

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes **Wednesday, June 26th, 2019 - 5:30 PM - UMGSA Lounge**

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

2. Approval of the UMGSA Council Chairperson

Due to scheduling limitations, the Selection Committee to choose a Council Chairperson for the 2019-2020 term has not yet been able to interview applicants. As such, Council needs to ratify a Chairperson for this single meeting.

MOTION: BIRT that Julia Minarik be ratified as the Council Chairperson for the June 26th, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting.

Entomology/Sociology & Criminology (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

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 June 26th, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Peace and Conflict Studies/Environment & Geography (Carried).

5. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the May 22nd, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes from the May 22nd, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Plant Science/Food Science (Carried).

6. Committee Reports

- 6.1.** May Committee Reports (Appendix II)

7. HSGSA Report

- 7.1.** May HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

8. Senate Report

- 8.1.** May Senate Report (Appendix IV)

9. Executive Reports

- 9.1.** May Executive Reports (Appendix V)

10. Departmental Reports

- Peace & Conflict Studies just wants to say hello as new members.

11. Unfinished Business

None.

12. New Business

12.1. Removal of Senator Membership Requirements in Internal UMGSA Committee Membership Descriptions Within the Governance and Operations Manual: These changes were approved at Council last year, however details in the committee membership descriptions erroneously remained, creating a discrepancy in the document. These changes are simply to ensure consistency across UMGSA documentation by removing any mention of the Senator positions on the specified internal committees.

Clauses to be Removed:

UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual
Committees Section

Article VIII: Standing Committees

1. Awards Committee

- a. Membership
 - v. One Senator of the UMGSA.

2. Bylaws and Policy Committee

- a. Membership
 - iv. One Senator of the UMGSA.

3. Services and Support Committee

- b. Membership
 - v. One Senator of the UMGSA.

4. Events Committee

- c. Membership
 - iv. One Senator of the UMGSA.

7. Finance Committee

- a. Membership
 - v. One Senator of the UMGSA.

8. Executive Review Committee

- a. Membership
 - iv. One Senator of the UMGSA.

Article IX: Ad-Hoc Committees

2. Selection Committee

- a. Membership
 - iv. One Senator of the UMGSA.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the removal of the Senator position from each of the specified internal committee descriptions within the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual, as written, with all following points renumbered accordingly.

Bylaws and Policy Committee (Carried).

12.2. Addition of a Budgeting and Application Evaluation Mechanism in the Governance and Operations Manual for the Distribution of UMGSA Funds for Conference Grants: These changes are to ensure that the UMGSA awards conference grants in an equitable way while complying with the limitations of the budget, as stipulated in the UMGSA Bylaws and the Governance and Operations Manual. This addition has been developed over the last year through the UMGSA Finance Committee and the Bylaws and Policy Committee.

Proposed Addition:

UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual
Finance Section

Article XIII: Grants and Awards

1. Budgeting and Evaluation

- a. The annual conference grant budget will be divided into 12 periods, each starting on the 18th of one month and running to the 17th of the following month.
- b. The budget for each of the 12 periods will be defined proportionally based on the value of conference grant applications over the past five years.
- c. The distribution of conference grant funding as stipulated in points a and b will be finalized during the first month of each new Executive term.
- d. Following the 17th of each month, conference grant applications from the previous period will be assessed by the Finance committee.
- e. If the total value of conference grant applications is less than the available amount for a given period, then all eligible applications will be approved, and the surplus budget will rollover into the following period.
- f. If the total value of conference grant applications exceeds the available amount for a given period, then applications will be prioritized in the following order:
 - i. Applicants who have received the least amount from the UMGSA conference grant program during their current degree.

- ii. Applicants who have received the least amount from other funding sources.
- iii. Applicants with the shortest remaining eligibility period for this application.
- g. Once the applications are prioritized, conference grants will be awarded up to the budgetary threshold of that period. Remaining applications will not be awarded but will automatically be considered at the following Finance Committee meeting. Any given application will be rolled over to the following period a maximum of four times, and if still not awarded, will be deemed ineligible.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the addition of the described Budgeting and Evaluation section as point 1 to Article XIII: Grants and Awards of the Finance section of the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual, as written, with all necessary changes needed for formatting and consistency.

Bylaws and Policy Committee (Carried).

12.3. UMGSA Budget for 2019-2020: Each year the UMGSA's budget is approved by Council at the start of each new Executive term. The proposed budget for 2019-2020 is included as Appendix VI to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the UMGSA Budget for 2019-2020 as presented.

UMGSA Executive Committee (Carried).

- **A Question From Council**

The Rep from the Department of Political Science & Public Administration inquired about the status of the Indigenous Ad-hoc Committee and also, if the UMGSA has done anything toward signing on to the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord that was mandated by Council a few years back. The department also suggests that an indigenous person chair the Committee and that they work with Christy Anderson.

The President responded by stating that the Indigenous Ad-hoc Committee has been on hold due to the elections that just took place, and should be revived soon. As regards the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord, Council mandated that two years ago and the Indigenous Ad-hoc Committee was created for that purpose, enabling preparation and consultation. The Executive would like to sign on based on the recommendations of the Indigenous Ad-hoc Committee in this executive year.

13. Announcements

13.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 28th, 2019 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

14. Adjournment (6:00pm).

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance

June 26, 2019

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Carl Neumann	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Cody Ross	Present
VP Academic	Roxie Koohgoli	Present
VP Services & Support	Okechukwu Efobi	Present
VP Health Science	Mahder Teffera	Present
Senator1	Julia Minarik	Serving as Chairperson for this meeting
Senator2	Ehsan Tahmasebian	Regrets
Chairperson (No Vote)	Julia Minarik	Present
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Gov & Comm Coordinator (No Vote)	Colin Ijebor (Minute Taker)	Present
<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Animal Science	Paul Tamayao	Absent
Biosystems Engineering	Hrishekesh Banik (Co-Councillors) Navjot Kaur Brar	Hrishekesh AL-5:40pm
Entomology	Lavanya Ganesan	Present
Food Science	Xiang Li	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Luis Codero-Monroy	Present
Plant Science	Nathaniel (Nate) Ort (Co-Councillors) Myra Van Die	Nate Present
Soil Science	Lanny Gardiner (Co-Councillors) Megan Bourns	Absent
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Matthew Rajfur (Co-Councillors) Jessica Piper	Jessica Present
City Planning	Angie Mojica (Co-Councillors) Isaac Laapah	Angie sent Regrets
Interior Design	Marlene Jankowski	Paula Combate - Proxy
Landscape Architecture	Alyssa Magas	Regrets
<i>Arts</i>		
Economics	Francis Dzikpe (Co-Councillors) Siavash Taheri	Both Absent
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Kasey Morgan (Co-Councillors) Ademola Adesola	Kasey Present
Linguistics	Iuliia Rezvukhina (Co-Councillors) Tasheney Francis	Gabriel Escudero - Proxy Tash sent Regrets
Native Studies	Angelina McLeod	Absent
Political Studies & Public Administration	Eric Gagnon	Maria Gheorghe - Proxy
Psychology	Michelle Ward (Co-Councillors) Brenna Henrikson	Both Absent
Sociology & Criminology	Laura Funk	Present
<i>Management</i>		
Asper - Master of Finance	Longwei Yang	Present

Management - PhD & MSc	Chantale Dornez	Absent
Management – MBA	Shakti Vyjayanthi	Regrets Nelakantan Subramanya - Proxy
<i>Education</i>		
Education – PhD	Md. Shayeekh-Us Saleheen	Present
Educ - Admin, Fndtions & Psych.	Rebecca Balakrishnan	Present
Educ - Curric. Teaching & Learning	Weipeng Wang	Absent
<i>Engineering</i>		
Biomedical Engineering	Ahmed Elwali (Co-Councillors) Farahnaz Hajipour	Farahnaz Present
Civil Engineering	Ahmed Gaber Bediwy	Absent
Electrical/Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat	Sajad Mirzaei - Proxy
<i>Environment, Earth & Resources</i>		
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	Zachary Present
<i>Graduate Studies</i>		
Applied Health Sciences	Kevin Boreskie	Regrets
Peace & Conflict Studies	Darryl Zuend	Present
<i>Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.</i>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	C. Nolan Turnbull (Co-Councillors) Nika Korpesho	Ganesh Tailor - Proxy for Nolan Nika sent Regrets
<i>Law</i>		
Law	Mert Ozgur	Absent
<i>Nursing</i>		
Nursing	Luisa Nicholson (Co-Councillors) Janaya Palsson	Janaya Present
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Nasibeh Daneshvar	Absent
Mathematics	Adriana-Stefania Ciupeanu	Absent
Microbiology	Haben Tesfu	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Darren Flynn	Absent
Statistics	Pramoda Jayasinghe (Co-Councillors) Nirodha Epasinghege Dona	Pramoda Present
<i>CUPE3909</i>		
CUPE3909 Rep (No Vote)	Garett Williams	Absent

<i>Indigenous Student Centre</i>		
Indigenous Student Centre Rep (No Vote)	Christy Anderson	Absent
<i>Guests</i>		
French, Spanish & Italian	Patti Germann (interested in joining Council)	Present
Food Science	Yi Xie (replacing current councillor)	Present

Minute-Taker

Date

President

Date