

Minutes of the GSA Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2009
4:45 pm
UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass Building

1. Quorum. Call to order at 4:57 pm.
Words of welcome from new president, Abas Sabouni and introductions all around.

2. Approval of the Agenda
Motion
BIRT the agenda be amended to include Item 8g GSA/HSGSA Committee and amend Item 9 to be Items 9a and 9b Grad Student reps to FGS.
Nawrot/Ostadrahimi
All in favour. Carried.

Motion
BIRT the agenda be approved as amended.
Moustafa/Parada
All in favour. Carried.

3. Approval of the Executive-at-Large
Motion
BIRT Andy Bonar be ratified as the GSA Executive-at-Large and as such the Council Chair for 2009-2010.
Bagavathiannan/Shahfar
All in favour. Carried.

Chair was then turned over to Executive-at-Large Andy Bonar.

4. Review of Robert's Rules of Order
Explained by Andy.

5. Review of the Minutes of the April 22, 2009 Council Meeting
Pont of Clarification of the sign-in sheet: Is Food & Nutritional Sciences an Interdisciplinary department of Environment? Clarification will be given at the next meeting.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the April 22, 2009 Council Meeting
Motion
BIRT the Minutes of the April 22, 2009 Council Meeting be approved.
Parada/Nawrot
All in favour. Carried.

7. Business arising from the Minutes
None

8. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee

Report presented by Abas
Presentation of the 2009-2010 Budget

Motion

BIRT under "\$ Over Budget" on the line for Membership Fees, the -\$67,685.64 be corrected to reflect the correct amount over budget.

Moore/Berry

No opposition. Carried.

Motion

BIRT that the changes to the above number be followed through the whole document and all subsequent changes be made.

Berry/Vahedi

No opposition. Carried.

Motion

BIRT it be noted that the amount over budget for the line in question is \$37,229.92 and not -\$67,685.64.

Vahedi/Berry

No opposition. Carried.

Motion

BIRT the GSA Budget for 2009-2010 be approved.

Abas/Peter

All in favour. Carried.

- b. **IDR (Internal Development and Review) Committee**
Presented by Abas
- c. **Finance Committee**
Presented by Abas for Trish
- d. **Bylaws and Policy Committee**
Presented by Abas for Trish
- e. **Awards Committee**
Presented by Andy

Professor Dana Medoro was announced as the 2008-2009 GSA Teaching Award Winner.

Graham Stinnett and Kristofer Maksymowicz were announced as the 2009-2010 GSA Master's Award winners.

Tahereh Emadi was announce as the 2009-2010 GSA Doctoral Award winner.

Michelle Kowalchuk and Sheena Braun were announced as the 2009-2010 GSA Part-Time Winners.

Motion

**BIRT the 2008-2009 GSA Teaching Award winner, and the 2009-2010 GSA Awards winners be approved.
All in favour. Carried.**

- f. **Campaigns Committee**
Presented by Mohamed
- g. **GSA/HSGSA Committee (Ad Hoc)**
Report given by Andy

9. Committee Membership Volunteer Forum
- a. Graduate Student Association Committees

The following students volunteered for the following committees:

IDR Committee:

Physics – Neil Moore
Sociology – Gosia Parada
Electrical & Computer Engineering – Shabnam Shahfar

Finance Committee:

Social Sciences – Mika Kawaguchi
Environment & Geography – Sally Wong
Management – Murli Ek
Biosystems Engineering – Sanjayan Satchithanatham

Bylaws and Policy Committee:

Electrical & Computer Engineering – Shabnam Shahfar
Biological Science – Cheryl Klassen
Biosystems Engineering –

Awards Committee:

Plant Science – Tyler Guerrieri

Campaigns Committee:

Kinesiology & Recreation Management – Jill Hnatiuk
History – Tamara Fleming
Food Science – Roniele Cordeiro

GSA/HSGSA Committee (Ad Hoc):

Sociology – Gosia Parada

Motion

BIRT the volunteer members be approved to the 2009-2010 GSA Committees.

Fleming/Hnatiuk

All in favour. Carried.

Motion

BIRT the President will fill vacancies on the 2009-2010 GSA Committees as required.

Moustafa/Shahfar

No Opposition. Carried.

- b. Grad student reps to the Faculty of Graduate Studies

The following students volunteered for the following committees:

Guidelines & Policy Committee – Muthu Bagavathiannan
Appeals Committee – Shabnam Shahfar

10. Executive Reports
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President Internal
 - c. Vice President Academic
 - d. Vice President External
 - e. Vice President Health Sciences
 - f. Senators

11. Other Business

Jill Hnatiuk of Kinesiology & Recreation Management did a presentation for a Special Projects Grant for their Annual Exercise Physiologists of Western Canada Conference to be held Aug 6-8/09. She is requesting the maximum amount possible, for their budget of \$10,000.00. As the Finance Committee was just struck at this Council meeting, she was unable to go to the Committee before this meeting.

Motion

BIRT Council approve the Kinesiology & Recreation Management request for a Special Projects Grant of the maximum amount, pending approval from the Finance Committee.

Hnatiuk/Nawrot

Motion

BIRT the Kines. & Rec. Mgmt. request for Special Projects Grant be referred to the Finance Committee, and that this presentation be acknowledged as fulfilling the presentation requirement, enabling the Finance Committee to rule on the motion.

Fleming/Nawrot

All in favour. Carried.

12. Announcements
 - a. 2009-2010 GSA Council Meetings
Council will meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month, starting in August.
No meetings for June or July.
 - b. The first Finance Committee meeting will be Wednesday May 27 at 4:30 pm in the GSA Office.

13. Adjournment

Motion

BIRT the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Parada/Nawrot

CARRIED

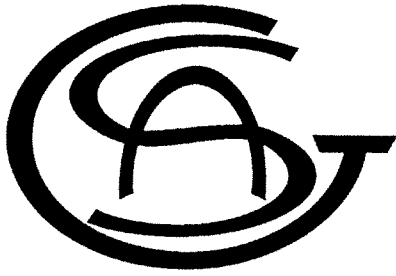
Attendance – GSA Council
May 13, 2009
4:45 pm
UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass Bldg.

GSA Executive	Name	Signature
President	Abas Sabouni	Present
VP Internal	Trish Kelley	Regrets - Halifax
VP Academic	Peter Nawrot	Present
VP External	Mohamed Moustafa	Present
VP Health Sciences	Meaghan Labine	Present
Executive-at-Large	Andy Bonar	Present
Senator1	Amir Hossein Birjandi	Present
Senator2	Majid Ostadrahimi	Present
Senator3	Arman Vahedi	Present
Office Manager (Non-voting)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Councillors	Name	Signature
UMSU (Non-voting)	Mitch Tripple	Present
CUPE 3909 (Non-voting)	Muthukumar Bagavathiannan	Present
Agric & Food Science		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Jordan Templeton Mark Fynn	
Animal Science	Jessica Brady	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Sanjayan Satchithanatham	Present
Entomology		
Food Science	Roniele Cordeiro	Present
Plant Science	Muthu B.(Proxy)	Present
Soil Science	Jennifer Nielsen	
Architecture		
Architecture	Steven Berry	Present
City Planning	Becky Raddatz	
Interior Design	Michelle Zelickson	Regrets
Landscape Architecture	Kelly Wojnarski	
Arts		

Anthropology	Jeniva Donaleshen	
Classics		
Economics		
English, Film & Theatre	Joel Hughes	
French, Spanish & Italian		
German		
History	Tamara Fleming	Present
Icelandic Studies		
Linguistics		
Native Studies		
Philosophy	Wes McPherson	
Political Studies and Public Administration		
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	Muralidharan (Murli) Ek	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	Qiuyan Yuan	
Electrical & Computer	Shabnam Shahfar	Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing	Richard Lozowy	
Environment		
Geography & Environment	Sally Wong	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	Present
Law		
Law		
Music		
Music		
Nursing		
Nursing	Erin Shepherd	Regrets
Pharmacy		
Pharmacy		
Phys Ed & Rec Studies		
Recreation Management & Kinesiology	Jill Hnatiuk	Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Cheryl Klassen	Present
Chemistry	Taras Babiak	
Computer Science		
Mathematics		

Microbiology		
Physics & Astronomy	Neil Moore	Present
Statistics		
Social Work		
Social Work		



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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
Motion to Approve the Agenda.
3. Approval of the Executive-at-Large
Motion to ratify Andy Bonar as the GSA Executive-at-Large for 2009-2010.
4. Review of Roberts' Rules of Order
5. Review of the Minutes from April 22, 2009
6. Approval of the Minutes from April 22, 2009
Motion to approve the Minutes from April 22, 2009.
7. Business Arising from the Minutes
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
Motion to approve the 2009-2010 Budget.
 - b. IDR Committee
 - c. Finance Committee
 - d. Bylaws and Policy Committee
 - e. Award Committee
Motion to approve the 2008-2009 GSA Teaching Award Winner and the 2009-2010 GSA Award Winners.
 - f. Campaigns Committee
9. Committee Membership Volunteer Forum
Motion to approve members as volunteered for 2009-2010 GSA Committees.

Motion to have the President fill vacancies on 2009-2010 GSA Committees as required.

10. Executive Reports

- a. President
- b. Vice President (Internal)
- c. Vice President (Academic)
- d. Vice President (External)
- e. Vice President (Health Sciences)
- f. Senators

11. Other Business

12. Announcements

- a. 2009-2010 GSA Council Meeting Dates (see attachment 3)

13. Adjournment

Minutes - GSA Council
Wednesday April 22, 2009
4:45 pm, UMSU Council Chambers

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm.

1. Change of Order
Due to continued printing of agendas, Aaron requested that Agenda item # 3 be moved ahead of Agenda item # 2.

Motion

BIRT the agenda order be changed.

Glenn/Fynn

CARRIED

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion

BIRT the agenda be approved as amended.

Hirani/Parada

CARRIED

3. Special Projects Grants Request Presentations were heard from:
Architecture Grad Students' Association
History Grad Students' Association

4. Approval of March 25 GSA Council Meeting Minutes

Motion

BIRT the March 25 GSA Council Meeting Minutes be approved.

Labine/Wojnarski

CARRIED

5. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee (*page 8*)

- b. Finance Committee (*page 9*)

Motion

BIRT the second disbursement of Department grants be approved.

CARRIED

Cheques are available after the meeting to be picked up by departments.

Motion

BIRT the Special Projects grant to History GSA be approved for \$500.00.

CARRIED

Motion

BIRT the Special Projects grant to Architecture GSA be approved for \$500.00.

CARRIED

c. Bylaws Committee (page 11)

Aaron and Andy spoke about the new Bylaws package included today. The Committees package will follow as an addendum to the Bylaws. The Constitution can be read online at www.umgsa.ca.

d. Awards Committee (oral)

Andy spoke about the awards and named Cordula Buse as the Health Sciences member of the Masters award selection committee.

Motion

BIRT the named committee member be accepted.

Bonar/Parada

CARRIED.

e. Campaigns Committee (oral)

Chandra spoke about the Campaigns Committee.

f. Internal Development and Review Committee (page 11)

Neil Moore recommended the Bylaws be changed to reflect the fact that the IDR Reviews are done in November and April each year.

Thank you to Neil for his diligence to this committee.

6. Executive Reports

a. President (page 17)

Aaron spoke of his three years on the GSA, and how this is his last Council meeting, because he has to get on with his thesis.

b. Vice President (Internal) (page 21)

Xuping spoke of her enjoyment working with everyone on the executive and council.

c. Vice President (Academic) (page 23)

Andy encouraged other people to join committees and to get involved. He thanked all that were involved in the committees of the GSA, and he is confident that the new executive will be capable leaders. Thank you to all.

d. Vice President (External) (page 26)

Chandra spoke of his experiences on the GSA.

e. Vice President (Health Sciences) (page 18)

Meaghan spoke of her excellent years and said she is looking forward to working with everyone again next year.

f. Senators (page 33)

Abas spoke for the three senators.

He thanked each executive member individually, and as incoming president he is looking forward to working with the new executive next year.

- 7 Department Updates
A brief verbal report was given by Landscape Architecture.
- 8 Other Business
None
- 9 Announcements
 - Neil Moore thanked the Executive for doing a fine job this year. He also thanked Alan McGreevy for doing a fine job as Council chair, who knows Roberts Rules inside and out.
 - Alan spoke to the Executive and the Council for a job well done this year.
- 10 Adjournment
BIRT the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 pm.
Wojnarski/Bonar
CARRIED

Attendance – GSA Council
April 22, 2009
4:45 pm, UMSU Council Chambers

<i>GSA Executive</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
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
<i>Councillors</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
UMSU	Mitch Tripple	
CUPE 3909	Muthukumar Bagavathiannan	Had to leave

<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Jordan Templeton Mark Fynn	Present – not signed
Animal Science	Jessica Brady	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Sanjayan Satchithanatham	Present
Entomology		
Food Science	Nikolay Repin	Present
Plant Science	Arvind Hirani	Present
Soil Science	Taryn Dickson	Present – not signed
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Carl Drohomereski	Present
City Planning	Becky Raddatz	
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Classics		
Economics		
English	Alyson Brickey	Present
French, Spanish & Italian		
German		
History	Tamara Fleming Graham Stinnett	Present Present
Icelandic Studies		
Linguistics		
Native Studies		
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Political Studies and Public Administration	Devi Goherdhan	Present
Psychology		
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Slavic Studies		
Sociology	Gosia Parada	Present
Canadian Studies St.		

Boniface		
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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 Qiuyan Yuan	
Electrical & Computer	Christopher Henry	Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing	Amir Birjandi Richard Lozowy	Present
Environment		
Geography & Environment	Trish Kelley Kristin Westdal	
Geological Sciences		
Nat Resources Inst	Sheldon Ratuski Vanessa Lozeczniak	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 Holly Johnson (Proxy)	Present
Pharmacy		
Pharmacy		
Phys Ed & Rec Studies		
Recreation Management	Jill Hnatiuk Pavithra Rajan (Proxy)	Present
Kinesiology		
Science		
Biological Sciences	Josh Levac	Present
Chemistry	Taras Babiak	Present
Computer Science		
Mathematics		
Microbiology		
Physics & Astronomy	Neil Moore	Present
Statistics		
Social Work		
Social Work		

Report

From: GSA Executive Committee

To: GSA Council

Date: May 13, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings

April 29, 2009

May 7, 2009

May 11, 2009

GSA Transition

Executive GSA member took office vary smoothly. We had an executive Retreat/Transition meeting with incoming with outgoing Executives on Wednesday, April 29.

Bulk Purchasing

For orientation week in September we order 50 stainless steel coffee mugs at \$5.25 each and 100 tote bags at \$2.90 each, with the GSA logo. We are investigating to find a better deal for buying the GSA T-Shirt.

Canadian Federation of Students Semi Annual General Meeting

GSA Executive committee members, Abas Sabouni, Mohammed Mostafa, Peter Nawrot, Arman Vahedi and Amir Birjandi will be representing the GSA and attending the Canadian Federation of Students Semi Annual General Meeting from May 16-20 in Ottawa.

2009-2010 GSA Budget – See Attachment 1

Motion: BIRT the 2009-2010 GSA budget be approved as presented.

Report

From: GSA Finance Committee

To: GSA Council

Date: May 13, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings

Upcoming meeting - May 27, 2009

The Finance Committee meets once a month and approves Conference Travel Grants, Special Project Grants, and Donations. One of the key functions of the GSA is to redistribute the monies collected as Student Organization fees to improve the lives of graduate students.

Acting as a part of the Finance Committee does NOT disqualify you from receiving Travel Grants. Monthly meetings will consist of reviewing completed Travel Grant applications (which the VP Internal will present to the committee), and Special Project Grant applications. Special Project Grants often require applicants to give a presentation, so you have the opportunity to meet people from other departments and be entertained by them! Membership on the Finance Committee looks great on resumes when applying for jobs that require experience working within a budget.

Committee membership consists of:

- The VP Internal
- The GSA President
- The VP External
- An HSGSA designate
- A Senator
- The Exec-At-Large
- And one representative from each of the following:
 - Humanities (History, Languages, Philosophies, Classics, etc.)
 - Social Sciences (Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Geography, etc.)
 - Natural and Agricultural Sciences (Mathematics, Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, etc.)
 - Professional Studies (Computer Sciences, Law, Medicine, Engineering, Dentistry, etc.)

Report

From: GSA Bylaws and Policy Committee

To: GSA Council

Date: May 13, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings

Upcoming meeting - TBA

The Bylaws Committee meets a minimum of twice per term. The mandate of the Bylaws Committee is to develop and maintain all GSA legislative documents, and to develop a reference guide for the GSA that includes Legislation, Policy, and Administration.

Meetings will consist of reviewing the current GSA Bylaws and making sure that there are no contradictions between the Bylaws and the Constitution., there are no spelling or grammatical errors, and all of the Bylaws are up to date and relevant to the way the GSA functions. If you like analyzing documents for these types of discrepancies, or foresee a future for yourself in policy making, then this is the committee for you!

Committee membership consists of:

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- The GSA President
- The VP External
- An HSGSA designate
- A Senator
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 - Social Sciences (Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Geography, etc.)
 - Natural and Agricultural Sciences (Mathematics, Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, etc.)
 - Professional Studies (Computer Sciences, Law, Medicine, Engineering, Dentistry, etc.)

There shall be no fewer than 6 graduate student representatives on the committee, with at least one student representing each of the above groups. What a party! Join now!

Report**From:** Abas Sabouni, President <pres@umgsa.ca >**To:** GSA Council**Date:** May 13, 2009**Re:** Monthly Report

Meetings Attended and Missed

CFS-MB Annual General Meeting– April 25
CUPE 3909 Annual General Meeting– April 27
GSA Award Committee Meeting - April 28
GSA Executive retreat - April 29
HSGSA Annual General Meeting – May 1
GSA Award Committee Meeting - May 4
GSA Award Committee Meeting - May 5
GSA Executive Committee Meeting – May 7
FGS Executive Committee Meeting – May 8
CFS-MB Provincial Executive Meeting – May 8
GSA Executive Committee Meeting – May 11
Senate Planning and Priorities Committee Meeting - May 11

Office Hours

My office hours are held from 1:30pm to 3:30pm on Wednesdays, and I am open to meeting at other times by appointment.

Other Information*CFS-MB Annual General Meeting*

CFS-MB proposed 2009/2010 campaigns such as tuition fee and funding, aboriginal student issue, student for sustainability, protection for student living in residence, equality for international students, student right to organize campaigns. We discussed the different strategies for achieving the goal of each campaign. (See attach. 2)

Senate Planning and Priorities Committee

The university president provide the strategic planning framework 2009-2014 to be circulated broadly for comment in university community, including at senate. The content of this report was the mission of where our university are? How will we behave? What future are we chosen to create? What will we do to bring this about? How will we know how will we're going? And what happens next? .

Report**From:** Trish Kelley, Vice-President Internal <vpi@umgsa.ca >**To:** GSA Council**Date:** May 13, 2009**Re:** Monthly Report

Meetings Attended and Missed

GSA Executive retreat - April 29

HSGSA Annual General Meeting – May 1

GSA Executive Committee Meeting – May 7

GSA Executive Committee Meeting – May 11

Missed – GSA Council Meeting – May 13 (Sorry, I'm at a conference in Halifax)

Office Hours

My office hours are held from 1:30pm to 3:30pm on Mondays. I can meet at other times by appointment.

REPORT

From: Peter Nawrot, Vice-President (Academic)

To: GSA Council

Date: May 13, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings attended and missed

UMSU Labor Relations Meeting – April 21, 2009

GSA Council Meeting President – April 22, 2009

Canadian Federation of Students Manitoba Annual General Meeting – April 25, 2009

Senate Executive Meeting – April 29, 2009

GSA Executive Meeting – April 29, 2009

Meeting at the Credit Union - May 4, 2009

Meeting with outgoing Vice-President Academic – May 6, 2009

GSA Executive Meeting – May 7, 2009

Faculty of Graduate Studies Executive Meeting – May 8, 2009

Canadian Federation of Students Provincial Executive Meeting – May 8, 2009

GSA Executive Meeting – May 11, 2009

Office Hours Held

Wednesdays: 0900-1200 Hrs.

*I will be away May 16 – May 21 and June 9 – June 17

Graduate Student Representation

We are looking for new or renewed membership on the following FGS committees. The names beside the following committees are the current GSA reps whose term ends June 30th. They are eligible for renewal if the student rep so chooses.

1. Guidelines and Policy Committee (deals with supplemental regulations and policy changes): *Current GSA rep (only 1 needed): Abas Sabouni (we need a PhD candidate on this committee)*
2. Programs and Planning Committee (deals with course and program changes; new programs): *Current GSA rep (only 1 needed): Cheng Zhang*
3. Appeals Committee (deals with student appeals - academic and disciplinary in nature): *We need 2 more GSA reps*

4. Awards Committee (deals with student awards competitions and awards policy matters):
We need 1 GSA rep as a back-up who is currently a PhD Candidate and who currently holds a CIHR fellowship. This person must be from a Medical/Health Sciences discipline.

5. FGS Executive & FGS Council - NOTE: *The President, VP Academic and VP Health Sciences normally sit on this committee*

Please let me know who the GSA reps for July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010.

Other Business

The Graduate Student Association Awards Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 in Room 204, University Center. Invitations will be sent out to the recipients, their respective departments, councils, representatives, and University Administration to attend the event. Further information will be provided in upcoming reports.

Report

From: Mohamed Moustafa, Vice-President (External)

To: GSA Council

Date: May 13, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Events & Meetings attended and missed

Annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students (MB) - April 25, 2009;

GSA Executive Meeting - April 27, 2009;

Annual general meeting of the Health Science Graduate Student Association (HSGSA) – May 1, 2009;

GSA Executive Meeting – May 7, 2009;

Announcement at the Health Science campus – May 8, 2009;

GSA Executive Meeting – May 11, 2009;

Office hours held

My office hours are on Thursdays from 11am to 1pm.

Other information

Announcement at the Health Science campus

The government of Canada is going to invest \$1.7 million to purchase equipment for the Centre of Excellence for Regenerative Medicine new laboratory. The centre will be located at the Basic Medical Sciences Building on the University's Bannatyne Campus.

The Regenerative medicine is considered as an emerging field focused on accelerating the healing process to fully restore the health of damaged tissues and organs.

Report

To: GSA Council
From: Meaghan Labine – Vp HSC
Date: May 11th, 2009
Re: Monthly Report

Meetings Attended

GSA Executive Meeting – May 7th, 2009
GSA Executive Meeting – May 11th, 2009
HSGSA Executive Meeting – May 8th, 2009
HSGSA Executive Meeting – May 11th, 2009
HSGSA Executive Meeting – April 27th, 2009
HSGSA Spring it Up – May 1st, 2009
HSGSA AGM – May 1st, 2009

Meetings Missed

GSA Executive Retreat – April 29th, 2009

HSGSA AGM

For our AGM we had 30 students come out to vote on changes to our constitution. It went well and had a nice transition into the spring it up event which followed immediately after.

HSGSA Spring It Up

Spring it up is an annual HSGSA event, where we wrap up the year with a social event with beverages, food and prizes. This year we had a DJ and build your own nachos buffet. It was extremely well attended with over 100 students.

Research Days

Planning underway for the student events (boat cruise and pub night), poster competition and city tours. This year the Theme is on nanotechnology in medicine.

Student Memorandum

We have completed our first draft of the student memorandum, and will be sending it out to council and the HSC FGS Committee for review, so that it can be utilized by the fall

REPORT

From: Majid Ostadrahimi, GSA Senator

To: GSA Council

Date: May 13, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings attended

University Senate meeting– February 6

Senate Caucus meeting– March 3

GSA transitional meeting- April 29

GSA executive meeting- May 7

Meetings missed

GSA executive meeting- May 11 (I wasn't aware of the meeting)

UMGSA

May 2009- April 2010 Budget

	TOTAL			
	May '08 - Apr 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	May '09 - Apr 10
Income				
Revenue				
Endowment Interest	9,122.31			\$8,000.00
Interest on Bank Accts	9,132.02	7,000.00	2,132.02	\$8,000.00
GSA Cash Box	1,290.23	300.00	990.23	\$200.00
GSA Cash Box Revenue				\$1,000.00
Other	148,559.00	0.00	148,559.00	\$0.00
Ad Sales - Gradzette	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,000.00
Membership Fees	326,229.92	289,000.00	-67,685.64	\$313,000.00
Graduate Teaching Award	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Revenue	<u>494,333.48</u>	<u>296,300.00</u>	<u>198,033.48</u>	<u>\$331,200.00</u>
Total Income	494,333.48	296,300.00	198,033.48	\$331,200.00
Expense				
Expenses				
Honorarium				
Executive	39,000.00	39,000.00	0.00	\$40,800.00
HSGSA	6,300.00	4,200.00	2,100.00	\$4,200.00
CRO	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	\$1,000.00
Council Chairperson	900.00	1,000.00	-100.00	\$0.00
Total Honorarium	<u>47,700.00</u>	<u>45,700.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>\$46,000.00</u>
Elections				
Elections	262.56	1,000.00	-737.44	\$1,000.00
Total Elections	<u>262.56</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>-737.44</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

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	<u>May '08 - Apr 09</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>May '09 - Apr 10</u>
Grants				
Departmental Grants	18,087.15	25,000.00	-6,912.85	\$25,000.00
Conference Grants	61,855.00	65,000.00	-3,145.00	\$65,000.00
Graduate Teaching Award	0.00	100.00	-100.00	\$100.00
Special Projects	6,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	\$4,000.00
Childcare				\$1,000.00
Donations	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	\$4,000.00
Total Grants	<u>89,942.15</u>	<u>98,100.00</u>	<u>-8,157.85</u>	<u>\$99,100.00</u>
CFS Promotions				
Handbook	3,543.00	3,800.00	-257.00	\$2,500.00
Advertising/Sponsorship	711.50	800.00	-88.50	\$800.00
Website Administration	31.50	200.00	-168.50	\$40.00
Total CFS Promotions	<u>4,286.00</u>	<u>4,800.00</u>	<u>-514.00</u>	<u>\$3,340.00</u>
GSA Promotions				
Clothing				\$1,500.00
Total GSA Promotions				<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Human Resources				
Wages, Benefits & Parking	44,177.17	46,400.00	-2,222.83	\$46,000.00
Professional Development	866.99	1,000.00	-133.01	\$1,000.00
Total Human Resources	<u>45,044.16</u>	<u>47,400.00</u>	<u>-2,355.84</u>	<u>\$47,000.00</u>
Fees				
Bank	25.33	300.00	-274.67	\$50.00
Revenue Canada - Penalty Charge	2,426.06	6,500.00	-4,073.94	\$0.00
Fees - Annual Incorporation Fee				\$20.00
Fees - Other	20.00			\$80.00
Total Fees	<u>2,471.39</u>	<u>6,800.00</u>	<u>-4,328.61</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
Council & Committees				
Venue Booking & Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Hospitality	1,904.99	3,500.00	-1,595.01	\$3,500.00
Council & Committees - Other	50.00			\$100.00
Total Council & Committees	<u>1,954.99</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>-1,545.01</u>	<u>\$3,600.00</u>

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Office Supplies & Expenses

	<u>May '08 - Apr 09</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>May '09 - Apr 10</u>
Stationery and office supplies	1,800.67	1,000.00	800.67	\$2,000.00
Ikon Lease	2,442.93	5,200.00	-2,757.07	\$2,500.00
Photocopies	2,331.13	1,000.00	1,331.13	\$2,500.00
Insurance	6,591.00	7,500.00	-909.00	\$7,000.00
University Charges Monthly Ledgers	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total Office Supplies & Expenses	<u>13,165.73</u>	<u>16,200.00</u>	<u>-3,034.27</u>	<u>\$15,500.00</u>
Bannatyne Campus				
HSGSA Disbursement	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00	\$17,000.00
Total Bannatyne Campus	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$17,000.00</u>
Capital Expense				
Major Purchases	1,147.56	7,000.00	-5,852.44	\$5,000.00
Total Capital Expense	<u>1,147.56</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>-5,852.44</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Retained Earnings Fund	0.00	3,400.00	-3,400.00	\$0.00
Office Equipment Reserve Fund				\$0.00
CFS External Meetings	11,288.63	8,000.00	3,288.63	\$12,000.00
Other External Meetings				\$0.00
Gradzette	5,900.87	6,500.00	-599.13	\$6,500.00
Programming				
Orientation	4,967.07	5,000.00	-32.93	\$5,000.00
Social Events	3,040.54	3,000.00	40.54	\$3,000.00
Seminar Series	69.58	2,000.00	-1,930.42	\$2,000.00
Speakers Series	4,037.77	5,000.00	-962.23	\$5,000.00
GSA Awards Luncheon				\$2,500.00
Total Programming	<u>12,114.96</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>-2,885.04</u>	<u>\$36,000.00</u>
Campaigns	970.41	2,000.00	-1,029.59	\$2,000.00
Professional Consulting				
Audit	7,168.00	3,000.00	4,168.00	\$7,000.00
Legal	1,071.96	3,000.00	-1,928.04	\$3,000.00
Computer/Website Maintenance	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total Professional Consulting	<u>8,239.96</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>1,239.96</u>	<u>\$13,000.00</u>
Canadian Federation of Students	25,394.35	0.00	25,394.35	\$26,000.00
CFS Manitoba	15,888.80	0.00	15,888.80	\$17,000.00
Total Expense	<u>302,772.52</u>	<u>289,400.00</u>	<u>13,372.52</u>	<u>\$331,190.00</u>
Net Income	<u>191,560.96</u>	<u>6,900.00</u>	<u>184,660.96</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>

Statement of Accounts – Capital – Money in the Bank as of April 30, 2009.

2009

Endowment Fund	\$ 517,062.89 (Locked in a GIC)
Retained Earnings Fund	\$ 229,976.27 (\$148,559.00 -UMSU for Autonomy Faculty Association Fees) (High Rate Savings 105)
Office Equipment Fund	\$ 86,188.99 (High Rate Savings 105)
Endowment Holding Fund	\$ 267,072.53 (Money to be locked into the Endowment Fund)(High Rate Savings 205)
Checking Account	\$ 120,000.00 (Opening amount for each fiscal year until student fees are deposited in November)
Account 105	\$ 316,165.26
Account 205	\$ 267,072.53
Chequing	\$ 120,000.00
Total Holdings in the Bank:	\$1,220,300.68

Tuition Fees and Funding

Background

Over the course of the 1990s, massive federal funding cuts to post-secondary education along with the ensuing cuts in provincial operating grants to Manitoba universities and colleges resulted in tuition fee increases of more than 170%.

During the 1999 provincial election, the Federation secured a commitment from the Manitoba New Democratic Party to freeze tuition fees at 1999 levels and to create a provincial system of grants for college and university students. In 2000, the new New Democratic government fulfilled their promise by reducing tuition fees by ten percent and then freezing them for all university students in Manitoba.

In April of 2008, the provincial government announced that the freeze would be lifted, and tuition fees would be allowed to rise beginning in fall 2009. To facilitate this backwards policy decision, the Province created the one-man Commission on Tuition Fees and Accessibility headed by Dr. Ben Levin. On April 2, 2009, the Commission released its report, outlining tuition fee increases, and on April 24, tuition increases were announced.

The provincial government then implemented this recommendation by allowing 4.5% tuition fee increases for fall 2009. For the first time in nine years, Manitoban students will be faced with tuition fees increases. The cumulative total of tuition fee hikes over the course of a degree would be more than 19%.

With a lower provincial funding allocation to universities and colleges this year compared to 2008, it is clear that increasing the tuition fee burden on students is not the route to more adequate funding for institutions.

Students need to take action to call on the government of Manitoba to reinstate tuition fee protection, for all students in all programmes, and to increase government

funding.

Implementation

Research: An updated fact sheet will be published, outlining the effect of increased funding on the quality of education, and showing that quality of education is not adversely affected by the tuition fee freeze. A new fact sheet will also outline the impact of rising tuition fees on participation.

FIPPA requests will be sent to university departments to gain a stronger sense of university spending.

A new fact sheet outlining the need for tuition fee protection for students and provincial funding increases to universities and colleges will be published. This research will focus on the benefits of public services like education, and will make the case for prioritising Aboriginal education through lower tuition fees and more grants for students.

Government Relations: A renewed effort to lobby government and opposition MLAs will be undertaken in order to build broad-based support for policies supporting a true tuition fee freeze and significant funding increases for universities and colleges, for both operations and capital.

Provincial Awareness and Media: The communications plan will focus on the benefits of tuition fee protection in an economic recession.

Membership Mobilisation: Member locals will be encouraged to engage members in a campaign for a broad-based tuition fee freeze, and to discredit claims by media and university administrators that the freeze has a negative impact on quality of education.

Member locals will be encouraged to build towards a mass Day of Action in 2009-2010, beginning with local welcome weeks in September as well as campus-wide consultations.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks a universally-accessible system of post-secondary education in Manitoba through:

- there-instatement of a fully-funded tuition fee freeze for all students in all programmes;
- increasing government funding for post-secondary programmes as a portion of their operating budgets, to 1985 levels;
- increasing levels of federal and provincial government funding for Aboriginal students, to honour Treaties and to keep pace with the growth of Manitoba's fastest-growing demographic.
- an adequate system of student financial aid.

Aboriginal Student Issues Campaign

Background

For Manitoba, improving participation and success in university and college education for Aboriginal peoples is the greatest challenge in post-secondary education policy.

As with any non-repayable student financial assistance, skyrocketing tuition fees have dramatically depreciated the value of programmes like the federal Post-Secondary Student Support (PSSSP). Such programmes provide funds to band councils for distribution to First Nations students, part of Canada's treaty obligations. Of the Aboriginal students enrolled in post-secondary education, only 25% of those in college and 15% of those in university receive funds through the PSSSP.

When adjusted for inflation, annual funding through Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for Aboriginal post-secondary education has not kept pace with inflation, or demand.

In November 2008, a report by the Regina Post leaked that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) was planning an internal audit of the PSSSP, with the goal of transferring First Nations education to either an arms-length foundation, or to Canada Student Loans Program. This move would push First Nations education out of the hands of band councils, and would be a way for the federation government to further shirk its responsibility to fund Aboriginal students and duty to recognise Aboriginal peoples' rights in Canada.

Rather than passing the buck, the federal government must increase funding for all Aboriginal students, First Nations, Metis and Inuit, and remove the discriminatory 2% cap on funding increases to the PSSSP.

While the provincial government has made education for Aboriginal peoples a priority, its decision to end tuition fee protection calls into question the Doerg government's commitment to accessible education. The value of the already-inadequate grants available to Aboriginal students is eroded as fees rise, making less funding available

to fewer students. Meanwhile, poverty in Manitoba continues to be concentrated on First Nations reserves and in Aboriginal communities.

The student movement has a unique role to play in calling for policies that ensure no Aboriginal student is excluded from university or college.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will work with Aboriginal partners on a programme of action based on the recommendations of the No Higher Priority report: increased funding for the PSSSP and non-Status Aboriginal students; more funding for Aboriginal programs; improved data collection and monitoring of funds; and a centralised database for information on programmes and initiatives.

Provincial Awareness and Media: The Federation will launch the campaign with a fall tour of First Nations and Aboriginal communities, beginning in the summer and

Government Relations: The Federation will work with Aboriginal partners in Manitoba to lobby all levels of government to take action on the recommendations of the campaign. Lobby kits will be developed for distribution to member locals.

Membership Mobilisation: A provincial campaign kit will be developed and distributed to members locals.

In Manitoba, a mass mobilisation on Aboriginal student issues will be organised for the fall semester, in conjunction with coalition partners, to address the federal government's review of the PSSSP.

Coalition Work: The Federation will partner with Aboriginal organisations to implement the campaign.

Member locals will be encouraged to work with Aboriginal groups on campus.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks:

- to ensure the federal government implements the recommendations of the No Higher Priority report on Aboriginal post-secondary education;
- lower tuition fees and student debt in Manitoba;
- to increase the number and value of grants for Aboriginal students, through funding increases to the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and other funding mechanisms; and
- to ensure that funding increases for Aboriginal students keep pace with the growth of the young Aboriginal population.

Students for Sustainability Campaign

Background

As with the peace and civil rights movements, students have played a critical role in the environmental movement for decades. Through students' unions, along with networks such as the Sierra Youth Coalition and local environmental groups, students are mobilising across Canada to put a nation against climate change and other environmental issues on the political radar.

Campuses are microcosms of local and global societies. In October 2008, David Suzuki and Maude Barlow spoke at the University of Manitoba as part of the Federation's Students for Sustainability tour, outlining ecologically harmful practices on campus, including the privatisation of food services and research, sales of bottled water, as well as the commercialisation of public spaces.

While federal and provincial governments have taken limited action on environmental issues, municipal governments have been faced with stark choices between environmental policies and tax cuts—and many have made the sustainable choice. Students have an important role to play in promoting sustainable transportation options, including better public transit, and have successfully campaigned for improvements like plans for a dedicated busway in Winnipeg and free September bus service in Brandon.

This past year, the Canadian Federation of Municipalities has encouraged its members to ban the sale of bottled water in all municipal facilities. In March 2009, the University of Winnipeg Students' Association worked with the University of Winnipeg to end the sale of bottled water on campus.

Despite this progress, the federal Conservative government continues to reject the Kyoto Protocol. Instead, it has introduced deeply flawed legislation that circumvents any serious reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The Conservative government's

alternative is not supported by any credible environmental organisation.

Implementation

Provincial Awareness and Media:

The Federation will launch a provincial Students for Sustainability tour at press conferences in Winnipeg and Brandon this winter.

Government Relations: The Federation will work with coalition partners in Manitoba to lobby all levels of government for action on issues including climate change, public water protection, public transit, and other urgent environmental concerns. Lobby kits will be developed for distribution to members locally.

Member locals will be encouraged to work with their institutions to ban the sale of bottled water on campus.

Member locals will also be encouraged to lobby provincial governments for sustainability standards for all public institutions.

Membership Mobilisation: In Manitoba, a provincial speaking tour for environmental sustainability will be organised for the winter semester, and will include mass membership participation.

Member locals will be encouraged to adopt environmental sustainability policies within their associations and encourage their institutions to do the same.

Coalition Work: The Federation will continue to partner with environmental organisations to implement the campaign.

Member locals will be encouraged to work with local environmental groups on campus.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks:

- to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, stop privatisation of water, encourage sustainable transportation, and promote environmental sustainability; and
- to make campuses more environmentally sustainable.

Protection for Students Living in Residence

Background

Students who live in university- or college-operated residences in Manitoba do not enjoy protection under the Manitoba Residential Tenancies Act, legislation that outlines tenant rights in Manitoba.

This means that university and college administrations are able to violate quality standards, impose onerous rules and curfews on residents, and invade the privacy of student residents. Campus building managers may enter students' living quarters with little or no notice, summarily evict student tenants, and impose highly restrictive regulations on students' personal lives. These rules are an unacceptable vestige of the days of parentalism towards student residents, and have translated into policies that allow universities and colleges to invade privacy, ignore quality, health and safety concerns and increase rents with impunity.

When disagreements arise, students who live in campus-operated residences do not have the same right to complain or appeal to a neutral body.

The Manitoba Residential Tenancies Act offers protections to most Manitobans who rent their homes or apartments. These protections include rent controls, personal security and safety standards, and privacy rules.

Many students who live in campus residences are international students, rural or northern students, students from other provinces and Aboriginal students. The lack of protection for these student residents makes attending post-secondary education that much more difficult for students who already face major financial barriers.

The inclusion of student residences under the Manitoba Residential Tenancies Act will ensure that students are protected in their homes, and have the same rights as other renters in the province.

Implementation

Research: Research will be undertaken to demonstrate the benefits of including students under the Act, and a position paper will be published.

Research will be undertaken with coalition partners such as the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and the Right to Housing Coalition on housing rights for all Manitobans.

Government Relations: Lobbying will be undertaken with the Minister of Family Services and Housing, the Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy, as well as the Residential Tenancies Branch to ensure student residences are included in the Act.

A centrally drafted letter signed by residence councils and individual students in residence will be sent to government and Residential Tenancies Branch.

Provincial Awareness and Media: Communication tools will be developed to shed light on the inequities of student residences, as well as the lack of protection for students in Manitoba.

Membership Mobilisation: Students who live on campus will be encouraged to build the campaign for the protection of student residents' rights.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks provincially-mandated standards for student residences, such as rent protection, safety standards, quality standards, privacy protection and fair complaints and appeals mechanisms.

The Federation seeks the inclusion of universities and colleges under the provisions of the Manitoba Residential Tenancies Act.

Equality for International Students

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks legislated equality of treatment for international students studying in Manitoba, including:

- the right to work off campus without restriction;
- the right to be a part-time student;
- the elimination of differential fees for international students;
- the right to free access to the public health care system.

Background

International students pay hundreds of dollars for basic health care, thousands of dollars in tuition fee premiums, are not eligible for student aid in Canada and often face stereotyping, racism, and xenophobia.

Following the introduction of a provincial tuition fee freeze, tuition fees for international students studying in Manitoba were deregulated as a means for universities to increase their revenue. Since then, fees for international students in Manitoba have risen by 180%, with more increases proposed for 2009-2010.

Measures to offset these increases have been superficial. In spite of the expansion of an off-campus work permit designed to allow international students to pay for part of their tuition fees through employment, it is still difficult for international students to complete all the requirements to work off campus. It is even more difficult for them to keep pace with massive tuition fee increases.

International students are further limited by rules requiring that they enroll in a full course load. This limitation makes it difficult, if not impossible, for international students to work to help pay for their tuition or living expenses. In addition, it is onerous to international students with disabilities or with families.

While international students in Saskatchewan and Newfoundland have or are soon to have access to free public health care, their counterparts in Manitoba pay an additional \$420 a year just to see a doctor, something that most of us will never have to pay for.

Implementation

Research: Research will be undertaken and a position paper will be published to show the benefits of supporting international students with policies such as lower tuition fees and access to universal public health care.

Research will be undertaken to examine the per-student model of post-secondary funding.

Government Relations: Lobbying will be undertaken, focusing on equality for international students. This lobbying will emphasise the benefits of attracting more international students to Manitoba through high-quality education, low tuition fees, and access to public health care and jobs.

Provincial Awareness and Media: A two-pronged communications plan will be implemented, with the goal of showing the public that international students are important, tax-paying, contributing members of the community, and that international students are welcome as immigrants to Manitoba.

Membership Mobilisation: Member locals will be provided with template letters and petitions to build support for equality for international students. A website-fax portal at www.cfsmb.ca will be developed for sending fax messages in support of international students to provincial and federal governments.

Students' Right to Organise

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks to "right-to-organise" legislation that would guarantee Manitoba students' unions:

- ability to collect democratically-established membership fees from students;
- right to an appropriate office space;
- access to membership lists; and
- right to represent students without fear of reprisal from their administration.

Background

In order to offer advocacy and services to members, students' unions require financial autonomy from their institutions and a central space on campus from which to operate. The democratically-established membership fees levied by all students' unions are collected centrally by the university or college administration and administrators often control building space. As a result, students' unions can be pressured by the administration through financial means.

In 1975, the University of Manitoba Students' Union Act formalised the existence of the University of Manitoba Students' Union, guaranteeing it's right to collect fees via the University of Manitoba, and to act as the exclusive representative of students at the University of Manitoba. While the protections created by the UMSU Act are significant, the Act is somewhat limited and does nothing to protect the rights of the other 30,000 students in Manitoba or the students' unions to which they belong.

In Australia, New Zealand, and the United States, "voluntary student unionism" has been used as a means of disempowering the student movement. Municipal and federal governments have passed laws which restrict the right of students' unions to collect membership fees, effectively bankrupting them and ending their ability to offer services, act as advocates, and hire staff. At some campuses in Canada, university administrations, frustrated with the political views of their students' unions, have withheld or refused to collect students' union membership fees with the intention of silencing the voice of students.

In Canada, the provinces of Quebec and British Columbia have enacted legislation to protect all students' unions in both provinces. While these laws are not perfect, students unions in those provinces can act as an independent voice for students, with the confidence that there are legal remedies for reprisal

by administration or government against unions that are simply representing their members.

In 2007, the Federation released a brief calling for the implementation of legislation protecting students' right to organise. As a result of the Federation's lobbying, the provincial Council on Post-Secondary Education has informed the Federation that some form of right-to-organise legislation had been drafted, for consideration and could be considered by the Legislature later in 2009.

Implementation

Government Relations: The Federation will continue to lobby Manitoba Members of the Legislative Assembly to include the student movement's recommendations in right-to-organise legislation, and lobby members of the opposition parties to support the legislation.

Provincial Awareness and Media: A centrally coordinated communications strategy will be developed and implemented drawing attention to the Federation's recommendations and examples of limitations on students' rights that illustrate why the legislation is required. Member locals will be provided with template opinion articles for submission to campus and local media.

Coalition Work: Labour unions in Manitoba were approached in past years and asked to show support for legislation, and this work will continue in 2009-2010. Coalition partners will be encouraged to send letters of support to government representatives.

Attach. 3

GSA Council Meetings

4:45 pm, UMSU Council Chambers

All meetings will be held the fourth Wednesday of every month

August 26, 2009

September 23, 2009

October 28, 2009

November 25, 2009

December 23, 2009

January 27, 2010

February 24, 2010

March 24, 2010

April 28, 2010

