

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018 - 5:30 PM - UMGSA Lounge

1. Call to Order (5:37pm).

2. Traditional Territories Acknowledgement

The University of Manitoba campuses are located on original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Note: Agenda Items for Concurrence Without Debate

Any item that has a beside it denotes an item intended for Concurrence Without Debate. These items include reports and other routine matters, and are considered accepted or adopted by the UMGSA Council without debate or a vote. Any Council Member who wishes to remove any item so-noted from the list of items for Concurrence Without Debate may do so by contacting the Council Chairperson prior to the meeting, or by requesting that it be removed when the Chair asks if there is any opposition to accepting these items for Concurrence Without Debate, immediately prior to the motion to approve the agenda as presented or as amended.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the agenda for the August 22nd, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

English, Theatre, Film and Media/Asper Master of Finance (Carried).

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the May 23rd, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes from the May 23rd, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Management MBA/Soil Science (Carried).

5. Committee Reports

5.1. May, June & July Committee Reports (Appendix II)

Executive Committee

- Discussed including Indigenous graduate students and perspectives.
- Discussed improvements and ad revenue for the UMGSA Handbook.
- Discussed international student health care.
- Discussed planning sessions for the successful August ThinkGRAD meeting.

- Discussed graduate student rights, use of the UMGSA Lounge, fall orientation and events throughout the summer.

Awards Committee

- Applications for the UMGSA Awards were accepted between June 11 to July 5th.
- The Awards Committee made their selections and forwarded their choices to the administration.
- This year's UMGSA Awards Luncheon will be October 24th.

Bylaws and Policy Committee

- The committee attempted to meet on June 5th, but they did not meet quorum. They successfully met on July 3rd.
- Considered recommendations from the DRO and CRO regarding changes to the Election Policy.
- Considering potential changes to the UMGSA Conference Grants.

Finance Committee

- Finance Committee met June 15th and July 17th to process conference grant applications.
- Discussing changes to UMGSA Conference Grant procedure in conjunction with Bylaws and Policy Committee.

Events Committee

- Met on June 15th and July 20th.
- This summer they planned a trip to the Manitoba Museum, the UMGSA Mini Soccer World Cup, and a trip to the Fun Mountain Water Park. Approximately 50 people were in attendance at each event.
- Orientation is on August 29th; we are having a volunteer training session on August 27th at 11am at the UMGSA Office

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. May, June & July HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

- Held Research Days in June which was attended by students from across Canada.
- Planning a Health Sciences orientation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the Bannatyne Campus; they are currently looking for volunteers.
- Cohosted the August trip to Fun Mountain with the UMGSA.

7. Senate Reports

7.1. May Senate Report (Appendix IV)

7.2. June Senate Report (Appendix V)

- Senate did not meet in the summer, but meetings will begin in the coming weeks.
- Felix has been appointed to the Senate Executive Committee and the Senate Committee on Appeals.

8. Executive Reports

8.1. May Executive Reports (Appendix VI)

8.2. June Executive Reports (Appendix VII)

8.3. July Executive Reports (Appendix VIII)

9. Departmental Reports

None.

10. Unfinished Business

None.

11. New Business

11.1. Amendment to the Election and Referendum Policy and Procedure Manual

Regarding Email Communications: This change to the Election and Referendum Policy and Procedure Manual is being proposed by the Bylaws and Policy Committee in response to recommendations by the CRO and DRO from the last election. The proposed change addresses issues of unsolicited or excess emails being sent to students during the election period. The policy amendment is as follows:

Elections and Referendum Policy and Procedure Manual

Article XIII: Prohibitions & Violations

Current Policy:

7. No Candidate, Slate or Side may use any email distribution list administered by the UMGSA, the University of Manitoba (including those of its Faculties, Schools, and Departments), nor any other student group email list during their campaign.

After Proposed Change:

7. No Candidate, Slate or Side may send, nor allow others to send, emails or private messages, with the exception of communications within slates or sides, with volunteers, with the CRO and DRO, and in direct response to specific inquiries from the public.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves this amendment to Article XIII, point 7 of the Election and Referendum Policy and Procedure Manual as written.
Bylaws and Policy Committee/English, Theatre, Film & Media (Carried).

11.2. Amendment to the Election and Referendum Policy and Procedure Manual

Regarding Campaign Material Removal: This change to the Election and Referendum Policy and Procedure Manual is being proposed by the Bylaws and Policy Committee in response to recommendations by the CRO and DRO from the last election. The proposed change allows for candidates to remove materials in a timely fashion while considering the reality of building closures on weekends and holidays. The policy amendment is as follows:

Elections and Referendum Policy and Procedure Manual

Article XX: Campaign Materials

Current Policy:

7. All Campaign Materials must be removed no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the close of polls on the final day of voting.

After Proposed Change:

7. All physical Campaign Materials must be removed no later than midnight of the second full business day following the close of polls on the final day of voting.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves this amendment to Article XX, point 7 of the Election and Referendum Policy and Procedure Manual as written.
Bylaws and Policy Committee/Kinesiology and Recreation Management (Carried).

- 11.3. Amendment to the Financial Policy and Procedure Manual Regarding Stale-Dated Cheques:** Not allowing stale-dated cheques is an institutional standard that was not previously in place at the UMGSA and has resulted in re-issuing of cheques in a different fiscal year, increasing administrative costs and time. The Bylaws and Policy Committee recommends the following addition to the Financial Policy and Procedure Manual, to prohibit the reissuing of stale-dated cheques:

Financial Policy and Procedure Manual

Article VII: Audits and Transparency

2. Credit Card, Reimbursements and Signatory Restrictions

- e. The UMGSA will not re-issue stale-dated cheques.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves this addition to Article VII, point 2 of the Financial Policy and Procedure Manual as written.

Bylaws and Policy Committee/Physics and Astronomy (Carried).

- 11.4. Amendment to the Financial Policy and Procedure Manual Regarding the Definition of North America:** This amendment has been recommended by the Bylaws and Policy Committee in order to clarify conference grant amount eligibility for locations in the Caribbean, Mexico and the non-continental United States. Altering the wording for Conference Grants will avoid ambiguity about what is included within North America and will better represent true differences in travel costs. The proposed change is as follows:

Financial Policy and Procedure Manual

Article IV: Grants and Awards

Current Policy:

- I. Conference Grants
1. General Regulations:
- h. The maximum amounts available will be as follows:
- i. \$750.00 for those giving presentations at conferences outside North America
 - ii. \$600.00 for those attending conferences outside North America
 - iii. \$500.00 for those giving presentations in North America
 - iv. \$400.00 for those attending conferences in North America

After Proposed Change:

- I. Conference Grants
1. General Regulations:
- i. The maximum amounts available will be as follows:
- i. \$750.00 for those giving presentations at conferences outside of Canada and the 48 conterminous states of the USA

- ii. \$600.00 for those attending conferences outside of Canada and the 48 conterminous states of the USA
- iii. \$500.00 for those giving presentations within Canada or the 48 conterminous states of the USA
- iv. \$400.00 for those attending conferences within Canada or the 48 conterminous states of the USA

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the above changes to the Conference Grants section of Article IV of the Financial Policy and Procedure Manual as written.

Bylaws and Policy Committee/Electrical & Computer Engineering (Carried).

12. Announcements

12.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

13. Adjournment (5:58pm).

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance

August 22, 2018

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Carl Neumann	Present
VP Internal	Cody Ross	Present
VP Academic	Silvia Araujo	Present
VP External	D Skye Kushner	Regrets
VP Marketing & Events	Sakib Rahman	Present
VP Health Science	Carmine Slipski	Present
Senator1	Chidiebere (Felix) Nwaiwu	Present
Senator2	Laura Forsythe	Present
HSGSA Senator	Prajwal Raghunatha	Will be Attending HSGSA Council Mtgs
Chairperson	Karalyn Dokurno	Present
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Office Assistant (No Vote)	Jayne Hammond (Minute Taker)	Present
<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Animal Science	Yue (Yvette) Shang (Co-Councilors) Dipana Maharjan	Dipana Present
Biosystems Engineering	Ikra Iftekhar Shuvo (Co-Councilors) Hrishekesh Banik	Hrishekesh Present
Entomology	Lavanya Ganesan	Present
Food Science	Pamela Drawbridge Xiang Li (New Councilor)	Both Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Matt Granger (Co-Councilors) Roxie Koohgoli	Both Present
Plant Science	Kenny So (Co-Councilors) Win Jian (Daniel) Chan	Kenny Present
Soil Science	Mauli Gamhewage (Co-Councilors) Lanny Gardiner	Lanny Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Steven Hung (Co-Councilors) Matthew Rajfur	Absent
City Planning	Andrew Treger (Co-Councilors) Felipe Mogollon	Felipe Present
Interior Design	Eugenia Amoako	Absent
Landscape Architecture	Alyssa Magas	Absent

Arts		
Anthropology	Analucia Vucic	Absent
Economics	Francis Dzikpe (Co-Councilors) Siavash Taheri	Absent
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Shaylyn Maharaj-Poliah Kasey Morgan (Co-Councilors)	Kasey Present
Linguistics	Iuliia Rezvukhina (Co-Councilors) Tasheney Holness	Absent
Native Studies	Timothy Maton	Absent
Political Studies & Public Administration	Ryan Shibley	Present
Psychology	Michelle Ward (Co-Councilors) Brenna Henrikson	Brenna Present
Sociology & Criminology	Wanda Hounslow	Regrets
Management		
Asper - Master of Finance	Qing Qiu (Co-Councilors) Meer (Farhan) Shahriar	Both Present
Management - PhD & MSc	Zulfiquer Ali Haider	Absent
Management – MBA	Udit Khanna	Present
Education		
Education – PhD	Md. Shayeeekh-Us Saleheen	Present
Educ - Admin, Fndtns & Psychology	Tyler Kelsch	Absent
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Ahmed Elwali (Co-Councilors) Mehrangiz Ashiri	Absent
Civil Engineering	Ahmed Gaber Bediwy	Absent
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat (Co-Councilors) Ehsan Tahmasabian	Nozhan Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing Eng.	Ako Bahari	Absent
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Tonya Burgers (Co-Councilors) Maddie Harasyn	Absent
Natural Resources Institute	Anderson Assuah (Co-Councilors) Zachary Rempel	Absent
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Caryne Torkia (Co-Councilors) Brittany Semenchuk (Streuber)	Absent
Peace and Conflict Studies	Mathias Ateng	Absent

<i>Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.</i>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Carrie Peters (Co-Councilors) Nika Korpesho	Nika Present
<i>Law</i>		
Law	Kelechi Okorafor	Absent
<i>Nursing</i>		
Nursing	Chloe Shindruk (Co-Councilors) Tanja Scharnagl	Tanja Present
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Nasibeh Daneshvar	Present
Chemistry	Haben Gabir	Regrets
Computer Science	Md Momin Al Aziz (Co-Councilors) Md S. R. Mahdi	Absent
Mathematics	Jane Breen (Co-Councilors) Mohammad Shirazi	Sarah Nataj - Proxy Mohammad - Regrets
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	Regrets
Physics & Astronomy	Darren Flynn (Co-Councilors) Alex Reimer	Alex Present
Statistics	Kanika Grover (Co-Councilors) Shamsia Sobhan	Epasinghege Dona Nirodha & Pramoda Jayasinghe - Proxies
<i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate		Absent
<i>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Abdulrazaki Abu	Absent
<i>Student Life (Non-Voting)</i>		
Office of Student Life	Vacant	Vacant
<i>Indigenous Student Centre</i>		
Indigenous Student Centre	Christy Anderson	Regrets
<i>Guests</i>		
Political Studies & Public Administration	Eric Gagnon (will be new Councilor)	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Navjot Kaur (will be new Councilor)	Present

Minute-Taker

Date

President

Date