

*Animal Science/Entomology (Carried).*

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this council meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes from the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Human Nutritional Sciences/Biological Sciences (Carried).*

**5. Approval of Special Project Grant for the Advanced Practice Nursing Conference:** The Finance Committee recommends the approval of \$500 for a Special Project Grant for the GNSA's Advanced Practice Nursing Conference, to be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The GNSA will recognize the UMGSA as a sponsor of the event.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves \$500 for a Special Project Grant for the March 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 Advanced Practice Nursing Conference.**

*Finance Committee/Asper Master of Finance (Carried).*

- 6. Approval of Special Project Grant for Rising Up: A Graduate Student Conference on Indigenous Studies:** The Finance Committee recommends the approval of \$500 for a Special Project Grant for the NSGSA's event Rising Up: A Graduate Student Conference on Indigenous Studies, to be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The NSGSA will recognize the UMGSA as a sponsor of the event.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves \$500 for a Special Project Grant for the March 2018 Rising Up conference.**

*Finance Committee/English, Theatre, Film & Media (Carried).*

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **7.1. January Committee Reports (Appendix II)**

#### **Executive Committee**

- Discussing options to replace the printer/copier.
- Planning to formalize the Student Senate Caucus in our policy, since UMSU has done the same.
- Proposal to equalize department grants for part-time students to the level of full-time students, which will be discussed later in this meeting.

#### **Awards Committee**

- Final proposal for changes to the Awards Policy, as voted on at last Council meeting, have been sent to Financial Aid & Awards. The changes may not be implemented in time for the 2018-2019 school year, as the changes were not passed in time to make it to the March Senate meeting.
- Updated the application processes for the UMGSA Awards.
- No meeting this month.

#### **Bylaws & Policy Committee**

- Wrapped up the changes to the Elections Referendum Policy & Procedure Manual.
- Went over the amendments to the Awards Policy.

#### **Campaigns Committee**

- Met to discuss student-advisor guidelines yesterday. Albert will take a lead role and will discuss the issue with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Some students feel they are not receiving enough financial support from their advisor, and they discussed issues regarding degree completion time.
- They also looked into whether they can take a formal stand on tuition hikes.

#### **Events Committee**

- Planned the Valentine's Day Social, which went well.
- Planning another Alumni Mentorship Event for this term.

#### **Finance Committee**

- Processed conference grant applications.
- Went through an updated budget.
- Held an email vote to approve some stale-dated cheques.

## **8. HSGSA Report**

### **8.1. January HSGSA Report (Appendix III)**

- Had a meeting with Wab Kinew to discuss issues affecting Health Sciences students and

to government policy relating to science. He will tour the Bannatyne campus soon.

- The first-ever Industry Fair brought employers to the Bannatyne campus. They worked with Career Services to run the event but hope to work more independently next year.
- Talked with Career Services about a Graduate Student Compass.

## 9. Senate Report

### 9.1. January Senate Report (Appendix IV)

- Approved a new award for Biological Sciences.
- Went through the proposed Academic Schedule for the next semester.
- Discussion resumed about the creation of a Masters in Human Rights program. This could be implemented in 2020.
- There was no Senate meeting in February.

## 10. Executive Reports

### 10.1. January Executive Reports (Appendix V)

## 11. Departmental Reports

### Civil Engineering

- Held a seminar relating to earthquakes. Provided lunch with the help of UMGSA funding. There were 85 people attending, 90% of which were graduate students.

### Geological Sciences

- Tentative approval to add to two new Canada Research Chairs in Environmental Geography. This could result in about 18 new graduate research positions.

### Native Studies

- March is Indigenous Awareness Month. Indigenous Connect University of Manitoba has a list of all the events happening on campus.

## 12. Unfinished Business

None.

## 13. New Business

**13.1. Amendment to the Financial Policy to Correct a Contradictory Reimbursement Policy:** The Bylaws and Policy Committee recommends the removal of Article VII, 2, point d from the UMGSA Financial Policy. This point contradicts point b. The UMGSA has already been following the procedure listed in point b, which is better for keeping account of distinct expenses, and this will help reduce the chance of inaccurate or fraudulent accounting and reimbursement in the future. The complete proposed changes and the existing section of the UMGSA Financial Policy are included as Appendix VI to this council meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the removal of point d from Article VII, section 2 of the UMGSA Financial Policy, and point e will become the new point d.**

*Bylaws and Policy Committee/City Planning (Carried).*

**13.2. Amendment to the Financial Policy to Make the Signing Authority of the VP Marketing and Events Consistent With the Executive Policy:** The Bylaws and

Policy Committee recommends the amendment of Article VII, 2, point a of the UMGSA Financial Policy to grant the VPME signing authority. When the Executive Policy was recently updated to grant signing authority to the VPME, the section of the Financial Policy dealing with signing authority had been overlooked. This change will make the Financial Policy consistent with the updated Executive Policy. The complete proposed changes and the existing section of the UMGSA Financial Policy are included as Appendix VI to this council meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the amendment of point a in Article VII, section 2 of the UMGSA Financial Policy, as written, to grant the VP Marketing and Events signing authority.**

*Bylaws and Policy Committee/Architecture (Carried).*

**13.3. Amendments to the Financial Policy to Correct the Timing of Departmental**

**Grant Disbursement:** The Bylaws and Policy Committee recommends amending points 2, 4 and 6 in Article IV, section III of the UMGSA Financial Policy to reflect the correct timing of departmental grant disbursements. When the UMGSA changed its fiscal year to conclude at the end of April, this policy was not amended, even though Departmental Grants have been disbursed in April ever since. The proposed changes make the policy consistent with existing UMGSA practice, as well as consistent with our fiscal year, and ensures proper accounting within the same budget year as funds were collected. These changes also include grammatical corrections. The complete proposed changes and the existing section of the UMGSA Financial Policy are included as Appendix VI to this council meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the amendments to points 2, 4 and 6 in Article IV, section III of the UMGSA Financial Policy, as written, to correct the timing of Department Grant disbursements as well as grammatical errors.**

*Bylaws and Policy Committee/Landscape Architecture (Carried).*

**13.4. Amendment to the Financial Policy to Equalize Department Grants for Part-**

**Time Students:** The Bylaws and Policy Committee recommends amending the UMGSA Financial Policy to equalize Department Grants for part-time graduate students to the same level as full-time graduate students. Currently departments get only \$10 per year for PT students, versus \$20 for FT students. Because all Grad students pay the same fees to the UMGSA, the Education Graduate Students' Association suggested that it would be more equitable to raise the grants for PT students to the same level as FT students. This plan has been determined to be financially viable for the UMGSA, costing a maximum of around \$6000 per year in addition to current grants. The proposed changes have also been reviewed and endorsed by the UMGSA Executive and by the Finance Committee. In addition, this amendment reflects the actual practice of the UMGSA of giving grants by program, rather than by department, in some cases. These policy amendments will implement these changes, taking effect from the start of the upcoming new fiscal year in May. The complete proposed changes and the existing section of the UMGSA Financial Policy are included as Appendix VI to this council meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the amendments to Article IV, section 3, point 4 of the UMGSA Financial Policy, as written, to equalize Department Grants for part-time graduate students to the same level as full-time graduate students.**

*Bylaws and Policy Committee/English, Theatre, Film & Media (Carried).*

**14. Announcements**

**14.1. UMGSA Election Campaign Period:** Monday, March 12 - Friday, March 23, 2018

**14.2. UMGSA Election Forum:** Wednesday, March 14 - 11:30AM - UMGSA Lounge

**14.3. UMGSA Election Voting Period:** Wednesday, March 21 - Friday, March 23, 2018

**14.4. Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

**Other Announcements:**

- IDRSC will circulate the second Executive Review and present at the next Council meeting.
- The Department of Entomology is presenting a speaker from Cornell on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am in room 220 of the Entomology Building.
- The Education Symposium is this Friday and Saturday in room 200 of the Education Building.
- The Sustainability Committee wants to give a presentation on the University’s sustainability goals and how they are meeting them at a future UMGSA Council meeting.

**15. Adjournment (6:09pm).**

<b>Position/Department</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>
President	Carl Neumann	Present
VP Internal	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
VP Academic	Md Emrul Hasan	Present
VP External	Albert Boakye	Present
VP Marketing & Events	Obiajulu Nnaemeka	<b>Regrets</b>
VP Health Science	Andrew Plesniarski	Present
Senator1	Silvia Araujo	Present
Senator2	D Skye Kushner	Present
Senator3	Nour Eissa	<b>Will be Attending HSGSA Council Mtgs</b>
Exec at Large	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
Chairperson	Karalyn Dokurno	Present
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Office Assistant (No Vote)	Jayne Hammond (Minute Taker)	Present

<b><i>Agric &amp; Food Science</i></b>		
Animal Science	Yue (Yvette) Shang (Co-Councilors) Dipana Maharjan	Yue (Yvette) Present
Biosystems Engineering	Ikra Iftekhar Shuvo	<b>Absent - NO PROXY FORM SUBMITTED</b>
Entomology	Thais F Silva Guimeraes	Present
Food Science	Pamela Drawbridge	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Matt Granger (Co-Councilors) Roxie Koohgoli	Matt Present LE-6:05pm
Plant Science	Kenny So (Co-Councilors) Win Jian (Daniel) Chan	Both Present
Soil Science	Mauli Gamhewage (Co-Councilors) Lanny Gardiner	Lanny Present
<b><i>Architecture</i></b>		
Architecture	Steven Hung (Co-Councilors) Matthew Rajfur	Matthew Present
City Planning	Andrew Treger (Co-Councilors) Felipe Mogollon	Andrew Present
Interior Design	Eugenia Amoako	Present
Landscape Architecture	Alyssa Magas	Present
<b><i>Arts</i></b>		
Anthropology	Analucia Vucic	<b>Regrets</b>
Economics	Francis Dzikpe (Co-Councilors) Siavash Taheri	Francis Present LE-5:53pm
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Shaylyn Maharaj-Poliah Kasey Morgan (Co-Councilors)	Both Present
Linguistics	Iuliia Rezvukhina (Co-Councilors) Tasheney Holness	<b>Both Absent</b>
Native Studies	Laura Forsythe (Co-Councilors) Timothy Maton	Laura Present
Political Studies & Public Administration	Ryan Shibley	<b>Maria Gheorge - Proxy</b>
Psychology	Michelle Ward (Co-Councilors) Brenna Henrikson	Brenna Present
Sociology & Criminology	Wanda Hounslow	<b>Regrets</b>

<b>Management</b>		
Asper - Master of Finance	Qing Qiu (Co-Councilors) Meer (Farhan) Shahriar	Farhan Present LE-6:00pm
Management - PhD & MSc	Zulfiqer Ali Haider	<b>Absent</b>
Management – MBA	Udit Khanna	<b>Arun Antony - Proxy</b> LE-6pm
<b>Education</b>		
Education – PhD	Kazutoshi (Koe) Yoshino	Present
Educ - Admin, Fndtns & Psychology	Tyler Kelsch	Present
Educ - Curric, Teaching & Learning	Erica Hildebrand	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Engineering</b>		
Biomedical Engineering	Ahmed Elwali (Co-Councilors) Mehrangiz Ashiri	Ahmed Present
Civil Engineering	Alexander Afuberoh	<b>Absent</b>
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat (Co-Councilors) Ehsan Tahmasabian	Ehsan Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing Eng.	Ako Bahari	Present
<b>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</b>		
Environment & Geography	Tonya Burgers (Co-Councilors) Maddie Harasyn	<b>Both Absent</b>
Geological Sciences	Cody Ross	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Anderson Assuah (Co-Councilors) Zachary Rempel	<b>Both Absent</b>
<b>Graduate Studies</b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Caryne Torkia (Co-Councilors) Brittany Semenchuk (Streuber)	Caryne Present
Peace and Conflict Studies	Mathias Ateng	<b>Absent - NO PROXY FORM SUBMITTED</b>
<b>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</b>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Laura Ceccarelli (Co-Councilors) Yash Rawal	Laura Present
<b>Law</b>		
Law	Kelechi Okorafor	<b>Absent</b>

<b>Nursing</b>		
Nursing	Chloe Shindruk (Co-Councilors) Tanja Scharnagl	Both Present
<b>Science</b>		
Biological Sciences	Gwangseok Yoon	Present
Chemistry	Haben Gabir	Present
Computer Science	Md Momin Al Aziz (Co-Councilors) Md S. R. Mahdi	<b>Both Absent</b>
Mathematics	Jane Breen (Co-Councilors) Mohammad Shirazi	Mohammad Present
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Darren Flynn	Present
Statistics	Kanika Grover (Co-Councilors) Shamsia Sobhan	<b>Absent - PROXY DIDN'T SIGN ATTENDANCE SHEET</b>
<b>UMSU (Non-Voting)</b>		
President or Designate		<b>Absent</b>
<b>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</b>		
President or Designate	Abdulrazaki Abu	<b>Absent</b>
<b>FGS Rep (Non-Voting)</b>		
Dean or Designate	Dr. Todd Mondor	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Student Life (Non-Voting)</b>		
Office of Student Life	Cora Dupuis	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Indigenous Student Centre</b>		
Indigenous Student Centre	Trevor Phillips	Present
<b>Guests</b>		
Biosystems Eng. (Possibly interested)	Mahmudul Hasan	Present
Special Project Grant Presentation	Sarah Gwen Peters	Present LE-5:50pm
Note: Sarah wasn't able to present because she didn't meet the application criteria - may return next month		

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**President**

**Date**

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**Office Assistant**

**Date**