

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 - 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 January 23rd, 2019, UMGSA Council Meeting as amended.

English, Theatre, Film & Media/Political Studies and Public Administration (Carried).

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the November 28th, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes from the November 28th, 2018, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Political Studies and Public Administration/Economics (Carried).

5. Special Verbal Report to Council by Laura Forsythe

- Laura missed office hours in December, as her house was broken into and she had to prioritize time with her family.
- She has since made up these hours, completed her January hours and attended all her meetings.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. November and December Committee Reports (Appendix II)

7. HSGSA Report

7.1. November and December HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

8. Senate Report

- 8.1. November Senate Report (Appendix IV)
- 8.2. December Senate Report (Appendix V)

9. Executive Reports

- 9.1. November Executive Reports (Appendix VI)
- 9.2. December Executive Reports (Appendix VII)

10. Departmental Reports

- **Native Studies** is putting on their 4th annual Rising Up Conference about Indigenous issues. Abstracts are being accepted until February 4th.
- **Political Studies and Political Administration** is going skating at the Forks on February 9th at 6pm.
- **Biological Sciences** is having a Darwin Day on February 12th where everyone will present their research.
- **English, Theatre, Film & Media** is hosting their annual colloquium on February 1st at 10am in St. John's College.
- **Biosystems Engineering** is hosting a dinner party for \$10 per student.

11. Unfinished Business

None.

12. New Business

- 12.1. Change to the Governance and Operations Manual Regarding Presidential Responsibilities:** This change to the Governance and Operations Manual is being recommended by the Bylaws and Policy Committee. The amendment is as follows:

Governance and Operations Manual

Executive

Article V: Executive Roles and Responsibilities

Current Wording

- 4. The President shall perform the following duties:
 - j. Coordinate appointments to internal and external committees, seeking ratification from Council as appropriate.

Proposed New Wording

- 4. The President shall perform the following duties:
 - j. Coordinate appointments to external committees.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves this amendment to Article V, point 4.j. of the Governance and Operations Manual as written.

Bylaws and Policy Committee (Carried).

- 12.2. Change to the Governance and Operations Manual Regarding Vice-President Finance and Administration Responsibilities:** This change to the Governance and Operations Manual is being recommended by the Bylaws and Policy Committee. The amendment is as follows:

Governance and Operations Manual

Executive

Article V: Executive Roles and Responsibilities

Current Wording

5. The Vice-President Finance and Administration shall perform the following duties:
 - e. Approve the names of graduate students serving as active participants on UMGSA committees upon confirmation of participation.

Proposed New Wording

5. The Vice-President Finance and Administration shall perform the following duties:
 - e. Coordinate appointments to internal committees.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves this amendment to Article V, point 5.e. of the Governance and Operations Manual as written.

Bylaws and Policy Committee (Carried).

- 12.3. Removal of a Reference to the UMGSA Communications Policy in the Governance and Operations Manual:** This change to the Governance and Operations Manual is being recommended by the Bylaws and Policy Committee. This clause refers to a UMGSA Communications Policy which does not exist. The clause to be removed is as follows:

Governance and Operations Manual

Executive

Article V: Executive Roles and Responsibilities

Clause to be Removed

6. The Vice-President Services and Support shall perform the following duties:
 - d. Implement the UMGSA Communications Policy.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the removal of Article V, point 6.d. from the Governance and Operations Manual, with the following clauses in point 6 re-lettered accordingly.

Bylaws and Policy Committee (Carried).

- 12.4. Change to the Governance and Operations Manual Regarding Cultural Events:** This change to the Governance and Operations Manual is being recommended by the Bylaws and Policy Committee. The amendment is as follows:

Governance and Operations Manual

Executive

Article V: Executive Roles and Responsibilities

Current Wording

6. The Vice-President Services and Support shall perform the following duties:
 1. Maintain authority of the development and implementation of social, cultural, and sporting events that may be held by the UMGSA – such as intermural sports, socials, visual art events, etc.

Proposed New Wording

6. The Vice-President Services and Support shall perform the following duties:
 1. Maintain authority of the development and implementation of social and sporting events that may be held by the UMGSA – such as intermural sports, socials, visual art events, etc.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves this amendment to Article V, point 6.1. of the Governance and Operations Manual as written.

Bylaws and Policy Committee (Carried).

12.5. Discussion of Indigenous Education and Programming: Going forward with the UMGSA commitment to reconciliation, it is important for us as a Council to consider what actions we will take as a collective towards this effort. Beyond the theoretical platitudes of the reconciliation movement, we as the UMGSA must generate action items based on the desires of our individual departmental associations to honor the spirit of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Having reviewed the Calls to Action prior to the meeting (Appendix IX), we bring the question to the floor:

What can we as the UMGSA do to further reconciliation for our members in relation to the Calls to Action?

- The Services & Support Committee is collaborating with the Indigenous Ad-Hoc Committee to create mission statements that have an Indigenous angle.
- The Sustainability Committee will work with the Indigenous Ad-Hoc Committee to review language in the Sustainability Strategy.
- Create a section in the Bylaws to talk about our dedication to reconciliation.
- Host workshops to help students get educated about reconciliation.
- Examine what other campuses, like Simon Fraser University, have done.
- Partner with the International Centre to see if their language partnership program can incorporate Indigenous languages.
- Partner with Student Life/Engagement in creating Alternative Reading Week programming that engages with Indigenous communities in Winnipeg and beyond.
- Promote events relating to Indigenous issues in our events calendar.
- Collaborate with and support the Rising Up conference.
- Host workshops to teach graduate students how to incorporate Indigenous knowledge and values into their work and curriculums.
- Advocate for the rights of Indigenous students to have their Indigenous name on their student card.

12.6. UMGSA Debit Card and Corresponding Account: This request is following discussion with the UMGSA Executive, office staff and the UMGSA Finance Committee. Current practice requires an Executive to pay out of pocket for UMGSA expenses. Based on recommendations from the Finance Committee, we are seeking approval to open an account that will hold a very limited budget. This account will have an associated debit card and will be a single signing authority account. Once opened, but prior to issuing the debit card, a usage policy will be crafted by the UMGSA Bylaws and Policy Committee that will include recommendations from the

Finance Committee regarding account and debit card usage. Those considerations include:

- Strict sign-out protocol, including expense estimates.
- Daily purchasing cap and no cash withdrawal.
- Monthly transaction audit to be completed by the Finance Committee.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the request to pursue a single-signing authority event expense account and associated debit card.

Political Studies and Public Administration/Mathematics (Carried).

13. Announcements

13.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

14. Adjournment (6:26pm).

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance

January 23, 2019

| <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 | 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 | Junfei Guo (Co-Councillors) Paul Tamayao | Junfei Present |
| Biosystems Engineering | Hrishekesch Banik (Co-Councillors) Navjot Kaur Brar | Md Shadhin - Proxy Navjot Present |
| Entomology | Lavanya Ganesan | Present |
| Food Science | Xiang Li | Present |

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| Human Nutritional Sciences | Roxie Koohgoli (Co-Councillors) Luis Codero-Monroy | Luis Present |
| Plant Science | Nathaniel (Nate) Ort (Co-Councillors) Myra Van Die | Nate Present |
| Soil Science | Lanny Gardiner (Co-Councillors) Megan Bourns | Megan Present |
| <i>Architecture</i> | | |
| Architecture | Matthew Rajfur (Co-Councillors) Jessica Piper | Matthew Present |
| City Planning | Angie Mojica (Co-Councillors) Isaac Laapah | Isaac Present |
| Interior Design | Marlene Jankowski | Absent |
| Landscape Architecture | Alyssa Magas | Present |
| <i>Arts</i> | | |
| Anthropology | Electerio Sousa | Absent |
| Economics | Francis Dzikpe (Co-Councillors) Siavash Taheri | Francis Present |
| English, Theatre, Film & Media | Kasey Morgan (Co-Councillors) Ademola Adesola | Both Present |
| Linguistics | Iuliia Rezvukhina (Co-Councillors) Tasheney Holness | Tasheney Present |
| Native Studies | Naithan Lagace (Co-Councillors) Angelina McLeod | Naithan Present |
| Political Studies & Public Administration | Eric Gagnon (Co-Councillors) Colin Ijebor | Eric Present |
| Psychology | Michelle Ward (Co-Councillors) Brenna Henrikson | Brenna Present |
| Sociology & Criminology | Laura Funk | Present |
| <i>Management</i> | | |
| Asper - Master of Finance | Longwei Yang | Present |
| Management - PhD & MSc | Chantale Dornez | Present |
| Management – MBA | Udit Khanna | Sankalp Singh Kalra - Proxy |
| <i>Education</i> | | |
| Education – PhD | Md. Shayeekh-Us Saleheen | Present |
| Education - Admin, Fndtns & Psychology | Tyler Kelsch | Absent |

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| Education - Curriculum, Teaching & Learning | Weipeng Wang | Absent |
| Engineering | | |
| Biomedical Engineering | Ahmed Elwali (Co-Councillors) Mehrangiz Ashiri | Ahmed Present LE-6:15pm |
| Civil Engineering | Ahmed Gaber Bediwy | Present |
| Electrical & Computer Engineering | Nozhan Bayat (Co-Councillors) Ehsan Tahmasabian | Both Absent |
| Environment, Earth & Resources | | |
| Environment & Geography | Maddie Harasyn (Co-Councillors) Lisa Matthes | Lisa Present |
| Geological Sciences | Max Day (Co-Councillors) Derek Drayson | Max Present |
| Natural Resources Institute | Zachary Rempel (Co-Councillors) Kaitlyn Duthie-Kamikkatt | Kaitlyn Present |
| Graduate Studies | | |
| Applied Health Sciences | Kevin Boreskie | Present |
| Peace and Conflict Studies | Mathias Ateng (Co-Councillors) Calum Dean | Calum Present |
| Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt. | | |
| Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt. | Carrie Peters (Co-Councillors) Nika Korpesho | Carrie Present |
| Law | | |
| Law | Mert Ozgur | Present |
| Nursing | | |
| Nursing | Janaya Palsson (Co-Councillors) Luisa Nicholson | Luisa Present |
| Science | | |
| Biological Sciences | Nasibeh Daneshvar | Alexandra Schoen - Proxy |
| Computer Science | Md Momin Al Aziz (Co-Councillors) Md S. R. Mahdi | Absent |
| Mathematics | Adriana-Stefania Ciupeanu | Present |
| Microbiology | Mac Kohlmeier | Present |

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| Physics & Astronomy | Darren Flynn | Cameron Lawlor-Forsyth - Proxy |
| Statistics | Pramoda Jayasinghe (Co-Councillors) Nirodha Epasinghe Dona | Pramoda Present |
| <i>CUPE3909</i> | | |
| CUPE3909 (No Vote) | Garett Williams | Present |
| <i>Indigenous Engagement</i> | | |
| Indigenous Engagement (No Vote) | Christy Anderson | Absent |
| <i>Guests</i> | | |
| CRO - Referendum | Chantal Asselin | Presentation on Results |
| The Manitoban | Ty Brass | |
| Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt. | C. Nolan Turnbull | Potential New Councillor |
| Microbiology | Haben Tesfu | Potential New Councillor |

Minute-Taker

Date

President

Date