

## UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 5:30 PM - UMGSA Lounge

1. **Call to Order (5:30pm).**

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 September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*English, Theatre, Film & Media/Management MBA (Carried).*

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes from the August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*English, Theatre, Film & Media/Management MBA (Carried).*

5. **Committee Reports**

5.1.  August Committee Reports (Appendix II)

6. **HSGSA Report**

6.1.  August HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

7. **Executive Reports**

7.1.  August Executive Reports (Appendix IV)

## 8. Departmental Reports

## 9. Unfinished Business

None.

## 10. New Business

**10.1. Proposed Referendum Question to Index Graduate Student Fees to Inflation:** For many years, the fees collected on behalf of the UMGSA have not increased, and due to price inflation, the purchasing power of the fees collected has decreased significantly. Nearly all similar Associations, including UMSU, have already indexed their fees to inflation based on the Consumer Price Index, allowing them to maintain consistent services without cuts, and also without repeated referendums to increase fees over and over again. The UMGSA should be able to maintain its operations without additional financial pressures due only to inflation. It is proposed that the UMGSA Council approve a referendum question to make this change, in a referendum to be held in the Fall of 2018. If approved, fees would automatically be increased based on the inflation calculated for the previous calendar year in accordance with the Manitoba Consumer Price Index, starting with Fall Term fees in 2019. After discussion, the following motion was presented:

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves a referendum question to be posed to all graduate students during the Fall Term of 2018, phrased as follows:**

**Do you support having the fees collected on behalf of the UMGSA indexed to inflation?**

*Architecture/Physics & Astronomy. (Carried with one opposed).*

## 11. Announcements

**11.1. Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, October 24, 2018 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

- Alumni Bison Ball is on Friday.
- Bison homecoming football game is on Saturday.
- A Councillor Orientation/Engagement Session will be held sometime in October. Details will be finalized by email.
- The University is looking for feedback on their Respectful Workplace and Learning Environment & Sexual Assault policies. Feedback can be given anonymously online. The UMGSA will co-host a consultation session with the University at a date to be finalized by email.
- The UMGSA is planning to host a Strategic Planning session. Details coming soon.
- A UMGSA a member engagement forum will be tentatively held on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 12. Adjournment (6:15pm).

**UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance**

**September 26, 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	Present
VP Marketing & Events	Sakib Rahman	<b>Absent</b>
VP Health Science	Carmine Slipski	Present
Senator1	Chidiebere (Felix) Nwaiwu	Present
Senator2	Laura Forsythe	Present
HSGSA Senator	Prajwal Raghunatha	<b>Will be Attending HSGSA Council Mtgs</b>
Chairperson	Karalyn Dokurno	Present
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Office Assistant (No Vote)	Jayne Hammond (Minute-Taker)	Present
<b><i>Agric &amp; Food Science</i></b>		
Animal Science	Junfei Guo (Co-Councilors) Paul Tamayao	Paul Present
Biosystems Engineering	Hrishekesh Banik (Co-Councilors) Navjot Kaur Brar	Navjot Present
Entomology	Lavanya Ganesan	Present
Food Science	Xiang Li	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Roxie Koohgoli (Co-Councilors) Luis Codero-Monroy	Both Present
Plant Science	Nathaniel (Nate) Ort (Co-Councilors) Myra Van Die	Both Present
Soil Science	Mauli Gamhewage (Co-Councilors) Lanny Gardiner	Lanny Present
<b><i>Architecture</i></b>		
Architecture	Matthew Rajfur (Co-Councilors) Jessica Piper	Jessica Present
City Planning	Angie Mojica (Co-Councilors) Isaac Laapah	Both Present
Interior Design	Currently NONE	Currently NONE

Landscape Architecture	Alyssa Magas	<b>Regrets Caila Sveinson - Proxy</b>
<b>Arts</b>		
Anthropology	Analucia Vucic	<b>Absent</b>
Economics	Francis Dzikpe (Co-Councilors) Siavash Taheri	<b>Absent</b>
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Kasey Morgan	Present
Linguistics	Iuliia Rezvukhina (Co-Councilors) Tasheny Holness	Tasheny Present
Native Studies	Naithan Lagace (Co-Councilors) Angelina McLeod	Both Present
Political Studies & Public Administration	Ryan Shibley (Co-Councilors) Eric Gagnon	Both Present
Psychology	Michelle Ward (Co-Councilors) Brenna Henrikson	Michelle Present
Sociology & Criminology	Laura Funk	Present
<b>Management</b>		
Asper - Master of Finance	Qing Qiu (Co-Councilors) Meer (Farhan) Shahriar	<b>Farhan - Regrets Xuan Deng - Proxy - AL- 6:10pm</b>
Management - PhD & MSc	Zulfiquer Ali Haider	<b>Absent</b>
Management – MBA	Udit Khanna	Present
<b>Education</b>		
Education – PhD	Md. Shayeekh-US Saleheen	Present
Educ - Admin, Fndtns & Psychology	Tyler Kelsch	Present
Educ - Curriculum, teaching & Learning	Weipeng Wang	Present
<b>Engineering</b>		
Biomedical Engineering	Ahmed Elwali (Co-Councilors) Mehrangiz Ashiri	Ahmed Present
Civil Engineering	Ahmed Gaber Bediwy	Present
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat (Co-Councilors) Ehsan Tahmasabian	Ehsan Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing Eng.	Ako Bahari	<b>Absent</b>

<b><i>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</i></b>		
Environment & Geography	Tonya Burgers (Co-Councilors) Maddie Harasyn	<b>Tonya - Regrets Nolan Snyder - Proxy</b>
Natural Resources Institute	Zachary Rempel (Co-Councilors) Kaitlyn Duthie-Kamikkatt	Zachary Present
<b><i>Graduate Studies</i></b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Caryne Torkia	Present
Peace and Conflict Studies	Mathias Ateng (Co-Councilors) Calum Dean	Mathias Present
<b><i>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</i></b>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Carrie Peters (Co-Councilors) Nika Korpesho	Nika Present
<b><i>Law</i></b>		
Law	Kelechi Okorafor	<b>LE-5:45pm</b>
<b><i>Nursing</i></b>		
Nursing	Janaya Palsson (Co-Councilors) Luisa Nicholson	Both Present
<b><i>Science</i></b>		
Biological Sciences	Nasibeh Daneshvar	Present
Chemistry	Haben Gabir	<b>Absent</b>
Computer Science	Md Momin Al Aziz Md S. R. Mahdi (Co-Councilors)	<b>Mahdi - Regrets</b>
Mathematics	Adriana-Stefania Ciupeanu	<b>Regrets Mohammad Shirazi - Proxy</b>
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	<b>Regrets Andrew Hogan - Proxy</b>
Physics & Astronomy	Darren Flynn (Co-Councilors) Alex Reimer	Darren Present
Statistics	Pramoda Jayasinghe (Co-Councilors) Nirodha Epasinghege Dona	Both Present
<b><i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i></b>		
President or Designate		<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</i></b>		
President or Designate	Abdulrazaki Abu	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Student Life (Non-Voting)</i></b>		
Office of Student Life	Vacant	<b>Vacant</b>

<i>Indigenous Student Centre</i>		
Indigenous Student Centre	Christy Anderson	Present

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**Minute-Taker** **Date**

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**President** **Date**