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AGENDA - GSA COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009
4:45 PM, UMSU COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 28, 2009 MINUTES
3. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 - b. FINANCE COMMITTEE
 - c. BYLAWS & POLICY COMMITTEE
 - d. CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE
 - e. AWARDS COMMITTEE
 - f. INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE
 - g. GSA/HSC JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE OPERATIONS AND CONTINUED OPERATIONS OF THE HSC
4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS
 - a. SENATORS
 - i. AMIR
 - ii. ARMAN
 - iii. MAJID
 - b. VICE-PRESIDENT (HEALTH SCIENCES)
 - c. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)
 - d. VICE-PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)
 - e. VICE-PRESIDENT (INTERNAL)
 - f. PRESIDENT
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. NEXT MEETING IS DECEMBER 9, 2009 AT 4:45 PM IN THE UMSU COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Minutes
GSA Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
4:45 pm, UMSU Council Chambers

Meeting called to order at 4:50 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda
Motion
BIRT the agenda be approved.
Labine/Ratuski
No Opposition. Carried

2. Approval of the October 28, 2009 GSA Council Meeting Minutes
Labine noted that in Item 3, 6th paragraph: Members voting and present were distributed 32 ballots. "According to the Bylaws" should read: "According to the Constitution Article IV j. . . ."
Motion
BIRT with the above noted amendment, the minutes of the October 28, 2009 GSA Council Meeting be approved.
Labine/Bonar
No Opposition. Carried.

3. Committee Reports
 - a) Executive Committee
Report presented by **Kelley**.
This report includes the 2009-2010 Budget with revisions.
Motion
BIRT the 2009-2010 updated budget be approved.
No Opposition. Carried.

 - b) Finance Committee
Report presented by **Kelley**.
Fifteen Conference Travel Grant applications totalling \$4,275.00.
Thirty-one Department Grant applications totalling \$7,940.00.
Motion
BIRT council approves the thirty-one Department Grant applications as presented.
No Opposition. Carried.
Two requests for donations have been received. One was rejected, one requires more information.
One Special Project Grant application received for the Political Studies Students' Conference.
Motion
BIRT council approve \$500.00 Special Project Grant for the Political Studies Students' Conference.
No Opposition. Carried.

 - c) Bylaws & Policy Committee
Report presented by **Kelley**.



- d) Campaigns Committee
Report presented by **Moustafa**.
Next meeting, Thursday November 19 at 5:00 pm.
Thanks to all the took part in the November 5th Day of Action "Target Poverty".
- e) Award Committee
No meetings – Nothing to report
- f) Internal Development and Review Committee
Report presented by **Moore**
Point of Clarification: **Labine** asked why there was no Health Science designate on the IDR Sub-Committee. **Moore** stated that he made a judgement call not to include Naresh on the sub-committee because he is on the HSGSA Executive. All executive members were excluded.

- g) GSA/HSGSA Joint Committee
Bonar explained what has happened up to the present.
At the last GSA Executive meeting, it was suggested that the Executive members of the Committee from the GSA and HSC remove themselves from the committee (with the exception of the Executive-at-Large, Aaron Glenn, who will stay on as Chair) in hopes of facilitating a quicker resolution to these matters. The remaining members are Krista Chytk of HSC and Neil Moore.

Motion #1

BIRT Andy Bonar, Meaghan Labine, Trish Kelley and Neil Salter be removed from the GSA/HSC Committee on the Operations and Continued Operations of the Health Sciences Caucus.

Motion #2

BIFRT Alan McGreevy be named to the committee in the HSC Executive's stead.

Motion #3

BIFRT a GSA Councillor, as named, be appointed to the committee in the GSA Executive's stead.

BIRT the three above mentioned motions be considered omnibus.

Bonar/Moore

No Opposition. Carried.

BIRT Dan Dufault from Architecture be named in Motion #3.

Wong/Guerrieri

No Opposition. Carried.

BIRT Motions #1, 2 and 3 be accepted.

No Opposition. Carried.

Motion

BIRT the VPHSC turn over all financial records, bank statements, account information, etc. concerning the Health Sciences Caucus to the Committee before the next meeting of the Committee.

Stringer/Moore

No Opposition. Carried.

4. Executive Reports
 - a) Senators
 - i. Amir
 - ii. Arman – no written report
 - iii. Majid
 - b) Vice President (Health Sciences) – Meaghan gave report
 - c) Vice President (Academic) – Peter absent due to illness.
 - d) Vice President (External) – Mohamed gave report
 - e) Vice President (Internal) – Trish gave report
 - f) President – Andy gave report

5. Other Business – None

6. Department Updates and Announcements
 - UMSU – Mitch Tripple promoted Holiday Hampers.
If any grad student is in need of a Holiday Hamper call this confidential number: 474-6642. If anyone would like to volunteer email Mitch at vpa@umsu.ca. Hampers delivered around December 17th.
 - Environment & Geography is having Seminars and Gingerbread House building on December 10th.
 - Animal Science is holding a Technician Appreciation Day
 - Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering has a new rep. Welcome to Shahab Shokrrzadeh.

7. Announcements
 - a) Next Meeting is December 9, 2009 at 4:45pm in the UMSU Council Chambers. This meeting may be cancelled if there is no business to discuss.

8. Adjournment

Motion
BIRT the meeting be adjourned at 6:25 pm.
Jones/Vahedi
No Opposition. Carried.

Attendance – GSA Council
November 18, 2009
4:45 pm
UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass Bldg.

GSA Executive	Name	Signature
President	Andy Bonar	Present
VP Internal	Trish Kelley	Present
VP Academic	Peter Nawrot	Regrets
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) (Non-voting)
CUPE 3909 (Non-voting)	Qiuyan Yuan	(Non-voting)
Agric & Food Science		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Jason Jones Curtis Sawatsky (Proxy)	Present
Animal Science	Jessica Brady	Present
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	
Architecture		
Architecture	Steven Berry Dan Dufault	Present
City Planning	Lauren Lange	Present
Interior Design	Tamara Nyysola	Present
Landscape Architecture	Kelly Wojnarski	Present
Arts		
Anthropology	Jeniva Donaleshen	
Classics		
Economics		
English, Film & Theatre	Joel Hughes	Present
French, Spanish & Italian		
German		
History	Tamara Fleming	Present
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	
Electrical & Computer	Shabnam Shahfar Dan Lockery (Proxy)	Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing	Shahab Shokrzodeh	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
Phys Ed & Rec Studies		
Recreation Management & Kinesiology	Pavithra Rajan	Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Cheryl Klassen	Present
Chemistry	Taras Babiak	
Computer Science		
Mathematics		
Microbiology		
Physics & Astronomy	Neil Moore	Present
Statistics		
Social Work		
Social Work		
HSGSA Departments		
Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Ngoc On Meaghan Labine (Proxy) Ivan Landego	Present
Immunology	Meaghan Labine (Proxy) Tamara Young	Present
Pathology	Meaghan Labine (Proxy)	Present
Human Anatomy and Cell Science	Leilanie Clayton Meaghan Labine (Proxy) Sijo Joseph	Present
Physiology	Natasha Paddock Meaghan Labine (Proxy)	Present
Medical Physics (Non-Voting)	Krista Chytk Melissa Herman	
Medical Microbiology	Meaghan Labine (Proxy) Daryl Fediuk	Present
Pharmacy	Meaghan Labine (Proxy) Jeanette Logan	Present
Occupational Therapy & Medical Rehabilitation	Danean Herdman Meaghan Labine (Proxy) Natalie Riediger	Present
Community Health Sciences	Meaghan Labine (Proxy) Alexander Graves	Present
Biochemistry & Medical Genetics	Meaghan Labine (Proxy)	Present

Oral Biology	Sai Prasad Pydi	Present
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	Meaghan Labine (Proxy)	
Orthodontics		
Periodontics		
Physicians Assistant Program	Peter Wojciechowski	

Guest:
The Manitoban Ashley Gaboury Present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report

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

To: GSA Council

Date: November 16, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings:

November 5, 2009 – 10:00am

November 12, 2009 – 4:45pm (postponed)

November 16, 2009 – 4:45pm

November 18, 2009 – 3:15pm

The Executive met on November 5, 2009 to prepare for the Day of Action. Information on this event can be found in the Executive Report of Vice-President External Mohamed Moustafa.

The Executive meeting on November 12, 2009 was postponed so that Executive members could attend the GSA Pool Night. Information on this event can be found in Senator Majid Ostadrahimi's Executive Report.

The Executive met on November 16, 2009 to discuss the 2009-2010 Budget. Please see Attachment B.

Motion to approve the 2009-2010 update budget.

The Executive met on November 18, 2009 to prepare for Council. It is now Executive practice to meet prior to all Council meetings in order to ensure that Council meetings can be run effectively. This is in response to concerns raised by GSA Councillors to the nature of the conduct of Executive members at the October 28, 2009 meeting of Council.

Report

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

To: GSA Council

Date: November 16, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meetings:

November 17, 2009 – 4:45pm

The Finance Committee met on November 17 and approved 15 Conference Travel Grant applications totalling \$4275. The total amount awarded to students to date this year is \$40940.91, of a budgeted \$65000 for this fiscal year.

We also discussed and approved 31 Department Grant applications for the fall disbursement to be recommended to Council for approval.

BIRT – Council approves the 31 Department Grant applications as presented.

One Special Project Grant and two donations were submitted to the committee.

The special project grant is for funding for the Political Studies Students' Conference, to be held February 3-5, 2010 at the University of Manitoba. The GSA has provided funding for the conference in the past. The Finance Committee recommended this application to Council.

One donation was to the Art of Living Student Club, for \$2160. This amount exceeds the amount the GSA allows for donations. The GSA typically does not fund student interest groups, as our budget does not allow for the distribution of funds to all interested groups.

A second donation for \$250.00 for Project Fly Home, a speaking event by Abousfian Abdelrazik, a Canadian citizen exiled to Sudan for 6 years. The event was co-hosted by Peace Alliance Winnipeg and CanPalNet, and was held on October 17th, 2009. The Finance Committee needed more information on this event before we could approve funding.

Committee Membership

All Committee positions have been filled.

Bylaws Committee Report

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

To: GSA Council

Date: November 16, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meeting:

November 16- 5:00pm

The Bylaws Committee met and suggested changes to the new Bylaws that we received from the lawyers. Suggested changes are being incorporated in to the documents, and will be reviewed again when all changes have been made. The reformed bylaws will then be brought to council for approval.

Membership

We still need one members for the Bylaws Committee, representative from the Humanities. If anyone from another department is interested, please contact me and we can discuss potential eligibility.

Report

From: Internal Development and Review Sub-Committee Chair Neil Moore

To: GSA Council

Date: November 16, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Meeting:

Nov. 18, 2009

This special meeting of the Internal Development and Review Committee was called in response to allegations made concerning the Oct. 28, 2009 Council meeting.

Members of the IDR sub-committee:

Neil Moore	Physics & Astronomy
Jeremy Funk	Management
Graham Stinnett	History
Dan Lockery	Electrical Engineering
Tim Melnyk	Sociology
Mark Fynn	Agribusiness & Agricultural Economics

On Monday, Nov. 2, Meaghan Labine (VP Health Sciences) and Peter Nawrot (VP Academic) brought forth concerns stemming from the Oct. 28 Council meeting to the members of the GSA Executive. At the center of these concerns are the votes resulting in Andy Bonar as the new President and Aaron Glenn as the new Executive-at-Large. Andy Bonar immediately turned the situation over to the IDR committee as per Bylaw X.1.a. and b.:

1. Committee Mandate

- a. To address all matters requiring ethical consideration within the Association.
- b. To review and provide Council with direction on any material or issue Council calls into question regarding conduct or policy.

From Nov. 2 to Nov. 9, several documents were forwarded to the IDR committee (from both the assenting and dissenting sides) and we met from 16:30 to 19:00 on Nov. 12. It is important to note that this committee operated under consensus rules, which means all members must agree on our ruling before it is presented (i.e. no voting).

The allegations made were as follows:

1. That dismissing the proxy votes collected by the VP Health Sciences was in violation of the GSA constitution (Article II.5) and bylaws (Bylaw IV.6).

2. That a "2/3 majority vote of Council" (Article IV.1.k) suggests a 2/3 majority of all registered members of the GSA Council rather than the present and voting members (or voting by written proxy) of the GSA Council.

About the Constitution Paradox:

After reading the AGM minutes from Jan. 2008, it is clear that Article IV.1.i should read “Any position vacated prior to October 1st will be filled by a by-election...” There was simply a transmission error in going from the AGM minutes to the Constitution.

IDR Committee Findings:

1. Preface:

The vote that took place to determine whether or not to include the proxy votes in the election of the Executive members also should not have happened. Council does not have the ability to suspend the Constitution or Bylaws by disallowing the proxy votes. Rather, their validity is determined by the chair (Executive-at-Large) prior to the Council meeting.

Ruling:

We find the proxy votes to be invalid since we are not convinced that they were presented to the chair prior to the Council meeting. The Constitution states that:

“The chair should receive written notice of any proxy prior to the Council meeting. For departments not situated on the Fort Garry Campus, a written proxy vote will be accepted.”

We interpret “prior to the Council meeting” to mean before the call to order, which typically signifies the beginning of any meeting. Rather than being presented at this time, the proxy votes surfaced too late to be used. The main purpose of presenting the proxy votes before the meeting is so that they may be checked to see that they are in good standing (dated, signed, etc.) and also cross-referenced with the list of representatives from the Health Sciences departments. Bylaw IV.6 says that this list is on file at the “...Offices of the Graduate Students’ Association”. Our interpretation is that this list ought to be on file at both GSA offices and must be examined by a scrutineer (the Office Manager or chair for example) to ensure those listed are registered students from the correct departments. Without a process like this, the list is senseless. At any rate, such a list was not presented before the call to order.

2. Preface:

The concern here is the interpretation of “2/3 majority vote of Council” and by consequence “simple majority vote of Council”. The dissenting side argues that “of Council” refers to all registered members of the GSA Council; there are 51 at present. Thus, any 2/3 majority vote would require 34 votes in the affirmative and any simple majority vote would require 26 votes in the affirmative.

Ruling:

It is not immediately obvious what “of Council” refers to in Article III.1.k; however, after discussing the Constitution at length, we decided that the interpretation is “of present and voting members (or voting by written proxy) of Council” rather than “of all Council” or “of all Councillors”. We do not believe that the GSA has been acting contrary to the Constitution, but we do believe there is a clarity issue. The words “of Council” could take on either meaning, depending on the context. See the two examples below:

Example 1:

Article X.3

“The enactment, amendment or repeal of any Bylaw shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Council or General Meeting.”

In this case (and in all but one – see below), the interpretation here is that “of the Council” and “of the General Meeting” mean 2/3 of present and voting members (or voting by written proxy). To suggest that the meaning is total membership, then the General Meetings would require 1192 affirmative votes for a simple majority vote while 1589 affirmative votes would be required for a 2/3 majority vote – well outside the realm of plausibility.

Example 2:

Article VIII.3

“The quorum of the Council meetings shall be one half (1/2) of the Council”

When dealing with a quorum requirement, “of the Council” refers to total membership. Saying that quorum is half (1/2) of the present and voting members (or voting by written proxy) would be nonsense.

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Note: If in both examples, “of Council” referred to total membership, then quorum would be equivalent to the minimum number of affirmative votes to pass even the simplest of motions, such as adjournment. Needless to say, this would be an odd interpretation.
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Since we believe the term “of Council” (or “of the Council”) to be ambiguous, we also note that it suffices to refer to past practice of the GSA Council meetings. In the past, quorum has been 1/2 of the registered membership of the GSA, while “of Council” for a 2/3 majority vote or a simple majority vote refers to the present and voting members (or voting by written proxy).

Summary:

In conclusion, we find both allegations made by the dissenting side to be without sufficient grounds. Thus, the ratifications of both Andy Bonar and Aaron Glenn stand. Now that we have given our report, we stress that this issue be laid to rest and that the GSA carry on with business as usual.

We have several recommendations to make to the Bylaws Committee regarding the Bylaws and the Constitution. In the meantime, we urge the VP Health Sciences and the Executive-At-Large to convene to minimize problems with proxy voting in the future.

Report

From: GSA/HSC Joint Committee on the Operations and Continued Operations of the HSC
Chair Aaron Glenn

To: GSA Council

Date: November 16, 2009

Re: Monthly Report

Committee Update:

This committee was struck to evaluate the operations of the Health Sciences Caucus due to concerns raised by the Executive. Over the last four years the Health Sciences disbursement has grown from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to \$16,000. At the May meeting of the GSA Executive the Vice-President Health Sciences requested that the disbursement be increased to \$25,000. While the majority of this growth might seem alarming, it should be known that the GSA's membership revenue has grown (due to autonomy) over the last three years from \$130,000 to \$260,000 to the approximate \$290,000 it is at today. Student fees, however, remain unchanged. Moreover, the responsibility of the GSA, with autonomy, has grown. It is thus not unreasonable that the Health Sciences budget was increased in the past for purely expansive reasons, however, the Executive had concerns over the reasoning behind the current increase—was the GSA not doing enough to support the Health Sciences students?

At the first meeting of the Committee a plan was drafted to address the operations of the Health Sciences Caucus, its funding, as well as the representation of its members. The plan was to hold four meetings. The committee also requested that the Health Sciences Caucus turn over all financial documents for an audit.

The second meeting was to address the GSA Office on the Bannatyne Campus, which was not functional at that time. The committee requested that the GSA Executive purchase a computer, printer, shelving units, phone, office supplies, fridge, and a couch—essentially, an office. Everything but the couch has been purchased and the GSA Office at the Health Sciences Campus is fully operational, with the Vice-President (Health Sciences) and her HSGSA representatives holding office hours in it every day of the week. It should not be underscored what a great thing this is for the GSA.

The third meeting was to address the HSC finances. When examined, it was realized that there were some issues with the financial records of the Health Sciences Caucus. Working off of the Health Sciences check stubs, it was observed that the total expenses for 2008-2009 were 17,193.88—essentially, right on budget. However, in the first month of the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the Health Sciences expenses, again working from check stubs, were a reported \$6,452.95—just under half their budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. It is expected that the Health Sciences Caucus will run over budget considerably this year (~\$26,582.87 over budget), and while this is negligibly offset by an additional \$4,200 paid to the Health Sciences for honoraria, their actual honoraria costs are \$11,600. The Health Sciences Caucus has claimed additional income to the monies given to them by the GSA, but no records were turned over to the committee. It is anticipated that these records will clear up some of the discrepancy. The committee was unable to come to any decision regarding the finances.

Given the developments of the past two months, it no longer makes sense to have Executive members from the Health Sciences or GSA serving on the committee. The remaining meetings were to address the representation of Health Sciences departments on GSA Council, as well as the Constitution and Bylaws. It is important that the financial issues, as well as the representation issues are solved reasonably and fairly.

At the last GSA Executive meeting, it was suggested that the Executive members of the Committee from the GSA and HSC remove themselves from the committee (with the exception of the Executive-at-Large, who will stay on as Chair) in hopes of facilitating a quicker resolution to these matters

Motion:

Be It Resolved that Andy Bonar, Meaghan Labine, Trish Kelley and Neil Salter be removed from the GSA/HSC Committee on the Operations and Continued Operations of the Health Sciences Caucus.

Be It Further Resolved that Alan McGreevy be named to the committee in the HSC Executive's stead.

Be It Further resolved that a GSA Councillor, as named, be appointed to the committee in the GSA Executive's stead.

Be It Further Resolved that the Vice-President (Health Sciences) turn over ALL financial records, bank statements, account information, etc. concerning the Health Sciences Caucus to the Committee before the next meeting of the Committee.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Report

From: Andy Bonar, President
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: 2009-11-18
Re: November Meeting of Council

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND OFFICE HOURS

Meetings Attended:

2009-11-5 GSA Executive Meeting

- This meeting was called to prepare everyone for the Day of Action, which followed the meeting.

2009-11-9 Board of Governors Dinner

- More like a free meal than a meeting, but I did meet members of the Board for the first time, as well as the Board Chair.

2009-11-16 Meeting with the Board Secretary

- This meeting was held to bring me up to speed on how the Board operates.

2009-11-16 FGS Planning and Priorities Committee

- This committee met to review changes to programs and courses offered by the University of Manitoba.

2009-11-16 GSA Bylaws and Policy Committee

- This meeting addressed changes to be made to the first draft of the Bylaws that we received updated from the lawyer.

2009-11-16 GSA Executive Meeting

- This meeting was held to set the budget to be presented at the November 18, 2009 meeting of Council.

2009-11-17 Board of Governors

- Nothing of interest.

2009-11-17 Finance Committee

- The Committee met to do financial things that Trish will tell you all about.

Meetings Missed:

2009-11-12 HSGSA Council Meeting

- I was to be a guest at this meeting, however I wrote the time down as 1200, when in actuality the meeting was at 1100.

Office Hours:

Tuesdays: 1100-1300 hrs. and by appointment.

- I was late for my office hours on November 10, 2009. My apologies while I get adjusted to the new schedule.

IMPORTANT EVENTS, DEVELOPMENTS AND ISSUES

Research Funding Attacked by the Canadian Federation of Students:

In an "Education Action Plan" lobbied to the Canadian government this past month, the Canadian Federation of Students, to whom graduate students at the University of Manitoba provide approximately \$60,000/year, requested that the government begin reducing the amount of money that graduate students are able to take in as research funding, through the taxation of research grants, scholarships, stipends and fellowships. Please see attachment A, which is an article that has been submitted for publication in the Gradzette. This issue will be brought up at the CFS National AGM in Ottawa next week. There are thirteen other schools that have expressed dissatisfaction with the actions of the CFS. The attached article was drafted in concert with the President of the McGill Post-Graduate Students' Society, Daniel Simone.

Legal Issues:

The final hurdle to registering the Association as "The University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association" has been cleared. COPSE (the Council on Post-Secondary Education), which represents an arms-length board of the provincial government, has green lit the use of "University" in our name. Last month, the Board of Governors approved "University of Manitoba", so, we are now, finally, The University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association in name as well as practice.

We will now be working to finalize the agreement with the University of Manitoba concerning the recognition of our autonomy. President Barnard has informed us that, in principle, the University is in favour of this agreement. We anticipate total autonomy very soon.

Financial Investment:

The Executive will be meeting with our Credit Union soon to reinvest our funds in a GIC. We were looking to be more aggressive in an attempt to grow our capital, but investment in the market at this point does not seem to be the best strategy. A GIC will allow us to review this matter again next year, without any loss to our capital.

Graduate Student Bursaries:

Subsequent to the autonomy agreement between UMSU and GSA, graduate students are no longer included in UMSU bursaries. Unfortunately, there was no plan in place on the GSA's part to recompense graduate students affected by this consequence of the agreement. We are pursuing options to create a bursary fund for graduate students, and are hoping that this can be done without any changes in fees paid by members.

Report

From: Mohamed Moustafa, Vice President External
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: 2009-11-18
Re: November Meeting of Council

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND OFFICE HOURS

Meetings Attended:

2009-10-28 CFS Provincial Executive Meeting

- This meeting was called to prepare for the Day of Action.

2009-11-5 GSA Executive Meeting

- This meeting was called to prepare everyone for the Day of Action, which followed the meeting.

2009-11-5 Day of Action

- The Target Poverty campaign.

Meetings Missed:

2009-11-12 HSGSA Council Meeting

- I went to a technical field trip.

2009-11-16 GSA Bylaws Committee Meeting

2009-11-16 GSA Executive Meeting

- I had an important appointment in downtown related to my research.

Office Hours:

Thursdays: 1100-1300 hrs.

- I missed my office hours on November 5, 2009 due to my participation in the day of action.
- I missed my office hours on November 12, 2009 due to my participation in a technical field trip.

IMPORTANT EVENTS, DEVELOPMENTS AND ISSUES

Day of Action:

A Day of Action was organized by the CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) in conjunction with the other universities around Winnipeg. The GSA participated in the event by sending individuals to the Legislature building to rally in support of the Target Poverty campaign. 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.

CFS Annual General Meeting:

The GSA is doing the final preparation for the general meeting in Ottawa from Nov. 25-28.

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: ype@umgsa.ca

Majid Ostdrahmi – Senator: senator2@umgsa.ca

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- The Target Poverty campaign.

2009-11-9 Board of Governors Dinner

- More like a free meal than a meeting, but we did meet members of the Board as well as the Board Chair.

2009-11-16 GSA Bylaws and Policy Committee

- This meeting addressed changes to be made to the first draft of the Bylaws that we received updated from the lawyer.

2009-11-16 GSA Executive Meeting

- This meeting was held to set the budget to be presented at the November 18, 2009 meeting of Council.

2009-11-17 GSA Finance Committee Meeting

- The committee met to approve conference travel grants for November, a special projects grant and two donations, and to approve the fall department grant disbursements.

Meetings Missed

2009-11-13 GSA Pool Night

- I wasn't able to make it to the Pool Night, because I was stuck making changes to a book chapter I am working on.

Office Hours:

Monday: 1:30-3:30pm and by appointment.

IMPORTANT EVENTS, DEVELOPMENTS AND ISSUES

Gradzette:

After an arduous search for the best of the best, we've hired three new employees to run the

Gradzette: Aiman Syed, Mickey Sahib, and Chaojun Sun. They're hard at work on the first new issue, so look for it soon!

Finance Committee:

The finance committee met to discuss conference travel grants, special project grants, donations, and the fall department grant disbursements.

While most of the departments have completed the department grant applications properly and have been fulfilling their committee requirements and council attendance, there are a few departments that haven't. The council attendance requirement for the fall department grant disbursement is easy to meet, because we count summer council meeting attendance as one of the 2 required to get the grant. The restrictions are relaxed for this disbursement slightly because many of our representatives may be away in the summer, or departments might elect new representatives in the fall. The same isn't true for the spring disbursement, however, and failure of a council member to attend meetings or sit on a GSA internal committee will result in penalties or denial of funding.

Bylaws Committee:

The Bylaws Committee is meeting regularly to discuss changes to the bylaws. A new, updated version of the bylaws will be coming before council soon for approval.

Report

From: Peter Nawrot, Vice-President, Academic
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: 2009-11-18
Re: November Meeting of Council

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND OFFICE HOURS

Meetings Attended:

- 2009-10-28 GSA Council Meeting
- This meeting facilitated a vote for the election of a new GSA President and Executive at Large. Concerns that arose from the election will be addressed in the IDR Report.
- 2009-11-02 Student Senate Caucus Meeting
- This meeting facilitated a vote for the election of a new voting student representative on the Senate Executive Meeting. A motion put forward by UMSU requesting amnesty for the Day of Action to be held on November 5, 2009, was also discussed.
- 2009-11-03 Meeting with a student regarding an advocacy issue.
- 2009-11-04 Meeting with a student and the University of Manitoba Ombudsman regarding an advocacy issue.
- 2009-11-05 GSA Executive Meeting – Conference Call.
- This meeting was held to discuss the role and functions of executive members going forward. I attended this meeting in protest. The IDR committee is assessing the ethical conduct of Executive members regarding the October 28th Council meeting.
- 2009-11-05 Social Work Field Day Preparation Meeting.
- This meeting was held to plan for the upcoming field day for practicum placements for both graduate and undergraduate students in the Faculty of Social Work. The Field Day will be held at the Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface. Over 400 students of all walks of life, including international students attend this event as they discern and plan their vocational training and education.
- 2009-11-12 HSGSA Council Meeting.
- This meeting was held to discuss the needs of the HSGSA and their plan for the upcoming semester.
- 2009-11-16 GSA and UMSU Hamper Drive for the Holiday Season
- This was an opportunity to start planning and organizing a food hamper program for graduate students.
- 2009-11-16 GSA Executive Meeting
- This meeting was held to set the budget to be presented at the November 18, 2009 meeting of Council.
- 2009-11-17 Reappointment Advisory Committee Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies
- This meeting was held as an introductory of the committee members, a review of the reappointment procedures, confidentiality and committee meetings, consideration of materials, and future scheduling of meetings.

Meetings Missed:

2009-11-02 Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes

- I was unable to attend this meeting because I was in class.

2009-11-04 Senate Meeting

- I was unable to officially Senate during the course of my term because the “GSA has a position for the President as an assessor on Senate. While it often occurs that the President sends a designate, the University Secretary's office needs to ensure that the proper paperwork has occurred for this to happen. This request completed 11-04-09.

2009-11-05 Day of Action

- I was unable to attend this event because I was working.

Office Hours:

Wednesday: 900-1100 hrs. and by appointment.

- I was not in the office for Remembrance Day.

IMPORTANT EVENTS, DEVELOPMENTS AND ISSUES

GSA Hamper Drive:

The GSA is looking into a Hamper Drive for the Holidays. I am hoping to work with the VP HSC to ensure that graduate students are able to receive hampers, which may include HSC graduate students who have registered with the Department of Financial Aid and Awards

GSA Speaker Series:

The GSA is looking into setting up a speaker event for Vanessa Lozecznik, recipient of one of the 2009-2010 GSA Master's Awards .

GSA Seminar Series:

Nothing to report.

Report

From: Meaghan Labine, VP-HSC
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: 2009-11-18
Re: November Meeting of Council

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND OFFICE HOURS

Meetings Attended:

- 2009-10-30 LSAM planning meeting
- HSGSA is planning on holding a business and science workshop/seminar in conjunction with the Life Sciences Association of Manitoba. This event will focus on how to start a business in science and what industry is looking for when hiring.
- 2009-11-4 Meeting concerning Professionalism document
- Faculty of Medicine is drafting a document to address professionalism within the faculty which focuses on professional behaviour for faculty, staff and students. Originally the document was drafted without taking into consideration graduate students. Now we are adding a section devoted to addressing the role of graduate students, and how professionalism is defined in relation to health research and professional programs.
- 2009-11-5 GSA Executive meeting
- Discussed GSA's involvement with the Day of Action
- 2009-11-5 Day of Action
- Target Poverty
- 2009-11-6 Meeting with the Asst Dean (Dr. Ed Kroeger)
- We are working to address the shuttle bus issue, the professionalism document and other matters that effect health sciences students.
- 2009-11-6 HSGSA Executive meeting
- Addressing issues relevant to health sciences students including services at health sciences and the shuttle bus
- 2009-11-12 HSGSA Council meeting
- Discussed HSGSA initiatives and GSA activities with councillors, getting feedback on current and future projects
- 2009-11-12 TIPS Planning
- Working with the Faculty of Medicine's Continuing Education division to hold TIPS and CHET workshops for graduate students at the Bannatyne and St. Boniface Campuses which is to be covered by Continuing Ed. and the Asst Dean Dr. Ed Kroeger.
- 2009-11-16 Hamper Collaboration (UMSU & GSA)
- In the initial planning stages to develop a food hamper program for both graduate and undergraduate students at the Fort Garry, Bannatyne and St. Boniface campuses.
- 2009-11-16 GSA Executive meeting
- Discussed the budget and appropriate changes that are required
- 2009-11-16 Faculty of Medicine

- Working with the Faculty of Medicine to increase graduate student involvement within key committees of the Faculty

Meetings Missed:

2009-10-28 FGS Executive meeting
– Due to laboratory/work obligations

Office Hours:

Oct 28th: 11:30-1pm
Nov 5th – Missed due to GSA executive meeting and Day of action (Covered by HSGSA VP-Finance)
Nov 12th – Missed due to HSGSA Council meeting

IMPORTANT EVENTS, DEVELOPMENTS AND ISSUES

GSA/HSGSA:

Over the last month I have been working a great deal to represent the issues of the Health Sciences graduate students within the GSA Executive Committee and Council. Many issues have come up regarding the relationship between the GSA and HSGSA, and we are working towards resolving them so that we can build a productive relationship.

Health Sciences Advocacy:

Involvement with the Faculty of Medicine

Recently, the HSGSA has been looking into how to strengthen the relationship between the Faculty of Medicine and graduate students within the Faculty of Medicine. Traditionally, graduate students have had little interaction with medical students and with Faculty of Medicine proceedings. To give graduate students a voice on campus, I have approached the Faculty of Medicine to include graduate students on more Faculty of Medicine committees and on the Faculty of Medicine Council. Currently we have filled 5 spots are reserved for graduate students on the Faculty of Medicine Council. In addition to that, we now have representation on the Faculty of Medicine Education and Accreditation sub-committees.

Shuttle Bus Issue

Currently the HSGSA is working with UMSU to lobby the university to find a workable solution to the cessation of the free campus shuttle bus. The decision to cancel the free shuttle bus service was done so during the summer, in response to a deficit in the budget. Students so far have been very disappointed with the Winnipeg Transit alternative, which although it runs more regularly, is frequently full during peak hours. To address this issue, a petition is being sent around for students, faculty and staff to sign.

Professionalism Document

To address professional behaviour of students, faculty and staff within the Faculty of Medicine, a document was drafted by the Dean of Professionalism on the issue. I have added a paragraph

which addresses graduate student professionalism; however a companion document must be drafted to address this topic in more detail.

Student Relations Committee

This committee is chaired by the VP-Student Affairs for the University, and addresses issues which are of importance to both students and the university administration. The purpose of the committee is to get the student perspective and make recommendations to various other committees on these issues. Most pressing at the moment are the ROSE and OARS projects initiated by the university.

ROSE: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/admin/rose/2174.htm>

“A university wide review of academic and administrative support services designed to reduce costs and enhance services to the university community.” The review is being conducted by an independent review company through contract, and may take effect by the end of the 2010 winter semester. This project will reduce the amount of service and support staff on campus, and may in effect reduce the amount of student service providers.

OARS: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/admin/rose/2175.htm>

“The project is intended to identify strategies to improve and reduce barriers to the effective use of academic resources in order to move the university forward on the academic front. OARS will focus on three main areas: Academic Synergies and Efficiencies, Rules Regulations and Red Tape (3R's) and Strategic enrolment Management.” The true implications of this project on students is not yet known, however we are working with UMSU to stay on top of any changes/decisions made within the committee.

LSAM: Business and Science Workshop

Health Science graduate students routinely inquire into how the HSGSA can assist with job hunting, building business contacts and getting involved with business. The Life Sciences Association of Manitoba is a group that represents business within Manitoba, and has access to all companies.

Workshops:

TIPS for Graduates

Last year the TIPS workshop for graduate students was a huge success, providing valuable teaching and presentation techniques to students. This year we are working to host this event again, and have it offered as a yearly workshop for graduate students at the Bannatyne and St. Boniface Campuses for free.

Report

From: Amir Hossein Birjandi, Senator
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: 2009-11-16
Re: November Meeting of Council

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND OFFICE HOURS

Meetings Attended:

2009-11-02 Student Caucus Meeting

- It was approved to ask Senate to recognize the importance of Target Poverty Day of Action on Nov. 5th, 2009 as a motion.

2009-11-4 Senate

- The student assessor to Senate Executive was named.

2009-11-5 GSA Executive Meeting

- This meeting was in preparation for the Day of Action.

2009-11-5 Day of action rally

- With other students I took part in the day of action rally. I was in front of the legislative building.

2009-11-10 FGS Awards Committee

- We assessed and provided suggested awards from different departments.

2009-11-16 Bylaws Committee

- We review the new bylaws that we received from the lawyer.

2009-11-16 GSA Executive Meeting

- This meeting was held to set the budget to be presented at the November 18, 2009 meeting of Council.

Meetings Missed:

None

Office Hours:

Friday: 1100-1300

- I missed my office hours on November 6, 2009. I was out of the University for my project. I apologize for that.

IMPORTANT EVENTS, DEVELOPMENTS AND ISSUES

Senate:

Nothing to report.

Report

From: Majid Ostadrahimi, Senator
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: 2009-11-18
Re: November Meeting of Council

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND OFFICE HOURS

Meetings Attended:

2009-11-02 Student Senate Caucus Meeting

- It was approved to ask Senate to recognize the importance of Target Poverty Day of Action on Nov. 5th, 2009 as a motion.

2009-11-04 University Senate

- Agenda of this meeting is available online:
http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/senagenda_nov2009.pdf
- There was a report on a change in MA degree in Philosophy and MA, PhD degree in Psychology. Instead of thesis, students would submit something like a publishable paper.
- Senate approved support for the Target Poverty Day of Action.

2009-11-5 GSA Executive Meeting

- Day of action, Pool night social on Nov. 12, and Midterm social on Nov. 20 were some of the issues discussed.

2009-1-05 Poverty Target Day of Action

- I joined the campaign on campus and didn't go to legislative building.

2009-11-12 Pool Night Social Event

- Details are available in the following report.

2009-11-16 GSA Executive Meeting

- This meeting was held to set the budget to be presented at the November 18, 2009 meeting of Council.

Meetings Missed:

GSA Executive Meeting – Nov 18th, 2009

- I had to TA. Regrets were sent in advance.

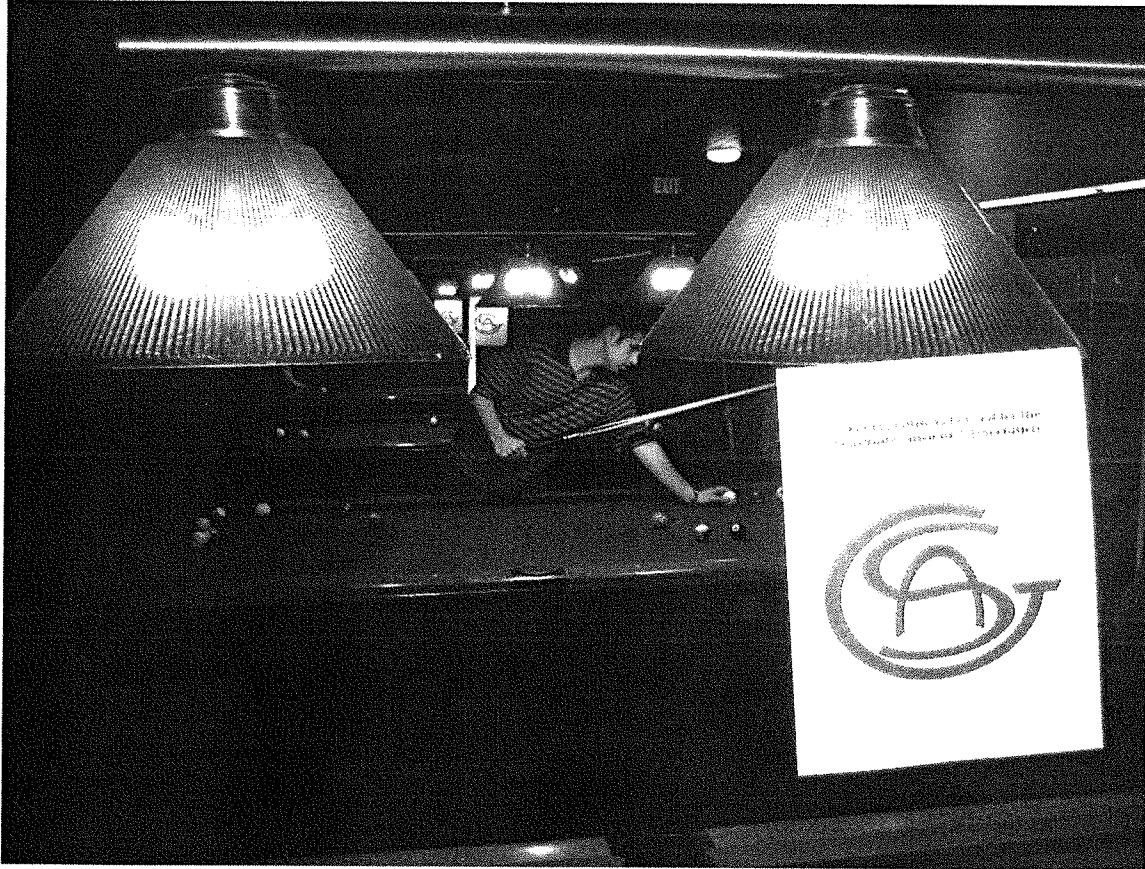
Office Hours:

Oct 29th, Nov 5th, 12th, Thursday 12-2 pm. I came to office earlier and left earlier on Nov. 5th because of day of action and Nov. 12, because of film screening at GSA lounge for poverty in Northern Manitoba.

IMPORTANT EVENTS, DEVELOPMENTS AND ISSUES

First Monthly Pool Night:

I received 22 emails from grad students. More students showed up than the number of emails. It was the first social at IQs. Some students, who had never participated in GSA activities, attended this event. We also had pizza after the function at GSA lounge. Here is a picture of this event:



Website:

The website is updated weekly by Mohamed and me. If you have any concern about it, please let us know.

Email: Senator2@umgsa.ca, vpe@umgsa.ca

ATTACHMENTS

A. Letter Submitted to Gradzette for Publication:

"Canadian Federation of Students Proposes to Cut Graduate Student Funding"

Andy Bonar with Daniel Simeone

On October 19th, 2009, The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) released a plan to drastically and unnecessarily cut the amount of money available to graduate students. In their "Education Action Plan", which was lobbied to the Federal Government this past month, the CFS recommends that the tax-exempt status on fellowships and scholarships be removed. Moreover, the CFS recommends that all education related tax credits and savings be eliminated. If the CFS has its way, all prizes, scholarships, fellowships or bursaries will be taxable, and tuition, academic fees, text book costs and other expenses covered by the Income Tax Act will no longer be eligible for tax credits.

Presently, graduate student recipients of fellowships enjoy tax-exempt status on fellowship income. This means that the entire value of federal, provincial, and University of Manitoba fellowships (SSHRC/NSERC/CIHR, MGS, UMGF, a fellowship or non-salaried research assistantship, The GSA Awards, etc.) goes to the graduate student. All graduate students are eligible to receive tax credits for their tuition, text books, and other student related expenses (like the graduate school application fee for the university you attend, the cost of binding your thesis, library fees, etc.), which helps to offset the expense of pursuing underfunded graduate education.

The loss of tax-exempt status could cost a graduate student up to \$6,000 in additional federal tax per year.

The CFS recommends that the savings realized from this change (roughly \$38M from the taxation of scholarships and fellowships) help fund a \$1.5 billion reworking of the Canadian Student Loans program. The CFS, through its student fee funded "Grants not Loans" campaign, seeks to replace student loans with up-front education grants. Any such program, even if funded to the \$1.5 billion level recommended by the CFS, would clearly exclude graduate students receiving research grants from receiving education grant funding. Not only would award-holders not see the loss in research funding from the recommended cut made up elsewhere, but the prioritization of education grants over research grants would have negative implications for many graduate degree programs where research stipends are involved.

In the United States of America, where such taxation exists, because it is unreasonable to assume that students will be able to pay at tax time the thousands of dollars that this taxation will cost a given student, the student is taxed up front on the grant. The grant's real value to the student is therefore lessened by the taxation (while the claimed total value of grants given by the donor—tax free—or government agency or university, is represented as the total amount given and *not* what the student actually takes home).

Although there are some good recommendations in the Action Plan, including a recommendation to increase the number of CGS fellowships and increased funding to aboriginal post-secondary education, the recommendation to eliminate the tax-exempt status of scholarship and fellowship income would have adverse effects on hundreds of University of Manitoba graduate students – all fellowship holders, federal, provincial, or local, as well as recipients of non-salaried research assistant stipends would be required to pay taxes on their funding.

To even propose such an option to the federal government on behalf of graduate students is unconscionable, as it is entirely possible that the government use this document as support from students in order to jettison the tax-exempt status for scholarships and fellowships—we need look no further than the recent imposition of a taxable status on the fellowships and stipends of post-doctoral researchers.

The University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association (GSA), as a member of the CFS, should have had a say in the adoption of the Education Action Plan. The Plan, however, was not a subject for discussion at the last semi-annual general meeting of the CFS (May 2009). The first that the GSA was aware that the CFS National Executive was lobbying for changes that would cost graduate students thousands of dollars was through correspondence with McGill Post-Graduate Students' Society President Daniel Simeone. The CFS Executive made no attempt to inform the GSA of its intention of lobbying against the interests of GSA members, all of whom paid their fees in full to the Canadian Federation of Students this past year. It was not until after the document had been lobbied to government that the CFS National Executive provided the GSA with the Plan.

The GSA has been a member of the CFS since 2001, and pays more than \$41 000 in annual fees, with additional contracts and fees bringing that number up near \$60,000.

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GSA REVISED BUDGET NOVEMBER 2009

	Actual	Budget	Notes
Income			
Revenue			
CFS - Provincial	\$15,000.00	\$15,362.74	
CFS - National	\$23,000.00	\$23,101.86	
Manitoban Fees (Gradzette)	\$17,000.00	\$17,326.40	
Endowment Fund Fees	\$101,000.00	\$102,601.38	
Membership Fees	\$282,000.00	\$290,000.00	(Budget reduced to reflect actual income and projected enrollment)
Office Equipment	\$2,500	\$2,887.73	
Endowment Interest	\$18,267.28	\$8,000.00	
Interest on Bank Accts	\$2,298.37	\$8,000.00	
GSA Cash Box	\$200.00	\$200.00	
GSA Cash Box Revenue	\$710.00	\$1,000.00	
Other	\$1,140.00	\$0.00	\$450.00 - Ad in Handbook, \$690 Stale-Dated Cheques
Ad Sales - Gradzette	\$25.00	\$1,000.00	
T-Shirt Sales	\$1,575.00	\$3,000.00	
Total Revenue	\$464,715.65	\$472,480.11	
Expense			
Honorarium			
Executive	\$19,950.00	\$40,800.00	
HSGSA	\$2,100.00	\$4,200.00	
CRO	\$0	\$1,000.00	
Council Chairperson	\$0	\$0.00	
Total Honorarium	\$22,050.00	\$46,000.00	
Elections			
Elections	\$0	\$1,000.00	
Total Elections		\$1,000.00	
Grants			
Departmental Grants	\$7,940.00	\$25,000.00	(To be approved by Council)
Conference Grants	\$40,940	\$65,000.00	(+\$225.00, to be approved by Council)
Graduate Teaching Award	\$0	\$100.00	
Special Projects	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	(\$500.00 to be approved by Council)
Childcare	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Donations	\$250.00	\$4,000.00	
Total Grants	\$50,130.00	\$99,100.00	
GSA Promotions			
GSA Designed Items	\$4,110.50	\$6,000.00	(Budget increase of \$4500 to reflect actual and projected costs)
CFS Promotions			
Handbook	\$2,310.00	\$2,310.00	(Budget reduced to reflect actual cost)
Advertising/Sponsorship	\$637.88	\$637.88	(Budget reduced to reflect actual cost)
Website Administration	\$0.00	\$40.00	

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Total Promotions	7058.38	\$8,987.88	
Human Resources			
Wages, Benefits & Parking	\$17,891.11	\$46,000.00	
Professional Development	\$414.75	\$414.75	(Budget reduced to reflect actual cost)
Total Human Resources		\$46,414.75	
Fees			
Bank Service Charges	\$25.00	\$50.00	
Revenue Canada - Penalty Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Annual Incorporation Fees	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Fees - Other	\$0.00	\$80.00	
Total Fees	\$45.00	\$150.00	
Council & Committees			
Venue Booking & Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Hospitality	\$1,025.35	\$2,500.00	(Budget reduced)
Council & Committees - Other	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Total Council & Committees	\$1,025.35	\$2,600.00	
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Office Supplies & Expenses			
Stationery and office supplies	\$1,103.61	\$2,000.00	
IOS Copier Lease	\$1,626.24	\$2,500.00	
Photocopies	\$859.43	\$2,500.00	
Insurance	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00	(Budget increased to reflect actual cost)
University Charges Monthly			
Ledgers	\$625.99	\$1,500.00	
Total Office Supplies & Expenses	\$12,465.27	\$16,750.00	
Bannatyne Campus			
HSGSA Disbursement	\$8,747.08	\$17,000.00	
Total Bannatyne Campus	\$8,747.08	\$17,000.00	
Gradzette			
Gradzette Operating Budget	\$0.00	\$17,326.40	
Total Gradzette	\$0.00	\$17,326.40	
Programming			
GSA Awards Luncheon	\$3,304.19	\$3,304.19	(Budget increased to reflect actual cost)
Orientation	\$5,431.85	\$5,431.85	(Budget increased to reflect actual cost)
Social Events	\$63.08	\$5,000.00	
Seminar Series	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
Speaker's Series	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Total Programming	\$9,799.12	\$20,736.04	
External Meeting Expenses			
CFS External Meetings	\$5,559.31	\$9,500.00	(Budget reduced)
Other External Meetings	\$80.00	\$80.00	(Budget increased to reflect actual cost)
Total External Meetings	\$5,639.31	\$9,580.00	
Professional Consulting			
Audit	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	

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Legal	\$453.67	\$3,000.00
Computer/Website Maintenance	\$31.50	\$1,000.00
Total Professional Consulting	\$485.17	\$11,000.00
Canadian Federation of Students		
CFS National	\$0.00	\$23,101.86
CFS Manitoba	\$0.00	\$15,362.74
Total CFS	\$0.00	\$38,464.60
Investments and Savings		
Interest from GIC	\$18,267.28	\$8,000.00
Endowment Fund Fees	\$101,000.00	\$102,601.38
Office Equipment		\$2,887.73
Total Investments		\$113,489.11
Total Revenue	\$464,715.65	\$472,480.11
Total Expense	\$117,444.68	\$448,598.78
Difference	\$347,270.97	\$23,881.33

Statement of Accounts – Capital – Money in the Bank as of October 31, 2009.

Office Equipment Fund	\$42,954.80	(High Rate Savings 105)
Retained Earnings Fund	\$316,170.44	(High Rate Savings 105)
Endowment Holding Fund	\$536,148.69	(Money to be locked into a GIC)(High Rate Savings 205)
Checking Account	\$186,670.43	
Total Holdings in the Bank:	\$1,081,944.36	

	Actual	Budget
Capital Expenses 2009	\$9,655.80	\$5,000.00

