

## UMGSA Annual General Meeting Minutes

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

1. **Call to Order** (5:38pm).
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.**  
*Kevin Boreskie/Udit Khanna (Carried).*
3. **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.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**  
**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves the agenda for the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, UMGSA Annual General Meeting as presented.**  
*Kevin Boreskie/Lavanya Ganesan (Carried).*
5. **Approval of the Minutes**  
The minutes of the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 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 of the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, UMGSA Annual General Meeting as presented.**  
*Carl Neumann/Silvia Araujo (Carried).*
6. **Introduction of Executive Members and Office Staff**
  - 6.1. **Full Listing of Committee, Council and Board Membership for All Executives:**  
This listing is included as Appendix II to this meeting agenda.
7. **Committee Reports**
  - 7.1. **Annual General Meeting Committee Reports:** These reports are included as Appendix III to this meeting agenda.  
  
Executives gave brief verbal reports on their committees' activities for the year.
8. **Health Sciences Graduate Students' Association Report**

**8.1. Annual General Meeting HSGSA Report:** This report is included as Appendix IV to this meeting agenda.

The HSGSA President gave a brief verbal report on the HSGSA's activities for the year.

## **9. Senate Report**

**9.1. Annual General Meeting Senate Report:** This report is included as Appendix V to this meeting agenda.

The HSGSA Senator gave a brief verbal report on Senate's activities for the year.

## **10. New Business**

**10.1. 2018-19 UMGSA Budget Update:** For information only, this budget update includes the actual year-to-date revenues and expenses of the UMGSA from May 1<sup>st</sup> to mid-November, 2018. Also listed is the version of the Budget approved at the May UMGSA Council Meeting, as well as the proposed amendments to the Budget which have been scheduled for a discussion and vote by the UMGSA Council exactly one week before this AGM, on November 28<sup>th</sup>. The 2018-19 UMGSA Budget Update is included as Appendix VI to this meeting agenda.

The Vice-President Internal gave a brief verbal report on updates to the budget.

**10.2. Audited UMGSA Financial Statements for 2017-18:** In accordance with the UMGSA's policies, the Association's Financial Statements are audited annually by an external accounting body. BDO Canada, LLP conducted the audit for the 2017-18 UMGSA financial year. The auditors attest that these statements fairly present the financial position of the UMGSA. The Audited UMGSA Financial Statements for 2017-18 are included as Appendix VII to this meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves the Audited UMGSA Financial Statements for the 2017-18 UMGSA financial year, as prepared by BDO Canada, LLP.**

*Carrie Peters/Udit Khanna (Carried).*

**10.3. Auditors for the UMGSA's Financial Statements for 2018-19:** 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.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves the selection of BDO Canada, LLP as the auditors for the UMGSA's financial statements for the 2018-19 UMGSA financial year.**

*Ademola Adesola/Pramoda Jayasinghe (Carried).*

**10.4. Updates to the UMGSA Bylaws:** Updating our governance documents has been an ongoing project during this executive term. The primary purposes behind these updates are to improve consistency, reduce redundancy, and provide greater clarity to our policies and procedures. The proposed updates to the UMGSA Bylaws are coinciding with the amalgamation of most of our policy manuals. The proposed aggregation has been scheduled to be discussed and voted-on at the November UMGSA Council

meeting, exactly one week before this Annual General Meeting. This has been timed to minimize the transition period between our current governance documents, and the proposed versions of those documents. The updates which are approved at that meeting of Council explicitly will not take effect until updates to the UMGSA Bylaws are approved at this AGM. If any amendments are made to the Bylaws at the AGM which will require amendments to the amalgamation of our policies, then further changes will be presented for approval at the January 2019 UMGSA Council meeting. As is also the case with the aggregation of our policies, all currently-defined executive roles will remain in place until the end of the current executive term at the end of April, 2019. The proposed UMGSA Bylaws are presented in full as Appendix IX to this meeting agenda, preceded by an executive summary of the proposed changes included as Appendix VIII. The current version of the Bylaws is provided as Appendix X.

The Vice-President Internal gave a verbal report on proposed changes to the Bylaws.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves the updates to the UMGSA Bylaws as presented. Current executive roles will remain in place until the end of the current executive term.**

*Bylaws and Policy Committee (Carried).*

- 10.5. External Organization Affiliations:** The UMGSA Bylaws stipulate that our affiliations with external organizations shall be discussed at every General Meeting. The UMGSA is not a member of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), nor its affiliated groups, CFS - Services (CFS-S) and CFS - Manitoba (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. Once the issue of membership is finally resolved, the UMGSA membership will determine the use of all remaining money in that fund.

The UMGSA has been in contact with legal counsel. The organization will discuss what to do with the contingency fund at the General Meeting following the expiration of the statute of limitations, which has now been determined.

## **11. Announcements**

- 11.1. UMGSA Fall Referendum:** All graduate students have the opportunity to vote in the UMGSA Fall Referendum. The referendum asks: "Do you support having the fees collected on behalf of the UMGSA indexed to inflation?" Campaigning begins on November 26<sup>th</sup>, and online voting is taking place from December 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. Check your UofM email address for the link to vote.
- 11.2. UMGSA General Election:** The 2019 UMGSA General Election is held each year in the Winter term to select the UMGSA Executives for the coming academic year. Notification of the timeline for the upcoming election will be sent out in January. Both nominations and voting are open to all current graduate students at the University of Manitoba.

## **12. Adjournment (6:27pm).**

<b>UMGSA Annual General Meeting Attendance Record</b>		
<b>Wednesday, December 5, 2018</b>		
<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>POSITION or DEPARTMENT</b>
<b>UMGSA Executive Members in Attendance at Fort Garry Campus</b>		
Carl	Neumann	UMGSA President
Silvia Cristina	Justo Fernandes Nobre Araujo	UMGSA Vice President Academic
Cody	Ross	UMGSA Vice President Internal
Sakib	Rahman	UMGSA Vice President Marketing & Events
Chidiebere	Nwaiwu	UMGSA Senator 1
Laura	Forsythe	UMGSA Senator 2
<b>UMGSA Graduate Students in Attendance at Fort Garry Campus</b>		
Lang	Gong	Agribusiness and Agric Econ
Kevin	Boreskie	Applied Health Sciences
Attila	Hassan Zadeh Zenozi	Civil Engineering
Shabnam	Sharifyazd	Civil Engineering
Amir	Shirzadi	Civil Engineering
Mohammad	Semnani	Civil Engineering
Md Shayeekh-Us	Saleheen	Education - PhD
Sarah	Melo	Education - Curriculum Teaching & Learning
Ken	Brezinski	Electrical and Computer Eng.
Mohammad	Shakeri Jannati	Electrical and Computer Eng.
Marzieh	Eini Keleshteri	Electrical and Computer Eng.
Ali	Nasr Esfahani	Electrical and Computer Eng.
Amirbahador	Mansoori	Electrical and Computer Eng.
Ademola	Adesola	English
Reid	Miller	Entomology
Lavanya	Ganesan	Entomology
Joel	Gardner	Entomology
Longwei	Yang	Finance
Luis	Cordero-Monroy	Human Nutritional Sciences
Carrie	Peters	Kinesiology and Recreation
Heber	Garcia	Landscape Architecture
Alyssa	Magas	Landscape Architecture
Christopher	Sproule	Landscape Architecture
Tasheney	Francis	Linguistics
Chantale	Dornez	Management
Leo	He	Management MBA
Udit	Khanna	Management MBA
Edris	Bagheri	Mechanical Engineering
Hamid Reza	Fazeli	Mechanical Engineering

Bilal	Azam	Mechanical Engineering
Seyedeh Fatemeh	Allahgholipour	Mechanical Engineering
Hamid	Abedi	Mechanical Engineering
Angelina	McLeod	Native Studies
Han Soul	Lee	Physics and Astronomy
Nate	Ort	Plant Science
Myra	Van Die	Plant Science
Maria	Gheorghe	Political Studies
Eric	Gagnon	Political Studies
Bill	Featherstone	Political Studies
Laura	Funk	Sociology & Criminology
Lanny	Gardiner	Soil Science
Megan	Bourns	Soil Science
Nirodha	Epasinghe Dona	Statistics
Pramoda	Jayasinghe	Statistics
<b>HSGSA Executive Members in Attendance at Bannatyne Campus with Audio Connection</b>		
Carmine	Slipski	HSGSA President
Colin	Graydon	HSGSA Vice President Academic
Allison	Balasko	HSGSA Vice President External
Rahmat Naureen	Rahman	HSGSA Vice President Internal
Andrew	Plesniarski	HSGSA Vice President Marketing & Events
Crystal	Acosta	HSGSA Vice President St Boniface
Prajwal	Raghunatha	HSGSA Senator
<b>HSGSA Graduate Students in Attendance at Bannatyne Campus with Audio Connection</b>		
Jordyn	Lerner	HSGSA Community Health Sciences
<b>Participants with No Vote</b>		
Karalyn	Dokurno	AGM Chairperson
Ruth	Prokesch	UMGSA Office Manager
Jayne	Hammond	UMGSA Office Assistant

Total Grad Students as per OIA - Official Fall Term 2018, as at Nov 1/18 = 3,753

Total Students to make quorum is 1% = 38 students

**Total Voting Members in Attendance = 58 students**

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**Minute-Taker**

**Date**

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**President**

**Date**

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