

Minutes - GSA Council
Wednesday Jan. 28, 2009
4:45 pm, UMSU Council Chambers

Meeting called to order at 4:58 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda
Motion
BIRT the agenda be approved.
No objection to the agenda was stated.
CARRIED

2. Approval of November 26 GSA Council Meeting Minutes
Motion
BIRT the November 26 GSA Council Meeting Minutes be approved.
Kelley/Rak-Banville
CARRIED

3. Business arising from November 26 – Department Grants *update*
President Glenn spoke to this.

4. Striking of Elections Committee and Appointment of the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for 2009 GSA General Elections
Kelley was CRO for 2008, spoke about the position.
Nominations – Feb 2-13, Campaigning – Feb 14-27, Elections – Feb 25-27
Vanessa Lozecznik, Carl Drohomereski, Trish Kelley and Danielle Stringer volunteered to the Elections Committee.
Motion
BIRT Lozecznik, Drohomereski, Kelley and Stringer serve as the 2009 Elections Committee.
Glenn/Labine
CARRIED

5. *Motion*
BIRT the 2009 GSA General Elections will be held February 25, 26 and 27.
CARRIED

6. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee (*page 7*)
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7. Executive Reports
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 - e. Vice President (Health Sciences) (*page 20*)
 - f. Senators (*page 21*)

8. Department Updates
 Brief verbal reports were given by Geography & Environment, Plant Science, Family Social Sciences, Agribusiness & Agriculture Economics, Biosystems Engineering and Food & Nutritional Sciences.

9. Other Business
 None

10. Announcements
 - No GSA Council Meeting in February, next GSA Council Meeting is March 25, 2009 in the UMSU Council Chambers.
 - Tripple from UMSU promoted Celebration Week, on now.
 - Bonar is hoping to interview Frank Warren of the “PostSecret Project” for a future issue of the Gradzette.

11. Adjournment
 BIRT the meeting be adjourned at 6:05 pm.
Levac/Labine
CARRIED

**Attendance – GSA Council
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| <i>GSA Executive</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Signature</i> |
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| 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 | Present |
| | Cheng Zhang | Present |
| | Abas Sabouni | Present |
| Office Manager | Ruth Prokesch | Present |

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| UMSU | Mitch Tripple | Present |
| CUPE 3909 | Muthukumar Bagavathiannan | Present |
| <i>Agric & Food Science</i> | | |
| Agribusiness & Agric. Economics | Jordan Templeton Mark Fynn | Present |
| Animal Science | Natalie Berard | Present |
| Biosystems Engineering | Sanjayan Satchi | Present |
| Entomology | | |
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| Icelandic Studies | | |
| Linguistics | | |
| Native Studies | | |
| Philosophy | Wes McPherson | |
| Political Studies and Public Administration | Devi Goberdhan | Present |

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| Psychology | | |
| Religious Studies | Matt Sheedy | |
| 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 | |
| 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 | Amir Birjandi Richard Lozowy | Present Present |
| Environment | | |
| Geography & Environment | Trish Kelley Kristin Westdal | Present |
| Geological Sciences | | |
| Nat Resources Inst | Sheldon Ratuski Vanessa Lozecznic | Present Present |
| Disability Studies | | |

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| Food & Nutr Sciences | | |
| Interdisciplinary | | |
| Human Ecology | | |
| Clothing & Textiles | | |
| Family Social Sciences | Mika Kawaguchi | Present |
| Human Nutritional Sciences | Danielle Stringer | Present |
| Law | | |
| Law | | |
| Music | | |
| Music | | |
| Nursing | | |
| Nursing | Erin Shepherd | Present |
| Pharmacy | | |
| Pharmacy | | |
| Phys Ed & Rec Studies | | |
| Recreation Management | | |
| Kinesiology | Jill Hnatiuk | Present |
| Science | | |
| Biological Sciences | Josh Levac | Present |
| Chemistry | | |
| Computer Science | | |
| Mathematics | | |
| Microbiology | | |
| Physics & Astronomy | Neil Moore | Present |
| Statistics | | |
| Social Work | | |
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Report

From: GSA Executive Committee

To: GSA Council

Date: January 28, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings

December 4

January 16

January 26

Festivus Party

The GSA hosted an end-of-term/beginning-of-holidays party for U of M grad students on the evening of December 18 in the GSA lounge. The event was catered by Degrees and included excellent food and drink (including an amazing punch concocted by Vice-President Bonar). President Glenn ran the tunes for the most part...except when they were hijacked by Senator Sabouni for one of his famous prize-raffle dance-parties! Almost everyone who came left with a gift or prize and all those in attendance had a great time.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Graduate Students' Association was held in the GSA Lounge in U Centre on Thursday, January 22nd. The meeting went very smoothly. The GSA Executive presented reports on their activities since May, the auditors' report for fiscal year 2007 was accepted and the auditor for FY2008 was named. The meeting was followed by a social evening with music by Mama Cutsworth, and food and drinks catered by Degrees Diner. The minutes of the AGM can be found at www.umgsa.ca
Thank you to all who attended the meeting!

Bison's Fun Day

On Saturday, January 24 GSA members attended the Bison mens and womens hockey games. Bison Sports provided the GSA with tickets for free and we got some pizza from Boston Pizza for those who attended to enjoy between games. The women played in the afternoon and easily handled the U of S Huskies, winning 5 to 2. The men's game in the evening against UBC was a closer affair, it was tied 1 – 1 and went undecided through one over time period, but UBC won the shoot-out and the game.

Fair Trade Manitoba – One Month Challenge

The GSA is again participating in Fair Trade Manitoba's One Month Challenge campaign. Please visit <http://fairtrademanitoba.ca/> for more information or to sign-up yourself. Stay tuned for speakers, events and GSA office coffeeshouses coming soon!

Report**From:** Finance Committee**To:** GSA Council**Date:** Jan.28, 2009**Re:** Monthly Report

Finance Committee Meeting

The meeting held on Dec.2, 2008. During this meeting, we approved an amount of \$3,955 conference grant to support graduate students attending or presenting at a conference.

Also, in this meeting, we approved three special projects. \$250 to support Infectious Immunology Research Interest Group for convening an annual scientific meeting; \$250 to support the department of Anthropology for the Margaret Mead Ethnographic Film and Video Festival to Winnipeg; \$250 to support the department of Family Social Sciences for holding the Child and Family Research Symposium.

Report**From:** Bylaws Committee**To:** GSA Council**Date:** Jan.28, 2009**Re:** Monthly Report

On Dec. 11, 2008, Bylaws Committee meeting was held. This was our first meeting and all the committee members came out to meet each other and discussed on something about the old bylaws and new bylaws we are trying to amend. The committee has decided to meet again in February and will make a series of changes which will be up for debate at our later council Meeting.

From: Internal Development and Review (IDR) Committee

To: GSA council

Date: January 28th, 2009

Re: Executive Performance First Review (2008-2009)

The IDR committee has met four times to evaluate the executive from May 1 - December 4, 2008. We met on the following dates:

Nov. 13, 2008 – Introduction and establishment of sub-committee

Dec. 8, 2008 – Give out evaluation assignments

Jan. 12, 2009 – Progress check

Jan. 19, 2009 – Final reports

IDR Committee members:

Neil Moore: Physics & Astronomy (Chair of sub-committee)

Jeremy Funk: Management

Arvind Hirani: Plant Science

Jon-Jon Santiago: Physiology

Graham Stinnett: History

Mandate (GSA Bylaw X, section 1c)

“To conduct the bi-annual review of executive performance, especially with regard to attendance and participation, in September and January of each year (with reports to be delivered to the council)”.

Typically, September is seen as too soon to perform a review. Thus, we present our first review here with the second likely to be in April or May.

Some notes regarding the evaluation process

We reviewed the eight executive members according to their responsibilities as outlined in the GSA constitution (Article 5). The individuals are:

Aaron Glenn: President

Xuping Sun: VP Internal

Andy Bonar: VP Academic

Chandra Singh: VP External

Meaghan Labine: VP Health Sciences

Abas Sabouni: Senator
Mohamed Moustafa: Senator
Cheng Zhang: Senator

-As in previous years, the senators will be evaluated as a single entity. This is due to the collective nature of their reports.

-The chair of the sub-committee reviewed all members of the executive while the other four members reviewed two in detail. This ensures that everyone was reviewed twice.

-The evaluation of the "Office hours held" category was done in collaboration with Ruth Prokesch (office manager).

General comments (i.e. comments that target several members)

-We applaud the revival of the Gradzette after nearly a two-year hiatus.

-In regards to the GSA award

-We feel the website should elaborate on this award. First, the application form should be viewable at any time under "Downloads: Forms & Applications". Second, deadlines and past winners would be useful to have on the site.

-The description of the award on the FGS site is in need of an update (last update was in 2004).

-It would be very helpful if the membership of the GSA internal committees (and to a lesser extent the GSA external committees) were disclosed on the website.

-The bylaws and constitution are in need of review. Some of the contents are antiquated (especially in bylaws) particularly in regards to membership and responsibilities of committees.

-It is very important for all members to justify absences if applicable.

-As usual, orientation week was well-organized and executed.

-Overall, an impressive executive. No further action is required beyond this review.

**Executive Performance Review (2008/09)
First Review (May 1 - December 4, 2008)**

Name: Aaron Glenn

Position: President

| Criteria | Rating | | | |
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| | Below Expectations | Meets Expectations | Occasionally Exceeds Expectations | Consistently Exceeds Expectations |
| Attendance (council and other committees) | | | | X |
| Participation (council and other committees) | | | | X |
| Performance at Committee level | | | | X |
| Office hours held | | | | X |
| Overall fulfillment of duties (based on Article 5, UMGSA constitution) | | | | X |

Specific comments/recommendations:

- Provides great leadership
 - Sits on many committees with near-perfect attendance
 - Keeps accurate records
 - Represents graduate students on many levels (UMSU, GSA, provincial, etc.)
 - Vocal and involved in executive and council meetings
 - Crucial person to relay information (endowment fund, time to completion, etc.)
 - Goes above call of duty (UMFM initiative, local 96 CFS representation)
 - Spends several more hours than needed in GSA office
 - Reports are always detailed
- It would be helpful to prepare (formal) agendas for the executive meetings.

Name: Xuping Sun
Position: VP Internal

| Criteria | Rating | | | |
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| Attendance (council and other committees) | | | | X |
| Participation (council and other committees) | | | X | |
| Performance at Committee level | | | X | |
| Office hours held | | | | X |
| Overall fulfillment of duties (based on Article 5, UMGSA constitution) | | | X | |

Specific comments/recommendations:

- Enthusiastic and approachable
- Effective chairperson for a very active GSA internal committee (finance)
- Spends several more hours than needed in GSA office
- Determination and commitment are evident
- Frequently solicits feedback

-It would be useful for council reports to be reviewed by a native English speaker to ensure effective communication.

-According to the bylaws, the VPI chairs the bylaws committee and it should meet once between council meetings. There have been no meetings during this period and the bylaws are in need of review.

Name: Andy Bonar

Position: VP Academic

| Criteria | Rating | | | |
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| Attendance (council and other committees) | | | | X |
| Participation (council and other committees) | | | | X |
| Performance at Committee level | | | | X |
| Office hours held | | | | X |
| Overall fulfillment of duties (based on Article 5, UMGSA constitution) | | | | X |

Specific comments/recommendations:

- Ambitious and creative in organizing special events, catering, etc.
 - Partly responsible for setting up library workshops during orientation week
 - Effective at keeping an inventory of GSA committees, filling seats, etc.
 - Vocal and helpful during meetings
 - Sits on several committees
 - Spends several more hours than needed in GSA office
 - Report at council meetings is always detailed and informative
- There were no graduate seminars/speaker series, but dates for this semester have been confirmed.

Name: Chandra Singh

Position: VP External

| Criteria | Rating | | | |
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| | Below Expectations | Meets Expectations | Occasionally Exceeds Expectations | Consistently Exceeds Expectations |
| Attendance (council and other committees) | | X | | |
| Participation (council and other committees) | | X | | |
| Performance at Committee level | | X | | |
| Office hours held | | | X | |
| Overall fulfillment of duties (based on Article 5, UMGSA constitution) | | X | | |

Specific comments/recommendations:

- Mostly responsible for setting up library workshops during orientation week
- Responsible for initiative in locating the money for GSA bursaries
- Spends slightly more hours than needed in GSA office

- Council reports are too brief

- According to the bylaws, the VPE chairs the campaigns committee and it should meet once between council meetings. There have been no meetings during this review period.

- Absent for some key CFS meetings (2 executive and AGM)

Name: Meaghan Labine

Position: VP Health Sciences

| Criteria | Rating | | | |
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| | Below Expectations | Meets Expectations | Occasionally Exceeds Expectations | Consistently Exceeds Expectations |
| Attendance (council and other committees) | | | | X |
| Participation (council and other committees) | | | X* | |
| Performance at Committee level | | | X* | |
| Office hours held | | X** | | |
| Overall fulfillment of duties (based on Article 5, UMGSA constitution) | | | X | |

Specific comments/recommendations:

- Effective liaison between the two campuses
- Passionate about student life and recreation

*Two very important points:

-VP Health Sciences has a lot of responsibilities on both campuses, especially considering that the honourarium for this position is considerably less than the other VPs and president.

-There is a lot of relevant information that was not made available to us (i.e. HSGSA council and executive minutes). In the future, we recommend that the proper documentation be made available or that this position be reviewed by the HSGSA IDR committee with the findings relayed to us.

**As in previous reviews, there is no explicit office to hold office hours. Nonetheless, the VP Health Sciences is willing to meet with people as required.

Name: Abas Sabouni, Mohamed Moustafa, Cheng Zhang

Position: Senators

| Criteria | Rating | | | |
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| Attendance (council and other committees) | | X | | |
| Participation (council and other committees) | | X | | |
| Performance at Committee level | | X | | |
| Office hours held | | X | | |
| Overall fulfillment of duties (based on Article 5, UMGSA constitution) | | X | | |

Specific comments/recommendations:

- Two of the senators stepped in to be the president's proxy for FGS committees
- Office hours should be published in every report given at council
- The constitution states that each senator shall serve on two internal committees. We cannot verify this.

Report

From: Aaron Glenn, President <pres@umgsa.ca >

To: GSA Council

Date: January 28, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings Attended and Missed

GSA Executive – December 4

CUPE 3909 Annual General Meeting – December 4

University Student Relations Committee – December 9

GSA Bylaws Committee – December 11

Time-to-Completion Task Force – December 16

UMSU Council Meeting – January 15

GSA Executive – January 16

Presidential Advisory Selections Committee for VP Research – January 19

Dave Anderson, BDO Dunwoody (Auditor) – January 20

GSA Annual General Meeting – January 22

Senate Planning and Priorities Meeting – January 26

GSA Executive Committee Meeting – January 26

Board of Governors – January 27

FGS Executive Committee – January 28

UMSU Health Plan Committee – January 28

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 January 26 because I was at the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee meeting.

Other Information

After the madness of the first three weeks of December wound down I was able to return to the country for a couple of weeks of rest, relaxation and reflection. It was nice down-time and I got a good break from my thesis and the GSA, not that I did not think about them at all, it was more like putting them in perspective rather than being caught up constantly busy doing something and not really paying attention or enjoying it while it was happening. I hope everyone else on Council was able to have a real holiday during the break and have been having a great 2009 so far!

Report

From: Xuping Sun, Vice President (Internal)

To: GSA Council

Date: January 28, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings attended and missed

Executive Committee meeting – Jan.21, Jan.26, 2009

Finance Committee meeting – Dec.2, 2008

Bylaws Committee meeting—Dec.11, 2008

Annual General Meeting—Jan.22, 2009

Office hours held

I held my office hours on Fridays from 2pm-4pm this month except on Dec 19, 2008 and Jan.9 and Jan.16, 2009, since I went back to China for a break.

Other information

For those who did not attend the AGM and want to know what happened in this meeting, please go to our website to review our minutes for this meeting.

For the graduate students whose ISIC card has been expired, please go to our GSA office to get a new one.

There are thirteen department grant cheques in the GSA Office, waiting to be picked up.

Report

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

To: GSA Council

Date: January 28, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings Attended

GSA Executive Meeting- December 4, 2008

GSA Bylaws Committee Meeting- December 11, 2008

GSA Executive Meeting- January 16, 2009

GSA AGM- January 22, 2009

Meetings Missed

GSA Executive Meeting- January 26, 2009

Office Hours

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

Report

From: Meaghan Labine (VP Health Sciences)

To: GSA Council

Date: January 28, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings attended

HSGSA Executive meeting – Jan 27, 2009
GSA Executive meeting – Jan 26th, 2009
GSA AGM – Jan 23rd, 2009
HSGSA Council meeting – Jan 13th, 2009
HSGSA By-laws meeting – Jan 15th, 2009
HSGSA Executive meeting – Jan 13th, 2009
HSC FGS Committee meeting – Cancelled

Meetings Missed:

GSA executive meeting – Jan 16th, 2009

Report:

HSGSA Curling league:

The HSGSA started the curling league on Saturday, Jan 24th and in total we had 43 students sign up for the event. Our first session was a lesson with instructors, and it was very successful overall, well attended and everyone had fun with only a few injuries. GSA executive members were also in attendance. Games are held every second Saturday until the middle of March.

TIPS:

Currently we are still working on establishing dates and securing funding to hold the TIPS workshop for students at the Health Sciences Centre. If the event is successful, we are planning on holding one workshop per semester, and potentially opening it up for all graduate students instead of just those represented by the HSGSA.

Financial Planning Seminar:

On Jan 22nd, we had our second seminar for our seminar series and this one was entitled “Financial planning and money management for students”. This event was very successful, as we had over 30 students in attendance and all participated in discussion with the presenters.

By-laws:

The HSGSA is currently reviewing our by-laws and constitution, and making the necessary updates.

Report

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

To: GSA Council

Date: January 28, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings attended and missed

University Senate Meeting – Jan 7, 2009

GSA Executive Committee Meeting – Jan 16, 2009

GSA Executive Committee Meeting – Jan 26, 2009

GSA Annual General Meeting – Jan 22, 2009

*Summary:***1. Course and Curriculum Changes**

The Natural Resources Institute proposes the introduction of one course, NRI.7350 Study Design and Quantitative Methods for Resource and Environmental Management.

The Department of Animal Science proposes the introduction of one course, ANSC.7560 Mathematical Modeling of Agricultural Systems.

2. Senate Committee on Awards

At the meeting of Nov 24, 2008, the Senate Committee on Awards approved six new offers, twenty-two amended offers, and the withdrawal of one offer.

3. Report of the Senate Committee on University Research – Periodic Review of Research Centers and Institutes

The Center for Defence & Security Studies continues for a five year period, beginning 7 January, 2009.

4. Policy and Procedures on Accessibility for Students with Disabilities

Report

From: Andy Bonar, Vice-President (Academic)
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: January 28, 2009
Re: Council Report

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended and Missed:

CFS Annual General Meeting – November 27-30, 2009
SSC Meeting – December 1, 2009 (missed)
Senate – December 3, 2008
Senate Executive – December 12, 2008
SSC Meeting – January 5, 2009
Senate – January 7, 2009
SCUR Meeting – January 15, 2009
GSA Executive Meeting – January 16, 2009
SCUR Meeting to Review the Institute for the Humanities – January 19, 2009
Senate Executive Meeting – January 21, 2009
GSA Executive Meeting – January 21, 2009
Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation Meeting – January 22, 2009
Rh Award Selection Committee – January 28, 2009

Academic Series:

Speaker Series

The University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association is pleased to confirm that Professor Eugene Holland from Ohio State University will be coming in to give a talk at the University of Manitoba on March 12, 2009. This talk is scheduled for 1600 hrs. and will be followed by a reception with food and drink. It is a tremendous honour to bring in a researcher of Professor Holland's stature and this event will represent the rebirth of the Speaker Series.

Seminar Series

The GSA hosted a mock defense for a member preparing for a formal defense, This service is available to all members, space providing, and members are encouraged to contact vpa@umgsa.ca should such a service be desired.

There are many other events in the works. More information concerning these events will be presented as confirmed.

Awards and Bursaries:

The terms of reference for the Graduate Students' Association Awards and the Graduate Students' Association Bursaries have been approved by the Senate Committee on Awards (May 13, 2008) and were presented to the Senate of the University of Manitoba on June 25, 2008. Information about the changes can be accessed at: <http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/senagenda_jun2008.pdf> or by contacting the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association directly. Accordingly, the terms of reference for the University of Manitoba Students' Union Scholarships and the University of Manitoba Students' Union Bursaries have also been changed. Information about the changes can be accessed at : < http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/senagenda_jan2009.pdf> or by contacting the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association directly.

The Day of Pink:

Thursday, February 19, 2009 is the Day of Pink, which falls during the University of Manitoba Reading Week. The GSA encourages participation in this international day to bring attention to and stop the presence of bullying, discrimination and homophobia on campuses. If you are on campus on February 19 please wear a pink shirt. More information can be accessed at: < <http://www.dayofpink.org/>>.

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. Members are also welcome to stop in during office hours, listed below.

Office Hours:

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 1300-1400 Hrs.

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| Soil Science | Jennifer Nielsen | Present |
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| City Planning | Richard Mahé | Present |
| | Becky Raddatz | |
| Interior Design | Michelle Zelickson | Regrets |
| Landscape Architecture | Kelly Wojnarski | Present |
| <i>Arts</i> | | |
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| Classics | | |
| Economics | | |
| English | Alyson Brickey | Present |
| French, Spanish & Italian | | |
| German | | |
| History | Tamara Fleming Graham Stinnett | Regrets |
| Icelandic Studies | | |
| Linguistics | | |
| Native Studies | | |
| Philosophy | Wes McPherson | Present |
| Political Studies | Devi Goberdhan | Present |
| Public Administration | Devi Goberdhan | Present |
| Psychology | | |
| Religious Studies | Matt Sheedy | |
| 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 | | |
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| Educ. Admin & Foundations | | |
| Educational Psychology | | |

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| Educ. Adm. Fnd. & Psy | | |
| Faculty based PhD | | |
| Educ. St. Boniface | | |
| Engineering | | |
| Civil | Justin Rak-Banville | Present |
| Electrical & Computer | Christopher Henry | Present |
| Mechanical & Manufacturing | Amir Birjandi | Present |
| Environment | | |
| Geography & Environment | Trish Kelley Kristin Westdal | Present |
| Geological Sciences | | |
| Nat Resources Inst | Sheldon Ratuski | Present |
| Disability Studies | | |
| Food & Nutr Sciences | | |
| Interdisciplinary | | |
| Human Ecology | | |
| Clothing & Textiles | | |
| Family Social Sciences | Mika Kawaguchi | Present |
| Human Nutritional Sciences | Danielle Stringer | |
| Law | | |
| Law | | |
| Music | | |
| Music | | |
| Nursing | | |
| Nursing | Erin Shepherd | Present |
| Pharmacy | | |
| Pharmacy | | |
| Phys Ed & Rec Studies | | |
| Recreation Management | | |
| Kinesiology | Jill Hnatiuk | Present (proxy) |
| Science | | |

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| Biological Sciences | Josh Levac | Present |
| Chemistry | | |
| Computer Science | | |
| Mathematics | | |
| Microbiology | | |
| Physics & Astronomy | Neil Moore | Present |
| Statistics | | |
| <i>Social Work</i> | | |
| Social Work | | |

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

1. Approval of Agenda
Motion
BIRT the agenda be approved.
Kelley/Wojnarski
CARRIED

2. ***Motion***
BIRT the October 22 GSA Council Meeting Minutes be approved.
Raddatz/Drohomereski
CARRIED

3. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
Motion
BIRT the updated and amended 2008-2009 budget be approved.
CARRIED
Motion
BIRT the 2008-2009 GSA Annual General Meeting will be held
January 22, 2009 in the GSA Lounge at 5pm.
CARRIED

 - b. Finance Committee
Motion
BIRT the departmental grants be awarded as presented and amended.
Sun/Henry

CARRIED

- c. Internal Development and Review Committee

BIRT the Committee reports be accepted.

Sabouni/Rak-Banville

CARRIED

- 4. 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.

Shepherd/Laplume

CARRIED

- 5. Department Updates

Brief verbal reports were given by Public Administration and Political Studies which were merged very recently, Mechanical Engineering and Landscape Architecture.

- 6. Other Business

Motion

BIRT the budgeted but undistributed Departmental Grant funds be sent to the Finance Committee to decide options on how to disburse the unclaimed money.

Laplume/Rak-Banville

CARRIED

- 7. Announcements

Next GSA Council Meeting is January 28, 2009 at 4:45pm in the UMSU Council Chambers

- 8. Adjournment

Motion

BIRT the meeting be adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Levac/Laplume

CARRIED