

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 18th, 2018 - 5:30 PM - UMGSA Lounge

1. Call to Order (5:30pm).

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.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the agenda for the April 18th, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

President/Vice President External (Carried).

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the March 28th, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes from the March 28th, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

President/Vice President External (Carried).

5. Approval of a Special Project Grant for the Graduate Student Food Systems and Sustainability Symposium:

The Finance Committee recommends the approval of \$500 for a Special Project Grant for the Human Nutritional Sciences Graduate Students' Association's Graduate Student Food Systems and Sustainability Symposium, to be held on June 27th 2018. The HNSGSA will recognize the UMGSA as a sponsor of the event.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves \$500 for a Special Project Grant for the June 27, 2018 Graduate Student Food Systems and Sustainability Symposium.

Finance Committee (Carried).

6. Presentation from the Office of Sustainability

- Leanne Shewchuck made a verbal presentation about the goals of the Office of Sustainability.
- The Office of Sustainability welcomes student feedback about how to make the University of Manitoba a more ecologically conscious institution.

7. Committee Reports

- 7.1. March Committee Reports (Appendix II)
7.2. Elections Committee Report (Appendix VIII)

8. HSGSA Report

- 8.1. March HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

9. Senate Report

- 9.1. March Senate Report (Appendix IV)

10. Executive Reports

- 10.1. March Executive Reports (Appendix V)

11. Departmental Reports

None.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. New Business

13.1. Proposed Addition of the Student Senate Caucus to the Committee Policy: The Student Senate Caucus is a non-binding joint-committee with UMSU which facilitates collaboration among student members of Senate. UMSU Council recently formalized the Student Senate Caucus in their policies, and this proposed addition to our Committee Policy would formalize it for us. This version is recommended by the Bylaws and Policy Committee after review. Though the formatting has been adapted for the UMGSA, the wording mirrors UMSU's for consistency. The full wording of both our proposed UMGSA version, as well as the current UMSU version, are included as Appendix VI to this council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the addition of the Student Senate Caucus to the UMGSA Committee Policy and Procedure Manual as a new point 18 under Article V, as written.

Bylaws and Policy Committee (Carried).

13.2. Replacement of the Multi-Function Copier-Printer-Scanner: The Executive has investigated possible options for a replacement of our current multi-function copier. It has been used well past its intended lifespan, and it has been functioning increasingly poorly in recent months. After discussions with IST, we will be able to take advantage of the University's discount from their supplier, and we would have a 7-year service contract with the company. Based on our needs, the Taskalfa 5002i was determined to be the best option for us. We believe that this machine will be reliable and long-lasting, and will provide good value for the Association. With this new machine we will be discontinuing fax services, which are almost never used and would not be

worth the approximately \$500 in additional cost. The per-page costs over the span of the associated 7-year service contract will be less than what we pay now. Particularly thanks to the University discount, we have not found better alternatives. Thanks to cost savings found over this year, as well as higher than budgeted student fee revenues, there is more than enough money remaining in this year's budget to cover the cost of this purchase.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the addition of \$5700 to the 2017-18 UMGSA Budget for the purchase of the Taskalfa 5002i.

Executive Committee (Carried).

13.3. Addition of \$100 to the 2017-18 UMGSA Budget for Hospitality for Council

Meetings: Due to slightly higher turnout to UMGSA Council meetings over the course of the past year, we are short by \$100 to cover food for this final Council meeting. There is more than enough money remaining in this year's budget to cover the cost of this increase.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves an additional \$100 in the 2017-18 UMGSA Budget for Hospitality for Council Meetings.

Executive Committee (Carried).

13.4. Addition of \$2500 to the 2017-18 UMGSA Budget for Special Project Grants:

The Special Project Grant budget line was cut mid-year when there had been almost no applications. Since that time, there have been a large number of applications, and we have exceeded the reduced budget for these grants. We are budgeting an increase of \$2500 on top of the existing \$2000 budgeted, in order to cover grants already paid out as well as some that are pending. There is more than enough money remaining in this year's budget to cover the cost of this increase.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves an additional \$2500 in the 2017-18 UMGSA Budget for Special Project Grants.

Executive Committee (Carried).

13.5. Proposed Clarification of Open Eligibility for Councilors and Department GSAs:

The UMGSA has received a complaint from a grad student who wished to run for an executive position on his Departmental GSA, but was excluded from running based on restrictions within the group's policies. Their policies effectively allow current executives to determine who will or will not have the opportunity to run for election. After extensive deliberations, the Bylaws and Policy Committee recommends that an additional point be added to the Council Policy to require that all grad students within a department be eligible to run as their department's UMGSA Council representative, as well as be eligible to run for their own group's executive positions. This proposal seeks to clarify and expand on the already-existing requirements for democratic procedures within the Departmental GSAs that send representatives to the UMGSA Council. The full wording of the proposed addition to the UMGSA Council Policy and Procedure Manual is included as Appendix VII to this council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the addition of the new point ii to Article IV, 2, a of the UMGSA Council Policy and Procedure Manual as written.

Bylaws and Policy Committee (Carried).

14. Announcements

14.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

15. Adjournment (6:15pm).

Position/Department	Name	Signature
President	Carl Neumann	Present
VP Internal	Vacant	Vacant
VP Academic	Md Emrul Hasan	Regrets
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	Present
Senator3	Nour Eissa	Will be Attending HSGSA Council Mtgs
Exec at Large	Vacant	Vacant
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 (Co-Councilors) Hrishekesh Banik	Hrishekesh Present
Entomology	Thais F Silva Guimeraes	Present
Food Science	Pamela Drawbridge	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Matt Granger (Co-Councilors) Roxie Koohgoli	Matt Present
Plant Science	Kenny So (Co-Councilors) Win Jian (Daniel) Chan	Daniel Present
Soil Science	Mauli Gamhewage (Co-Councilors) Lanny Gardiner	Lanny Present

Architecture		
Architecture	Steven Hung (Co-Councilors) Matthew Rajfur	Matthew Present
City Planning	Andrew Treger (Co-Councilors) Felipe Mogollon	Absent
Interior Design	Eugenia Amoako	Present
Landscape Architecture	Alyssa Magas	Present
Arts		
Anthropology	Analucia Vucic	Absent
Economics	Francis Dzikpe (Co-Councilors) Siavash Taheri	Francis Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	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 Eduardo Vergolino - Proxy
Political Studies & Public Administration	Ryan Shibley	Present
Psychology	Michelle Ward (Co-Councilors) Brenna Henrikson	Michelle Present
Sociology & Criminology	Wanda Hounslow	Present
Management		
Asper - Master of Finance	Qing Qiu (Co-Councilors) Meer (Farhan) Shahriar	Both Absent
Management - PhD & MSc	Zulfiquer Ali Haider	Absent
Management – MBA	Udit Khanna	Arun Antony - Proxy
Education		
Education – PhD	Kazutoshi (Koe) Yoshino	Absent
Educ - Admin, Fndtns & Psychology	Tyler Kelsch	Present
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Ahmed Elwali (Co-Councilors) Mehrangiz Ashiri	Ahmed Present - LE-6:10pm
Civil Engineering	Alexander Afuberoh	Regrets Hongwei Liu - Proxy

Electrical & Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat (Co-Councilors) Ehsan Tahmasabian	Ehsan Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing Eng.	Ako Bahari	Absent
<i>Environment, Earth & Resources</i>		
Environment & Geography	Tonya Burgers (Co-Councilors) Maddie Harasyn	Maddie Present
Geological Sciences	Cody Ross	Regrets
Natural Resources Institute	Anderson Assuah (Co-Councilors) Zachary Rempel	Zachary Present
<i>Graduate Studies</i>		
Applied Health Sciences	Caryne Torkia (Co-Councilors) Brittany Semenchuk (Streuber)	Absent
Peace and Conflict Studies	Mathias Ateng	Absent
<i>Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.</i>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Laura Ceccarelli (Co-Councilors) Yash Rawal	Laura Present
<i>Law</i>		
Law	Kelechi Okorafor	Regrets
<i>Nursing</i>		
Nursing	Chloe Shindruk (Co-Councilors) Tanja Scharnagl	Chloe Present
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Gwangseok Yoon	Present
Chemistry	Haben Gabir	Present
Computer Science	Md Momin Al Aziz (Co-Councilors) Md S. R. Mahdi	Mahdi sent Regrets
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	Both Present
<i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i>		
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	Vacant	Vacant
Indigenous Student Centre		
Indigenous Student Centre	Vacant	Absent
Guests		
Incoming VPHSC	Carmine Slipski	Present
Incoming Civil Engineering GSA Pres	Ahmed Gaber Bediwy	Present
Office of Sustainability - Presenter	Leanne Shewchuk	Present LE-5:45pm

Office Assistant **Date**

UMGSA President **Date**