

Minutes
GSA Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 2009
4:45 pm, UMSU Council Chambers

Quorum was determined to have been met, with 32 members present and voting (of a possible 39 registered). Meeting called to order at 4:52 pm.

Andy announced there might be a change to the date of the next meeting due to it being on the same day as the CFS AGM in Ottawa, where four exec members will be attending.

1. Approval of Agenda
No Opposition. Carried
2. Approval of the September 23, 2009 GSA Council Meeting Minutes
Motion
BIRT the minutes of the September 23, 2009 GSA Council Meeting be approved.
No Opposition. Carried.

Andy Bonar passed the chair to Trish Kelley for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Committee Reports
 - a) Executive Committee
Report prepared by Abas, presented by Trish.
On October 8, President Sabouni announced his resignation of Presidency, effective October 31, 2009. Please see the attached letter in the reports. According to the GSA Constitution, Article IV Election, item j:

"Any position vacated on or after October 1st shall be filled for the remainder of the year through appointment.
 - i. The Executive shall make a recommendation to be voted on by council."

Andy Bonar excused himself from the room at the request of the chair. The Chair put forward the motion from the Executive Committee that:

Motion
BIRT Andy Bonar be ratified as the president of the GSA for the remaining six month term effective November 1, 2009.

The motion was discussed at great lengths.

Members voting and present were distributed 32 ballots. According to the Constitution, Article IV j. a successful vote required a 2/3 majority of those voting and present, making the number of votes needed to carry the motion 22 yes votes. The votes were cast.

Meaghan Labine requested the chair to allow her to enter twelve (12) proxy votes on behalf of the Health Sciences Caucus.

Andy Bonar was asked to re-enter the room.

The chair (Trish) asked each council member to inform her whether they thought the proxy votes from HSGSA could be included.

The results: No – 19, Yes – 6

The results of the secret ballot for Andy for President were announced:

Carried. Yes – 25, No – 4, Blank – 3. Andy asked that his abstention be noted.

Congratulations Andy Bonar, you are the new President of the GSA.

In that the appointment to President requires Andy to be removed from office as the Executive-At-Large, the executive committee advanced the following motion:

Motion

BIRT Aaron Glenn be ratified as Executive-at-Large for the remaining six month term effective November 1, 2009.

Vote by division.

Carried. Meagan Labine and Peter Nawrot asked that their abstentions be noted.

Congratulation Aaron Glenn, you are the new Exec-at-Large of the GSA.

- b) Finance Committee
Report presented by Trish.
- c) Bylaws Committee
Report presented by Trish.
- d) Campaigns Committee
Report presented by Mohamed.
November 5 is Day of Action “Target Poverty”
- e) Award Committee
No meetings – Nothing to report
- f) GSA/HSGSA Joint Committee
No written report. Neil Moore noted that a meeting of the joint committee was held on October 9.

4. Executive Reports

- a) President – Report prepared by Abas, reported by Trish
- b) Vice President (Internal) – Trish gave report
- c) Vice President (Academic) – Peter gave report.
- d) Vice President (External) – Mohamed gave report
- e) Vice President (Health Sciences) – Meaghan gave report
- f) Senators
 - 1. Amir gave report
 - 2. Majid gave report
 - 3. Arman – no written report

5. Department Reports/Announcements
Mitch Tripple from UMSU encouraged all grad students to attend the Day of Action on Thursday, November 5 "Target Poverty".
6. Other Business - None
7. Announcements
 - a) Next Meeting – Date may need to change because the CFS AGM, in Ottawa is the same time, and four executive members will be in attendance. To be announced soon.
 - b) Please sign the "Target Poverty" postcards at the back, and take a bunch to be signed by your department.
 - c) Department Grant applications deadline is November 2nd.
8. Adjournment
Motion
BIRT the meeting be adjourned at 6:44 pm.
Kelley/Senthilkimar
Carried.

Attendance – GSA Council
September 23, 2009
4:45 pm
UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass Bldg.

GSA Executive	Name	Signature
President	Abas Sabouni	Regrets
VP Internal	Trish Kelley	Present
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 (Non-voting)
Councillors	Name	Signature
UMSU (Non-voting)	Mitch Tripple Sid Rashid	Present (Non-voting)
CUPE 3909 (Non-voting)	Qiuyan Yuan	Present (Non-voting)
Agric & Food Science		
Agribusiness & Agric.	Jason Jones	Regrets

Economics	Curtis Sawatsky (Proxy)	Present
Animal Science	Jessica Brady	
Biosystems Engineering	Sanjayan Satchithanantham T. Senthilkimar	Present
Entomology		
Food Science	Roniele Cordeiro	Present
Plant Science	Tyler Guerrieri Muthu B.(Proxy)	Present
Soil Science	Rotimi Ojo	Present
Architecture		
Architecture	Steven Berry Dan Dufault	Present
City Planning	Lauren Lange	Present
Interior Design	Tamara Nyysola	Present
Landscape Architecture	Kelly Wojnarski	Regrets
Arts		
Anthropology	Jeniva Donalessen	
Classics		
Economics		
English, Film & Theatre	Joel Hughes	Present
French, Spanish & Italian		
German		
History	Tamara Fleming	
Icelandic Studies		
Linguistics		
Native Studies		
Philosophy	Wes McPherson	
Political Studies and Public Administration	Justin Jones	Present
Psychology		
Religious Studies	Matt Sheedy	
Slavic Studies		
Sociology	Tim Melnyk	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	Present
Electrical & Computer	Shabnam Shahfar Dan Lockery (Proxy)	Present Regrets
Mechanical & Manufacturing	Richard Lozowy	Present
Environment		
Geography & Environment	Sally Wong	Present
Geological Sciences		
Nat Resources Inst	Sheldon Ratuski Maggie Sliwinski	Present
Disability Studies		
Food & Nutr Sciences		
Interdisciplinary		
Human Ecology		
Clothing & Textiles		
Family Social Sciences	Tammy Taillieu	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Danielle Stringer	Present
Law		
Law		
Music		
Music		
Nursing		
Nursing	Jenny Shnitka	Present
Pharmacy		

Pharmacy		Present
Phys Ed & Rec Studies		
Recreation Management & Kinesiology	Pavithra Rajan	Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Josh Levac (Proxy)	Present
Chemistry	Taras Babiak	
Computer Science		
Mathematics		
Microbiology		
Physics & Astronomy	Neil Moore	Present
Statistics		
Social Work		
Social Work		

Guests:

HSGSA VP Finance

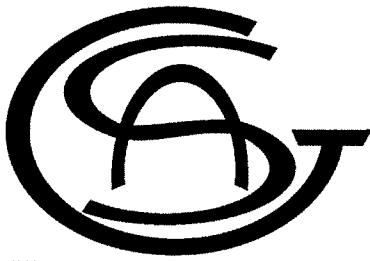
Neil Salter

Present

HSGSA VP Internal

Cordula Buse

Present



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Wednesday October 28, 2009
4:45 pm, UMSU Council Chambers

1. Approval of Agenda
2. **Motion: Approval of September 23, 2009 GSA Council Meeting Minutes**
3. Committee Reports
 - a) Executive Committee

Motion to ratify Andy Bonar as the president of the GSA for the remaining six month term effected on November 1, 2009

Motion to ratify Aaron Glenn as Exec at Large for the remaining six month term effected on November 1, 2009
 - b) Finance Committee
 - c) Bylaws Committee
 - d) Campaigns Committee
 - e) Awards Committee
 - f) GSA and HSGSA Joint Committee
4. Executive Reports
 - a) President
 - b) Vice President (Internal)
 - c) Vice President (Academic)
 - d) Vice President (External)
 - e) Vice President (Health Sciences)
 - f) Senators
 - 1 . Amir
 - 2 . Majid
 - 3 . Arman
5. Department Reports/Announcements
6. Other Business
7. Announcements
 - a. Next Meeting – November 25, 2009 at 4:45pm in UMSU Chamber
8. Adjournment

REPORT

From: GSA Executive Committee

To: GSA Council

Date: October 28, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings

October 08, 2009

October 22, 2009

While the exciting but extremely busy times of September have ended, the GSA Executive has remained active organizing the office, attending meetings on and off campus, and planning initiatives and events for the remainder of the year. We strongly encourage graduate students to come by the office and chat or hang out when you get the chance. Also, we are always in need of volunteers for committees and helping with events so if you or other students you know are interested please give us a call, shoot us an email or pop by the office!

Pool Night

Thursday, November 12 from 4-7pm at second Floor University Centre. Free for graduate students!!! Send an email to gsa@umgsa.ca to indicate your interest.

GSA Endowment Fund

Following the signing of the Autonomy agreement with UMSU in April 2007, the GSA received 14% of the UMSU Endowment Fund that Graduate Students had been paying into up until that point (U of M was about 14% grad students at the time, this was equivalent to approximately \$500,000 of the Endowment Fund). The money was subsequently put into a high-rate savings account at the Assiniboine Credit Union, with the intention of eventually investing the money and using the return to fund GSA Travel Grants and/or other scholarships and bursaries for Graduate Students. During 2008-2009 the previous GSA Executive transferred the Fund to a GIC at the Assiniboine Credit Union for a year. This GIC became mature on Oct 22, 2009. Currently we are in the process of transferring the Fund to a modest GIC at the credit union for better interest. We are going to have a meeting with the Assiniboine Credit Union and their investment partners regarding long-term investment of the funds in a financially and socially responsible manner. Preservation of the principal and ethical investment will be a priority for the Fund, even if the return from the investment is modest in the first few years. We hope to have the plan for the Endowment Fund money in place by next council meeting.

Canadian Federation of Students Annual General Meeting

GSA Executive committee members, Trish Kelly, Mohamed Moustafa, Andy Bonar, Aaron Glenn, and Parvez Vora from HSGSA will be representing the GSA and attending the Canadian Federation of Students Annual General Meeting from November 25 to November 28 in Ottawa.

President resignation:

On Oct 8, President Sabouni announced his resignation of Presidency, effective October 31, 2009. Please see the attached letter. According to the GSA constitution: Article IV Election, item j, "Any position vacated on or after October 1st shall be filled for the remainder of the year through appointment.

- i. The Executive shall make a recommendation to be voted on by council."

Please note that there is a typographical error in the constitution on the website: Article IV 1i) which reads:

"Any vacant position vacated on or after October 1st shall be filled by a by-election." After carefully looking at the minutes from the AGM where that clause was changed. We realised that whoever made the changes in the document made an error in making the changes that were voted by the membership; and there is no problem with our constitution concerning the issue of appointment after October 1.

Therefore:

Motion 11-AGM-08 reads:

BIRT Article IV - Elections, item i, be amended to read:

"Any position vacated prior to October 1st will be filled by a by-election. Council will have the ability to appoint someone in the interim."

Motion

BIRT the Executive Committee recommends Andy Bonar as the president of the GSA for the remaining six month term.

Exec-at-Large member

Motion:

BIRT the Executive Committee recommend to Council that Aaron Glenn be appointed to the position of Exec-at-Large for the remaining six month term.



University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association
Local 96 of the Canadian Federation of Students

221 University Centre
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, MB, Canada R3T 2N2

October 7, 2009

Dear GSA executive

I am writing to you today to officially tender my resignation from GSA president effective Saturday, October 31, 2009.

This was not an easy decision to make. The past 6 month as a President and two year as a senator for GSA have been very rewarding for me personally. I've enjoyed working for students and take tremendous pride in what we've been able to accomplish. I have accepted a position as Research Scholar in University of North Dakota. This position will allow me to continue growing professionally and is located in Grand Forks. I wish you and the GSA the very best.

Sincerely,

Abas Sabouni

Finance Committee Report

From: Trish Kelley, Vice-President (Internal)

To: GSA Council

Date: October 28, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings:

October 20, 2009

The Finance Committee met on October 20 and approved 10 Conference Travel Grant applications totalling \$3400.00. The total amount awarded to students to date this year is \$36665.21, of a budgeted \$65000 for this fiscal year.

Departmental Grant Application

The Finance Committee would like to remind everyone that the applications for the fall Departmental Grant disbursement are due on November 1. I have received 2 applications to date. These departments are my favourites. Please get the applications in as soon as possible. The applications must be received by November 1 at 4:00pm.

Committee Membership

We still need one member for the Finance Committee. The new member must be from a Humanities department.

Bylaws Committee Report

From: Trish Kelley, Vice-President Internal <vpi@umgsa.ca >

To: GSA Council

Date: October 28, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meeting – October 26, 2009

The Bylaws Committee met and discussed the new Bylaws that we received from the lawyers. No changes have been made to the bylaws by the committee – the committee members are reviewing the documents, and we will be discussing changes and suggestions at the next committee meeting.

Membership

We still need two members for the Bylaws Committee, a representative from the Social Sciences, and a representative from the Humanities. If anyone from another department is interested

Campaigns Committee Report

From: Mohamed Moustafa, Vice-President (External)

To: GSA Council

Date: Oct 28, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings

September 30, 2009

October 22, 2009

Other information

1. GSA banner and flag

The committee decided to design a banner and a flag that can be used in different GSA events.

2. GSA brochure

The committee decided to design a brochure that explains “What’s the GSA?”

3. Campaigns for 2009/2010 academic year and November 5th (day of action)

- The committee decided to pick three days in the month of January to organize SSHRC, CIHR and NSERC fairs to display the research of graduate students.
- November 5th (day of action): **The Target Poverty campaign** is calling on the provincial government to make the reduction of poverty a priority in Manitoba. We are asking the Provincial government to establish a strategy with a specific time line and goals in order to work toward reducing poverty in this province. We consider access to education as a major tool in the fight to end poverty and would like to see up front barriers like tuition fees and adequate funding for our post-secondary institutions addressed. We are also calling on the need for affordable housing in Manitoba, a living wage, access to affordable childcare as well as public transportation.

The Day of Action will be on November 5th. The rally will start at 11:30 at the U of M. Please come and share your voice with the provincial government.

REPORT

From: Abas Sabouni, President
To: GSA Council
Date: October 28, 2009
Re: Monthly Report

Meetings attended

Board of Governors orientation: September 29, 2009
Board of Governors meeting: September 29, 2009
GSA Executive Meeting: October 08, 22, 2009
Faculty of Graduate Studies Council: October 01, 2009
Meeting with COPE – October 8, 2009
GSA/HSGSA Joint Committee Meeting – October 9, 2009
Finance Committee Meeting – October 20, 2009
Bylaws Committee Meeting – October 26, 2009
CUPE3909 meeting - October 8, 2009
Presentation for the Manitoba Chinese Tribune, Oct 3, 2009

Regrets

GSA Campaign committee meeting – September 30 because of my exam and October 22, due to I was outside of Winnipeg

Office Hours

My office hours were from 1:30 pm to 3:30pm on Wednesdays. Unfortunately I missed my office hours on October 14, 21, 28, because I was away from Winnipeg for my new position.

Other Information

International College of Manitoba (ICM)

In the Board meeting, President Barnard report that, there has been agreement between university administrator and Navitas that there would be a comprehensive review of ICM at the end of the fifth year of its operation at the University of Manitoba - during the autumn term of 2013/14. This review would be overseen by the Senate Committee on Academic Reviews and would be modeled on the academic program reviews approved by Senate.

University's estimates of operating and capital requirements for 2010/2011

Based on president report in board meeting, a base grant increase of 12.9% or \$36.4M is required to sustain the 2009/10 programming levels the same as this year. University administrator starts looking for different possibilities to compensate this budget.

Student enrolment for 2009/10

Fortunately, the student enrolment at the University of Manitoba for this year increases for 4.3%, in both undergraduate and graduate student enrolment.

H1N1 Flu vaccination

The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority is offering free H1N1 influenza immunization clinics for students, faculty and staff of the University of Manitoba. No appointment is necessary. It is taking place on the Fort Garry Campus. The clinic is taking place in Helen Glass Atrium from October 26 to October 28, and in Room 210 University Centre from October 29 until December 4.

Election of a Chancellor

The Chancellor is the titular head of the University and confers all degrees. The term of office of the chancellor is three years, commencing June 1 of the year in which he is elected. Dr. William Norrie's three-year term as Chancellor commenced June 1, 2001, and was re-elected for additional three-year terms effective June 1, 2004 and June 1, 2007. The Call for Nominations for Chancellor will be soon.

GSA office Manager Contract

On Oct. 8 President and Vice President Internal had a meeting with COPE 342 for negotiating the renewal of office manager contract. This agreement for GSA office manager has been renewed for the next three years.

REPORT

From: Trish Kelly, Vice President (Internal)
To: GSA Council
Date: October 28, 2009
Re: Monthly Report

Meetings Attended and Missed

Meeting with COPE (Ruth's Union) – October 8, 2009
Executive Committee Meeting – October 8, 22, 2009
GSA/HSGSA Joint Committee Meeting – October 9, 2009
Finance Committee Meeting – October 20, 2009
Bylaws Committee Meeting – October 26, 2009

Office Hours – Held and Missed

October 5 – Missed
October 8 – 12:30-5:00
October 12 – Missed (Thanksgiving Day, University Closed)
October 16 – 1:30-4:00
October 19 – 1:30-3:30
October 26 – 1:30-5:00

I was away from the office on October 5, on a very short vacation to Boston.

REPORT

From: Peter Nawrot, Vice President (Academic)
To: GSA Council
Date: October 28, 2009
Re: Monthly Report

Meetings attended and missed

Advocacy Meeting: October 5, 7, 13, 14, 22, 2009
Student Senate Caucus: Monday, October 5, 2009
Senate Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2009
Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 22, 2009
Senate Executive Meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 2009
Fall 2009 Convocation: October 21, 22, 2009
Convocation Awards Dinner: Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Regrets:

Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes: Monday, October 5, 2009
Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes: Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Briefs

Advocacy meetings involve confidential advocacy meetings with students. Regrets for the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes arise from a conflict in scheduling and having to attend classes.

Student Senate Caucus

Student Senators and students at large from the undergraduate and graduate programs volunteered in attendance for various committees and by proxy, through emails from students requesting to be involved on Senate Committees.

Those present reviewed the agenda for the upcoming senate meeting with many student Senators interested in the history of the debate within Senate of the Navitas (International College of Manitoba) Agreement.

Senate

The United Way Campaign at the University of Manitoba will make a presentation regarding the 2009 campaign.

Candidates for degrees, diplomas and certificates in the upcoming Fall Convocation
Report on Medals and Prizes
Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees

The University President agreed to release the Navitas (International College of Manitoba) Agreement to Senate in 5 years time when the agreement comes up for review.

Fall Convocation 2009

Three hundred eighty three Graduate Students received their degrees from the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the 2009 Fall Convocation.

October 21, 2009

Graduate Studies (M.Arch., M.B.A., M.C.P., M.Ed., M.en Ed., M.I.D., M.L.Arch., M.A., M.ès A., M.M.C.S.S., M.Dent.,M.Eng., M.Env., M.N.R.M., M.P.Adm.)

Graduate Teaching Excellence

Dr. Dana Medoro, English, Film and Theatre

An accomplished researcher and academic, Medoro is recognized by her students as a role model and mentor. One student recalls Medoro set a positive tone for the academic year right from the start. “(She) cultivated the idea that it is perfectly acceptable for students to struggle through their ideas orally and that the class should help develop the speaker’s understanding of the subject matter through a fruitful exchange of ideas and information.” Students in Medoro’s class are encouraged to work collaboratively which results in a classroom dynamic that is interactive, supportive and constructive. Her willingness to work beyond the traditional seminar structure encourages student participation and involvement in their own learning. Medoro is also recognized for ensuring her students have opportunities to work alongside professionals in their field to further their awareness and experience. In addition to her dedication to teaching and research, Medoro is also active in the community, working as an advocate for animal rights for many years. Her work both within and outside of the university setting inspires her students and offers them a positive role model for being an engaged and contributing member of the community.

Convocation Awards Dinner

I attended dinner with Ruth Prokesch and the Vice-President External. It was an opportunity to celebrate the successes of those who won awards and honorary degrees during the Fall Convocation.

October 22, 2009

Graduate Studies (Ph.D., L.L.M., M.Mus., M.N., M.O.T., M.P.H., M.Sc., M.S.W., Dip.P.H.)

Office Hours Held

Wednesdays: 0900-1100 Hrs.

REPORT

From: Mohamed Moustafa, Vice-President (External)
To: GSA Council
Date: October 28, 2009
Re: Monthly Report

Events & Meetings attended and missed

GSA Campaign committee meeting – September 30 and October 22, 2009;
CFS-MB Provincial Campaigns planning meeting - September 30, 2009;
CFS-MB meeting with the candidate for the Premier position: Greg Selinger - October 1, 2009;
CUPE3909 meeting - October 8, 2009;
GSA Finance committee meeting - October 20, 2009;
GSA Campaign committee meeting – September 30 and October 22, 2009;
GSA Executive meeting - October 8 and October 22, 2009;
GSA Bylaws committee meeting - October 26, 2009;
CFS Activist Assembly - October 27, 2009;

Meetings missed

FGS Council meeting - October 1, 2009
CFS-MB Provincial Campaigns planning meeting - October 14, 2009;

Office hours held

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

Other information

1. CFS Activist Assembly

The Activist Assembly is an evening-long community forum and strategy session, part of building towards the November 5, 2009 province-wide Target Poverty campaign day of action for a Poverty-Free Manitoba.

Workshops include: Media skills, Organising events, Anti-Racism Campaigning, Campaigns tools design, Your rights: Understanding your rights as an organiser, understanding the roles and duties of police/security at events.

2. GSA Website

The website has been updated weekly with the news happening in the GSA and the university.

For any suggestions, please contact:
Mohamed Moustafa – Vice President External: vpe@umgsa.ca
Majid Ostdrahimi – Senator: senator2@umgsa.ca

REPORT

From: Meaghan Labine, Vice President (Health Science)
To: GSA Council
Date: October 28, 2009
Re: Monthly Report

Meetings Attended

Student Relations Committee – Oct 27th
HSGSA Executive committee – Oct 7th, Oct 22nd
GSA Executive committee – Oct 22nd
HSGSA Executive committee – Sept 30th, Oct 19th, Oct 26th
HSGSA/GSA joint committee – Oct 9th
HSGSA Council meeting – Oct 7th
HSGSA Event – Oct 24th
FGS Executive committee – Oct 28th
HSGSA Workshop.– Oct 1st, Oct 8th

No Meetings Missed

Office hours held:

Oct 1st, 15th, 22nd, 28th 11:30-1pm

Seminars and Workshops: Oct 1st and Oct 8th

As part of the HSGSA mandate, we are trying to offer our students seminars and workshops to better prepare them for graduate school. On Oct 1st, we held a student rights workshop which covered where students can go for help, what can be expected within the laboratory environment and intellectual property rights. On Oct 8th, we held another seminar on how to use the library's RefWorks program to assist with paper writing.

Paintball: Oct 24th

To increase student participation, the HSGSA organizes a large sport outing for graduate students. We organized an afternoon of paintball at Paintball Paradise which included lunch and transportation to the facility and back. It was very well attended with over 30 students participating.

Bannatyne Shuttle Bus:

Beginning Sept 2009, the shuttle bus service between the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses was cancelled, leaving students to pay for transportation between both campus using the 36 bus. Currently, we are working with UMSU to get students to sign petitions in support of re-establishing or providing an alternative service for students.

HSGSA Office:

For the first time in many years, the HSGSA office (Rm 114 Brodie Centre) is up and running, with office hours held daily. The office project was started in August, and it took about a month to get the room cleaned and functional for student use.

REPORT

From: Amir Hossein Birjandi, GSA Senator
To: GSA Council
Date: October 28, 2009
Re: Monthly Report

Meetings attended

Executive meeting-October 22, 2009
Student Senate Caucus-October 5, 2009
University Senate meeting-October 7, 2009

Meetings missed (Regret):

Executive meeting October 8, 2009

Office hours:

Friday, 11-13

Office Hours Missed:

Oct 16

Student Senate Caucus

In this meeting which was held between GSA and UMSU members we discussed about International College of Manitoba (ICM) and its relation with University of Manitoba to bring the GSA and UMSU perspectives close to each other for the Senate meeting. At the end some volunteers were assigned for the University committees. I was assigned for the Award committee.

Senate Meeting:

- 1-United Way Campaign gave talk to senate and asked for \$1200 or more.
- 2-International College of Manitoba (ICM) gave report on regard of the last year performance.
- 3-ICM president was asked for entrance procedure to U of M and if it is competitive or not.
- 4-University faces the budget problem in this year 2010/2011.
- 5-Resource Optimization and Service Enhancement Project (ROSE) - The ROSE project will look at the ways to improve service delivery and reduce costs of these functions by eliminating duplication, sharing resources, assessing appropriateness of controls, leveraging technology and application of industry best practices.

REPORT

From: Majid Ostadrahimi, GSA Senator
To: GSA Council
Date: October 28, 2009
Re: Monthly Report

Meetings attended

Office hours, (Thursdays): Oct. 1-8-15-22, 2009
Student senate caucus meeting: Oct. 5, 2009
University senate meeting: Oct. 7, 2009
Executive meeting: Oct. 8, 22 2009
CUPE Meeting: Oct. 8, 2009
Orientation week volunteer appreciation: Oct. 16, 2009
Finance committee Meeting Oct. 20, 2009

Meetings missed

NA

Office hours

Thursdays 12-2pm

Website:

The web site is updated once a week by both Mohamed and me. A separate page for committees was created. Photos of those councilors, who sent it to me, were added to web site. Committees are updated.

Student caucus meeting:

A few students showed up. We had an informative discussion regarding international college of Manitoba. The main purpose of the meeting was to assign volunteers to serve in university senate committees.

CUPE meeting:

Graduate students, mostly from engineering department attended this meeting. They brought lots of discussions regarding how the university should recognize their work as a TA. They also raised their concern about payments, that most of the times TAs are not being paid properly.

University senate:

The agenda of this meeting is available online here:

http://www.umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/senagenda_oct2009.pdf

The united way campaign presented a report on their activities. Different committees gave report. Mitch, on behalf of students, asked some questions regarding International college of Manitoba which included students' GPA, and transferring their status to UofM student.

Orientation week volunteer appreciation:

Volunteers for orientation week had been invited to GSA office for a get together event.

REPORT

From: Arman Vahedi,
To: GSA Council
Date: October 28, 2009
Re: Monthly Report
