

## **UMGSA Annual General Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 5:30 PM - UMGSA Lounge**

#### **1. Call to Order (5:32pm).**

#### **2. Ratification of the Chairperson**

**MOTION: Be It Resolved That the UMGSA membership ratifies Karalyn Dokurno as the Chairperson for today's UMGSA Annual General Meeting.**  
*Matthew Granger/Madison Harasyn (Carried).*

#### **3. Traditional Territories Acknowledgement**

The University of Manitoba campuses are located on original lands of the Anishinaabe, 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.

#### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves the agenda for the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, UMGSA Annual General Meeting as presented.**  
*Meer Farhan Shahriar/Laurie Maynard (Carried).*

#### **5. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, UMGSA Annual General Meeting are included as Appendix I to this meeting agenda, in a separate document.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves the minutes from the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, UMGSA Annual General Meeting as presented.**  
*Matthew Granger/Roxanna Koohgoli (Carried).*

#### **6. Introduction of Executive Members and Office Staff**

**6.1. Annual Full Listing of Executive Council and Committee Membership:** This listing was included as Appendix II to this meeting agenda. All UMGSA Executives and staff members introduced themselves and described their positions.

#### **7. Committee Reports**

**7.1. Annual Committee Reports:** These reports were included as Appendix III to this meeting agenda. Each committee chair gave a brief verbal report on their activities so far this year. Questions were asked about the redistribution of the Gradzette fee to The Manitoban, and whether it might be possible to lobby The Manitoban to include classifieds and to ensure that the UMGSA receives some guarantee of coverage on graduate student issues. The UMGSA will work towards including these stipulations in any contract drafted between the UMGSA and The Manitoban. Another question was asked about whether the UMGSA could negotiate with UMSU to create a discount for

room rentals in University Centre for UMGSA-approved student groups. Obi will investigate this.

## **8. Health Sciences Graduate Students' Association Report**

**8.1. Annual HSGSA Report:** This report was included as Appendix IV to this meeting agenda. The Vice President Health Sciences gave a brief verbal report.

## **9. Senate Report**

**9.1. Annual Senate Report:** This report was included as Appendix V to the meeting agenda. Senator 1 and Senator 2 gave a brief verbal report. A question was asked about the status of the Archival Studies Program; there have been no developments since the UMGSA voiced their support of the program.

## **10. New Business**

**10.1. UMGSA Budget Update:** This budget update included the actual revenues and expenditures of the UMGSA from May to the end of December 2017. Also listed was the currently-approved budget for the full fiscal year (May 2017 to April 2018), as well as the proposed amended budget which will be voted-on by the UMGSA Council later this month. The UMGSA Budget Update was included as Appendix VI to this meeting agenda.

**10.2. Audited UMGSA Financial Statements for 2016-17:** In accordance with the UMGSA's Financial Policy, the Association's Financial Statements are audited annually by an external accounting body. BDO Canada, LLP conducted the audit for the 2016-17 fiscal year, and found no uncorrected errors at the conclusion of the audit. The Audited UMGSA Financial Statements for 2016-17 are included as Appendix VII to this meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves the Audited Financial Statements for the UMGSA for the 2016-17 fiscal year, as prepared by BDO Canada, LLP.**

*Madison Harasyn/Roxanna Koohgoli (Carried).*

**10.3. Auditors for the UMGSA for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year:** BDO Canada, LLP has been our auditor for many years, and they know us as an organization quite well. That knowledge aids them in their work, and produces more precise audit results for the UMGSA. Their fees are comparable to other similarly qualified auditors. A question was asked about how long we have used BDO Canada, LLP and whether other options might be worth investigating. The UMGSA has used BDO Canada, LLP as auditors since its incorporation, and as such, the Executive recommend keeping the status quo.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves the appointment of BDO Canada, LLP as the auditors for the UMGSA for the 2017-18 fiscal year.**

*VP Health Sciences/Senator 1 (Carried).*

**10.4. Relationship with the Canadian Federation of Students:** The Bylaws of the UMGSA stipulate that our relationship with the Canadian Federation of Students will be discussed at each Annual General Meeting. The UMGSA is not a member of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), nor its affiliated groups (CFS-S & CFS-MB). Because the CFS has not been willing to concede that fact, per-student fees equal to the

amounts that would have been paid to the CFS by equivalent student groups have been collected in a contingency fund to defend the UMGSA's position on this matter. The relevant section of the UMGSA Bylaws, Article IX, was included as Appendix VIII to this meeting agenda. The following information was given in response to questions asked by attendees of the AGM:

- Vinod Varadharajan, UMGSA Treasurer, signed the letters of application for full CFS membership in 2001. He likely did not have the authority to sign those documents, as the President is the official spokesperson for the UMGSA.
- As of April 30 2017, the External Relations Fund contains a total of \$318,312.00. The UMGSA charges the External Relations Fund fee to graduate students in the amount of approximately \$15.00 per year. Members of the Association can determine what the UMGSA does with the funds already in the External Relations Fund, and with any student fees charged going forward.
- In 2012, an investigator was hired and prepared a report on the UMGSA's relationship with CFS. The UMGSA has a lawyer on retainer, and could consult with him regarding when the statute of limitations for any potential lawsuit expires. The lawyer is on retainer at the advice of our auditors, but there would be additional legal fees if we were to ask him to investigate this matter further.
- The UMGSA has not paid CFS membership fees since 2011, and officially declared at the 2012 Annual General Meeting that the UMGSA is not a member of CFS.
- The UMGSA was incorporated on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001. Prior to this, the UMGSA was a part of UMSU. As the UMGSA was not an independent entity when the letters of application for full CFS membership were signed, proper CFS procedure was not followed.
- The UMGSA does not receive any membership benefits from CFS as the UMGSA is not a member.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves no change in the money dedicated to the External Relations Fund at this time.**

*Matthew Granger/Rogério de Leon Pereira.*

**AMENDED MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves no change in the money dedicated to the External Relations Fund until the end of the UMGSA's 2018-2019 fiscal year, unless otherwise advised by legal counsel.**

*Roxanna Koohgoli/Tasheney Francis Holness.*

**AMENDED MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves no change in the money dedicated to the External Relations Fund until the end of the UMGSA's 2018-2019 fiscal year, unless otherwise advised by legal counsel and given legal verification of the situation.**

*Tasheney Francis Holness/Laurie Maynard.*

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves no change in the money dedicated to the External Relations Fund only until the end of the UMGSA's 2018-2019 fiscal year, unless otherwise advised by legal counsel and given legal verification of the situation.**

*Janine Hoogenboom/Tasheney Francis Holness (Carried).*

## 11. Announcements

**11.1. UMGSA Executive Election:** The 2018 UMGSA Executive Election is coming up in March. The official election timeline with important dates will be approved by the UMGSA Council later this month. Notices and more information will be made available to all graduate students by early February, before the start of the nomination period. All interested individuals are encouraged to participate. Potential candidates are also reminded not to campaign before the official election campaign period.

## 12. Adjournment (7:19pm).

# Annual General Meeting Attendance Record

## UMGSA AGM - Tuesday, January 16th 2018

Name	Department
<b>UMGSA Executives (Voting)</b>	
1 Carl Neumann	<b>GSA President</b> & Philosophy
2 Obiajulu Naemeka	<b>GSA VP Marketing and Events</b> & Mechanical Engineering
3 Silvia Araujo	<b>GSA Senator 1</b> & Civil Engineering
4 Skye Kushner	<b>GSA Senator 2</b> & Environment and Geography
<b>Graduate Students in Attendance</b>	
5 Matthew Rajfur	Architecture
6 Ashley Tripp	Biological Sciences
7 Catherine Brandt	Biological Sciences
8 Janine Hoogenboom	Biological Sciences
9 Laurie Maynard	Biological Sciences
10 William Bugg	Biological Sciences
11 Haben Gabir	Chemistry
12 Joash Bryan Adajar	Civil Engineering
13 Mohd Hedayatullah Mobeen	Civil Engineering
14 Rhamat Ali	Civil Engineering
15 Rogerio de Leon Pereira	Computer Science
16 Zuoyi Zhang	Computer Science
17 Heather Krepski	Education
18 Nadia Khoshgoo	Electrical and Computer Engineering
19 Shuang Ni	Electrical and Computer Engineering
20 Katelyn Dykstra Dykerman	English
21 Madison Harasyn	Environment and Geography
22 Meer Farhan Shariar	Finance
23 Qing Qiu	Finance
24 Matthew Granger	Human Nutritional Sciences

25	Roxanna Koohgoli	Human Nutritional Sciences
26	Tasheney Francis Holness	Linguistics
27	Shwingping Thomas	Management Interdisciplinary
28	Udit Khanna	Management Interdisciplinary
29	Alan Mauricio Pasos Trejo	Mathematics
30	Ahmed Ibrahim	Mechanical Engineering
31	Bilal Azam	Mechanical Engineering
32	Kaige Xu	Mechanical Engineering
33	Moosa Rafiq	Mechanical Engineering
34	Shiyi Chen	Mechanical Engineering
35	Xingying Zhang	Mechanical Engineering
36	Sarah G. Peters	Native Studies
37	Timothy Maton	Native Studies
38	Chloe Shindruk	Nursing
39	Naomi Armah	Nursing
40	Tanja Scharnagl	Nursing
41	Mathias Ateng	Peace and Conflict Studies
42	Alex Reimer	Physics and Astronomy
43	Ivan Kutuzov	Physics and Astronomy
44	Sakib Rhaman	Physics and Astronomy
45	Maria Gheorghe	Political Studies

#### **Non-Voting**

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Karalyn Dokurno	<b>GSA Chair</b> & English, Film, Theatre & Media
Ruth Prokesch	<b>GSA Office Manager</b>
Jayne Hammond	<b>GSA Office Assistant</b> , Minute Taker (No longer a student)
Andrew Plesniarski	<b>GSA VP Health Sciences</b> (Will vote at HSGSA AGM)
Emrul Hasan	<b>GSA VP Academic</b> (No longer a student)

## HSGSA AGM - Thursday, January 18th 2018

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### HSGSA Executives

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1	Andrew Plesniarski	<b>HSGSA President</b> & Med Microbiology and Infect Dis
2	Crystal May Acosta	<b>HSGSA VP Marketing and Events</b> & Pharmacology & Therapeutics
3	Danielle Lee	<b>HSGSA VP St Boniface</b> & Pharmacy
4	Allison Balasko	<b>HSGSA VP External</b> & Med Microbiology and Infect Dis
5	Colin Graydon	<b>HSGSA VP Academic</b> & Medical Microbiology
6	Rahmat Naureen Rahman	<b>HSGSA VP Internal</b> & Immunology

### Graduate Students in Attendance

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7	Claire Morden	Biochem. and Medical Genetics
8	Chloe Lepage	Biochemistry and Medical Genetics
9	Lucile Jeusset	Biochemistry and Medical Genetics
10	Jaden Brandt	Community Health Sciences
11	Mohammed Anwar	Community Health Sciences
12	Md. Mahamud-ur Rashid	Med Microbiology & Infect Dis
13	Kathleen Glover	Medical Microbiology
14	Zandhirsingh Narrandes	Occupational Therapy 2 Year
15	Prajwal Raghunatha	Pharmacology & Therapeutics
16	Leanne Burton	Physical Therapy
17	Kristopher Radke	Physical Therapy
18	Christopher Hart	Physiology & Pathophysiology

### Non-Voting

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Carl Neumann	<b>GSA President</b>
Katrina Armstrong	Not on student list
Liaodan Jiao	Not on student list

Total Grad Students as per OIA – Official Fall Term 2017, as at Nov 1/17 = 3,721 students  
 Total Grad Students required to make quorum (1% of total grad students) = 37 students  
 Grad Students in attendance at UMGSA AGM = 45 students  
 Grad Students in attendance at HSGSA AGM = 18 students  
**Actual Grad Students in attendance at all AGMS combined = 63 students**  
 Quorum met at both UMGSA AGM and HSGSA AGM.

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**President**

**Date**

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**Office Assistant**

**Date**