Agenda - GSA Council Wednesday Nov. 26, 2008 4:45 pm, UMSU Council Chambers

- 1. Approval of Agenda
- 2. Motion: Approval of October 22 GSA Council Meeting Minutes
- 3. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee (Page 7)

Motion: Approval of updated and amended 2008-2009 budget.

Motion: BIRT the 2008-2009 GSA Annual General Meeting will be held January 22, 2009 in the GSA Lounge at 5pm.

- b. Finance Committee (Page 8)Motion: Approval of Departmental grant disbursements.
- c. Internal Development and Review Committee (Page 9)
- 4. Executive Reports
 - a. President (Page 10)
 - b. Vice President (Internal) (Page 11)
 - c. Vice President (Academic) (Page 12)
 - d. Vice President (External) (Page 13)
 - e. Vice President (Health Sciences) (Page 13)
 - f. Senators (Page 15)
- 5. Department Updates
- 6. Other Business
- 7. Announcements
 Next GSA Council Meeting is January 28, 2009 at 4:45pm in the UMSU
 Council Chambers
- 8. Adjournment

Attendance – GSA Council October 22, 2008 4:45 pm, UMSU Council Chambers

GSA Executive	Name	Signature
President	Aaron Glenn	Present
VP Internal	Xuping Sun	Present
VP Academic	Andy Bonar	Present
VP External	Chandra Bhan Singh	Present
VP Health Sciences	Meaghan Labine	Present
Senators	Mohamed Moustafa Cheng Zhang Abas Sabouni	Present Present Present
Office Manager	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Councillors	Name	Signature
UMSU	Jonny Sopotiuk	Present (proxy)
CUPE 3909	Muthukumar Bagavathiannan	Present
Agric & Food Science		·
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Jordan Templeton Mark Fynn	Present
Animal Science	Natalie Berard	Present (proxy)
Biosystems Engineering	Vanathy Nalliah	Present
Entomology		
Food Science	Nikolay Repin	Present (proxy)
Plant Science	Arvind Hirani	Present
Soil Science	Jennifer Nielsen	Present
Architecture		
Architecture	Carl Drohomereski	Present
City Planning	Richard Mahé Becky Raddatz	Present
Interior Design	Michelle Zelickson	Present
Landscape Architecture	Kelly Wojnarski	Present
Arts		

Anthropology	Jeniva Donaleshen	Absent
Classics		
Economics		
English	Alyson Brickey	Present
French, Spanish & Italian		
German		
History	Tamara Fleming Graham Stinnett	Present
Icelandic Studies		
Linguistics		
Native Studies		·
Philosophy	Wes McPherson	Regrets
Political Studies		
Public Administration		
Psychology		
Religious Studies	Matt Sheedy	Regrets
Slavic Studies		
Sociology	Gosia Parada	Present
Canadian Studies St. Boniface		
Arthur Mauro Centre for		
Peace and Justice		
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Management		
Management 1 (MBA)		
Management 2	André Laplume	Present
Education		
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		
Engineering		
Civil	Justin Rak-Banville	Present
Electrical & Computer	Christopher Henry	Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing		
Environment		
Geography & Environment	Trish Kelley Kristin Westdal	Present
Geological Sciences		
Nat Resources Inst	Sheldon Ratuski	Absent
Disability Studies		
Food & Nutr Sciences		
Interdisciplinary		
Human Ecology	·	
Clothing & Textiles		
Family Social Sciences	Mika Kawaguchi	Present
Human Nutritional	Design Chinasa	Abont
Sciences	Danielle Stringer	Absent
Law		
Law		
Music		
Music		
Nursing Nursing		
	Erin Shepherd	Present
Pharmacy		
Pharmacy		
Phys Ed & Rec Studies		
Recreation Management		
Kinesiology	Jill Hnatiuk	Present (proxy)

Science		
Biological Sciences	Josh Levac	Present
Chemistry		
Computer Science		
Mathematics		
Microbiology		
Physics & Astronomy	Neil Moore	Regrets
Statistics		
Social Work		
Social Work		

Minutes – GSA Council October 22, 2008 4:45 pm, UMSU Council Chambers

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion

BIRT the agenda be approved.

Parada/Levac

CARRIED

2. Presentation from Political Studies Student Association and Plant Science Graduate Students' Association regarding Special Project Grant requests.

3. Motion

BIRT the September 24 GSA Council Meeting Minutes be approved.

Raddatz/Labine

CARRIED

- 4. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
 - b. Finance Committee

Motion

BIRT Special Project Grant for the Political Studies Student Association be approved for \$500.00.

CARRIED

Motion

BIRT Special Project Grant for the Plant Science Graduate Students' Association be approved for \$500.00.

CARRIED

1. Selections Committee for Gradzette editor

Motion

BIRT the Committee reports be accepted.

Rak-Banville/Kelley

- 5. Executive Reports
 - a. President
 - b. Vice president (Internal)
 - c. Vice President (Academic)
 - d. Vice President (External)
 - e. Vice President (Health sciences)
 - f. Senators

Motion

BIRT the Executive reports be accepted.

Labine/Jayachadran (Food Science)

CARRIED

- 6. Student Representatives for Dean (Re)appointment Advisory Committees Business/Agriculture/Architecture/Faculty of Science
- 7. Departmental Updates

Brief verbal reports were given by Nursing, Biological Sciences, Electrical and Computer Engineering, UMSU, Agriculture, City Planning, Geography & Environment, and Sociology.

8. Other Business

Abas spoke on the MITACS Student Action Committee.

9. Announcements

Next meeting November 26 at 4:45 pm in the UMSU Council Chambers.

10. Adjournment

Motion

BIRT the meeting be adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Bonar/Labine

CARRIED

From: GSA Executive Committee

To: GSA Council

Date: November 26, 2008

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings

November 20 November 24

Gradzette

The new Gradzette editor Karine, has finished the first issue of the Gradzette to be released in over a year and a half. It is currently at the printers, look for it around campus and Winnipeg by the end of this week, as well, all back issues will be archived online in electronic format.

Canadian Federation of Students Annual General Meeting

GSA Executive committee members, Aaron Glenn, Xuping Sun, Mohamed Moustafa, Abas Sabouni, Cheng Zhang and Andy Bonar will be representing the GSA and attending the Canadian Federation of Students Annual General Meeting from November 27 to November 29 in Gatineau, Quebec.

December 18 End of Term Social Event

Plans are in the works for an End of Term/ "Festivus" Party at the GSA Lounge on December 18, more details will announced to U of M grad students in the near future!

Updated and Amended 2008-2009 GSA Budget - see Attachment 1

Motion: BIRT the updated and amended 2008-2009 GSA budget be approved as presented.

2008-2009 GSA Annual General Meeting

Motion: BIRT the 2008-2009 GSA Annual General Meeting be held at 5pm on January 22, 2009 in the GSA Lounge.

From: GSA Finance Committee

To: GSA Council

Date: November 26, 2008

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings

October 23 November 25

Conference Grants

The committee has approved an amount of \$3.850 in October, and \$3,950 in November as conference grant to graduate students presenting/attending conference.

Department Grants

The committee has approved an amount of \$8,225 as departmental grant to departments for the second disbursement in December.

Motion: BIRT the departmental grants be awarded as presented.

Please see attached document (Attachment 2)

From: GSA Internal Development and Review Committee (Aaron Glenn, Chair)

To: GSA Council

Date: November 26, 2008

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings

November 13

2008-2009 GSA Executive Mid-term Review

A sub-committee was struck to conduct the 2008-2009 GSA Executive mid-term review. Neil Moore from Physics and Astronomy is the chair of the sub-committee and the review will be presented for approval at the January GSA Council meeting.

From: Aaron Glenn, President gengsa.ca >

To: GSA Council

Date: November 26, 2008

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings Attended and Missed

Assiniboine Credit Union and Credential Financial - October 22

UMSU Council - October 30

Faculty of Graduate Studies – October 31

Task Force on Time to Completion Open Hearing #1 – November 3

Meeting with Assiniboine Credit Union and GSA Lawyer - November 4

Day of Action for Education - November 5

GSA Internal Development and Review Committee - November 13

UMSU Council – November 13

Faculty Council of Graduate Studies - November 14

UMSU Health and Dental Plan - November 14

CFS-MB Provincial Executive - November 14

CFS-MB Manitoba Student Aid Preparation - November 17

Board of Governors – November 18

Office Hours

My office hours are held from 2pm to 4pm on Mondays, and I am open to meeting at other times by appointment. Unfortunately I missed my office hours on November 3 because of the Task Force on Time to Completion hearing and November 10 because I was away from Winnipeg relaxing.

Other Information

Time-to-Completion Task Force

There were a closed hearing and open hearing held, as well written submissions are still be accepted. Unfortunately, the hearings at Bannatyne were canceled due to lack of interest in presenting so those who planned on presenting were told to make written submissions. The November task force meeting was canceled as Dr. Doering is out of town and the next meeting will not be held until December.

Day of Action

I attended the November 5 Day of Action on Post Secondary Education, along with other members of the GSA Executive. Rallies were held at the U of M outside the

administration building and over the provincial legislature. Turn out was very good for both rallies.

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors met on November 18 after a two month hiatus. Of interest at the meeting was a tour for board members of the new Aboriginal House, as well, discussions about the economic crisis and impacts on U of M's investments and pension plans.

Faculty Council of Graduate Studies

The Faculty Council of Graduate Studies met on November 14 for the first time since May. Of interest at the meeting is ongoing movement towards the establishment of a Ph.D. In Native Studies at the U of M.

Report

From: Xuping Sun, Vice President (Internal)

To: GSA Council

Date: November 26, 2008

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings attended and missed

Executive Committee meeting – November 20, 24, 2008 Finance Committee meeting – Oct.23, Nov. 25, 2008

Office hours held

I held my office hours on Fridays from 2pm-4pm this month.

Other information

It has been half of a year since May when our new budget year started. All the executives reviewed our budget for this year and made changes on it. The review committee started their work to review the executives. No matter what the result will be, we can tell that all the executives work harder than ever before to make our Graduate Students' Association a better place for graduate students. We actively participate in Fall convocation, UM President' installation and banquet. All the senators attended all the university's meetings to make our graduate students' voice heard. Of course, because of the time limit and

busy study for the executives, if there is anything you are not satisfied with, we welcome your sincere advice.

Report

From: Andy Bonar, Vice-President (Academic)

To: GSA Council

Date: November 26, 2008 **Re:** Monthly Report

Meetings attended and missed

FGS Meeting – October 31, 2008 GSA Meeting - November 4, 2008 Senate – November 5, 2008 Senate Executive Meeting – November 19, 2008 GSA Executive Meeting – November 20, 2008

GSA Executive Meeting – November 24, 2008

Academic Series

Dates have been set for January, February and March for events. The January event will look to examine issues pertaining to the environment, with a special focus on forests. The February date will present issues in health and health care, with a focus on breast cancer. The March event will feature Professor Eugene Holland from Ohio State University and will explore issues pertaining to capitalism.

Thursday, February 19 is the Day of Pink. The GSA will be participating in this international day to bring attention to and stop the presence of bullying, discrimination and homophobia on campuses.

Advocacy

Strictly confidential.

For general questions or information concerning advocacy, or to book an appointment, please e-mail vpa@umgsa.ca. To book an appointment by phone, please call 474-9181. Students are also welcome to stop in during office hours, listed below.

Office Hours Held

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 1300-1400 Hrs.

From: Chandra B. Singh, Vice-President (External) < vpe@umgsa.ca >

To: GSA Council

Date: November 26, 2008

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings Attended

Finance Committee Meeting-November 25, 2008

GSA Executive Meeting- November 20, 2008

CFS U-PASS meeting- November 17, 2008

Day of Action-November 5, 2008

Meetings Missed

CFS-MB Executive Meeting- November 14, 2008

Office Hours

My office hours are from 12 to 1 PM on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Report

From: Meaghan Labine - HSGSA President

To: GSA Council

Date: November 26, 2008

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings Attended:

GSA executive meeting – Nov 20th HSGSA executive meeting – Nov 18th HSGSA council meeting – Nov 13th

Meetings Missed:

FGS Council - Nov 14th

The HSGSA over the last month has been working on various projects over the last month including; Time to Completion Report, Curling league, Rights and Responsibilities workshop and our Christmas Social.

Time to completion report: To address the issue of how alteration of the FGS's policies regarding time to completion would impact Health Sciences students, the HSGSA drafted a report detailing the major areas that impede a student's graduation as well as possible suggestions to remedy the problem. The final report is under revision, and will be sent to the FGS Time to Completion Task Force by Wednesday.

Curling League – Two months ago the HSGSA began organizing the HSGSA curling league, just for recreational fun. To our surprise, around 60 students have signed up to participate, and we are at max capacity. The games will start on January 24th on Saturday afternoons, since that was the time most grad students said they would be available and there will be six in total with the first game as a lesson. Per student total cost is \$40 and the HSGSA will cover half.

Rights and Responsibilities workshop – Our R&R workshop had great success with roughly 30 students showing up to participate. It shows that there is an obvious need at our campus to hold this workshop at the beginning of each semester, therefore we are planning one again for January.

Christmas Social – The HSGSA is having our Christmas social on Nov 27th in rm 204 Brodie at 4:30pm for all graduate students. We are providing free food, beverages and small door prizes, and all we ask is that students bring a non-perishable food item for Winnipeg Harvest.

Other areas:

The Faculty of Medicine approached the HSGSA to post temporary jobs for graduate students at the Health Sciences, and I received a flood of CVs for the job. We will look into the potential of trying to find more temporary jobs for students at HSC.

Our webpage is still under construction, and we are working towards getting it up-dated.

From: Abas Sabouni, Cheng Zhang, Mohamed Moustafa (Senators)

To: GSA Council

Date: November 26, 2008

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings Attended:

University Senate Meeting: Nov.5, 2008 Executive committee of senate: Nov 19, 2008

Caucus UMSU Meeting: Nov 3, 2008

Faculty of Graduate studies council: Nov 14, 2008

Office hours in November

University Senate meeting

Senate approved the proposal from IH Asper School of Business, the Departments of Electrical & Computer Engineering; Economics; English, Film and Theatre; Native Studies; Political Studies; and Sociology; and the Masters of Physician Assistant Studies Program, for introduction and deletion of some course, as recommended by faculty of graduate Studies Executive Committee.

Senate approved the report of the Senate Committee on Nominations and the Student Nominating Sub-committee dated November 5, 2008.

Senate approved the Establishment and Terms of Reference of a Calendar Review Sub-committee.

Senate approved the Revised Governing Document A - Part C - Joint M.A. in Religion for the Joint Masters Program in Religion.

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Attachment 2

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Departmental Grant Disbursements

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Department	students	Students	Award	Penalty	Award
Environment & Geography	54	10	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$295.00
Food science	19	0	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$95.00
Agribusiness & Agricultural Economics	27	2	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
Sociology	33	10	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
Plant Science	44	6	\$235.00	\$0.00	\$235.00
Architecture	72	1	\$362.50	\$0.00	\$362.50
Animal Science	13	11	\$92.50	\$0.00	\$92.50
Soil Science	25	1	\$127.50	\$0.00	\$127.50
Public Administration	27	34	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$220.00
Electrical & Computer Engineering	119	24	\$655.00	\$0.00	\$655.00
Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering	87	4	\$445.00	\$0.00	\$445.00
Biological Sciences	66	4	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$340.00
Biosystems Engineering	52	3	\$267.50	\$0.00	\$267.50
Physics&Astronomy	36	1	\$182.50	\$0.00	\$182.50
Landscape Archietecture	50	1	\$252.50	\$0.00	\$252.50
History	37	7	\$202.50	\$0.00	\$202.50
Civil Engineering	75	16	- \$415.00	\$0.00	\$415.00
City Planning	57	1	\$287.50	\$0.00	\$287.50
Asper Graduate Students Association	104	84	\$730.00	\$0.00	\$730.00
English	43	9	\$227.50	\$0.00	\$227.50
Nursing	37	48	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$295.00
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Family Socail Sciences	18	1	\$92.50	\$0.00	\$92.50
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Pathology	8	0	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Biochemistry and Medical Genetics	43	0	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$215.00
Community Health Sciences	39	29	\$267.50	\$0.00	\$267.50
mmunology	18	0	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Medical Microbiology	68	1	\$342.50	\$0.00	\$342.50
Occupational Therapy	116	16	\$620.00	\$0.00	\$620.00
Pharmacology and Therapeutics	20	0	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Physiology	46	3	\$237.50	\$0.00	\$237.50

Total:

\$8,225.00

Graduate Students' Association Annual General Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 22, 2009 GSA Lounge, 217 University Centre

Present: 41 grad students, please see attached list

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 5:11 pm.
- 2. Executive introductions and Rules of Order review
- 3. Approval of Agenda

Motion
BIRT the agenda be approved.
Weinberg/Stewart
Carried

4. Approval of minutes from previous AGM (January 30th, 2008)

Motion BIRT the minutes from the January 30th, 2008 Annual General Meeting be approved. Fynn/Dickson Carried

5. UMGSA FY2007 Audit

Glenn provided an overview of the 2007 Audit report.

Motion
BIRT the FY2007 Audit be accepted.
Carried

Motion BIRT BDO Dunwoody be named auditors for FY2008. Carried

6. Executive Report

Please see attached report.

7. Other Business/Business from the floor None

8. Announcements

Jeff Halper to speak on Israel/Palestine "Towards Peace or Apartheid?" on January 26th at 3:00 pm at U of M, Room 137 Isbister.

GSA Elections are upcoming: nominations open Feb 2nd, Elections Feb 25-27.

Food and beverages provided after this meeting, with music by DJ Mama Cutsworth.

Women's and Men's Bison hockey games on Saturday, free tickets available.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:54 pm Wojnarski/Lehn Carried

GSA AGM Attendance Thursday, January 22, 2009

	First Name	Last Name	Department
1	Waleed	Albakry	City Planning
2	Ryan	Alby	MBA
3	Muthukumar	Bagavathiannan	Plant Science
4	Hamid	Batenipour	Civil Engineering
5	Andy	Bonar	English
6	Taryn	Dickson	Soil Science
7	Mark	Fynn	Agricultural Economics
8	Aaron	Glenn	Soil Science
9	Devi	Goberdhan	Political Studies
10	Jill	Hnatiuk	Kinesiology
11	Vikash	Jha	Microbiology
12	Jason	Jones	Agricultural Economics
13	Meaghan	Labine	Pharmacology
14	Andre	Laplume	Business Admin
15	Paeta	Lehn	Med Gen
16	Joshua	Levac	Biological Sciences
17	Vanessa	Lozecznik	WRI
18	Alan	McGreevy	Medical Microbiology
19	Shahab	Meshkibaf	Medical Microbiology
20	Neil	Moore	Physics & Astronomy
21	Mohamed	Moustafa	ECE
22	Jennifer	Nielsen	Soil Science
23	Camille	Partin	Geological Sciences
24	Pavithra	Rajan	Kinesiology
25	Ganesan	Ramalingam	Biosystems Engineering
26	Abas	Sabouni	Engineering
27	Mohammad	Sadek	Biosystems Engineering
28	Sanjayan	Satchithanantham	Biosystems Engineering
29	Linda	Sexton	Icelandic Language
30	Erin	Shepherd	Nursing
31	Chandra B.	Singh	Biosystems Engineering
32	Juhi	Sinha	Kinesiology
33	Tanis	Sirski	Agricultural Economics
34	Siobhan	Stewart	Soil Science
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