

## **UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes** **Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - 5:30 PM - UMGSA Lounge**

**1. Call to Order (5:31pm).**

**2. Ratification of the UMGSA Council Chairperson for 2019-2020**

The Selection Committee to select a Council Chairperson for the remainder of the 2019-2020 Executive term received four applications for the job. Before the interview stage, two of those four applicants dropped out of the race. The Committee interviewed the remaining two applicants. After deliberations, the Committee voted to select Kavisha Mehta as this year's Council Chairperson.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council ratifies Kavisha Mehta as the UMGSA Council Chairperson for the remainder of the 2019-2020 Executive term.**

*President/Political Studies & Public Administration (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 August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Applied Health Sciences/Political Studies & Public Administration (Carried).*

**5. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes from the June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Sociology & Criminology/Microbiology (Carried).*

**6. Committee Reports**

**6.1.**  June & July Committee Reports (Appendix II)

**7. HSGSA Report**

**7.1.**  June & July HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

**8. Senate Report**

**8.1.**  June Senate Report (Appendix IV)

**9. Executive Reports**

**9.1.**  June Executive Reports (Appendix V)

**9.2.**  July Executive Reports (Appendix VI)

**10. Departmental Reports**

None.

**11. Unfinished Business**

None.

**12. New Business**

**12.1. Amendments to Executive Review Committee Terms of Reference**

Amendments to the structure and responsibilities of the Executive Review Committee are being proposed by the Bylaws & Policy Committee. These changes are in response to suggestions from previous reviewers of the Executive, and in light of the fact that many of the responsibilities of the Committee are already being completed by other committees. The new wording of this policy section is provided in full as Appendix VII to this Council meeting agenda. The existing wording of the section is provided as Appendix VIII.

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Add point 8.a.ii: UMGSA Executives may not serve on the Executive Review Committee.**

*Suggested by the VPSS and the President (Accepted).*

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the amendments to Point 8 in Article VIII - Standing Committees within the Governance & Operations Policy Manual as amended, including all necessary changes needed for formatting and consistency.**

*Bylaws & Policy Committee (Carried).*

**12.2. Mandatory Consent Culture Training**

To properly address the importance of consent culture training and sexual violence prevention, the Bylaws & Policy Committee proposes additions to the responsibilities for UMGSA Councillors, Executives, as well as all members of the Services & Support and Event Committees. These changes make it mandatory to attend consent culture training. The additions to the relevant sections of the Governance & Operations Policy Manual are included as Appendix IX to the Council meeting agenda.

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Add mandatory training to the mandate of all standing committees, not just Events and Services & Support, using the same wording.**

*Suggested by the VPSS and the President (Accepted).*

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the additions to the Governance & Operations Policy Manual as amended, including all necessary changes needed for formatting and consistency.**

*Bylaws & Policy Committee (Carried).*

**12.3. Endorsement of the Climate Strike Organized by Manitoba Youth for Climate**

**Action:** On September 27<sup>th</sup>, cities across Canada will join Greta Thunberg's call for a general strike for the climate. The UMGSA has been asked by the Manitoba Youth for Climate Action group to formally endorse their Climate Strike. This will demonstrate our commitment to the cause, asking governments to protect our future and take emergency measures on the scale necessary to effectively fight climate change.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council formally endorses the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Climate Strike organized by Manitoba Youth for Climate Action**

*Plant Science/Sociology & Criminology (Carried).*

**13. Announcements**

**13.1. Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

**14. Adjournment (6:42pm).**

**UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance**

**August 28, 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
HSGSA President	Mahder Teffera	Present
Senator1	Julia Minarik	Present
Senator2	Ehsan Tahmasebian	Present
Chairperson (No Vote)	Kavisha Mehta	Present
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Gov & Comm Coordinator (No Vote)	Colin Ijebor (Minute Taker)	Present
<b><i>Agric &amp; Food Science</i></b>		
Animal Science	Paul Tamayao	<b>Absent</b>
Biosystems Engineering	Hrishekesh Banik (Co-Councillors) Navjot Kaur Brar	<b>Navjot LE-6:32pm</b>
Entomology	Lavanya Ganesan	Present <b>LE 6:25pm</b>
Food Science	Yi Xie	<b>Absent</b>
Human Nutritional Sciences	Luis Codero-Monroy	<b>Absent</b>
Plant Science	Nathaniel (Nate) Ort (Co-Councillors) Myra Van Die	Myra Present
Soil Science	Lanny Gardiner (Co-Councillors) Megan Bourns	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Architecture</i></b>		
Architecture	Matthew Rajfur (Co-Councillors) Jessica Piper	Jessica Present <b>AL-5:48pm</b>
City Planning	Angie Mojica (Co-Councillors) Isaac Laapah	<b>Angie sent Regrets</b>
Interior Design	Marlene Jankowski	<b>Absent</b>
Landscape Architecture	Alyssa Magas	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Arts</i></b>		
Economics	Francis Dzikpe (Co-Councillors) Siavash Taheri	<b>Both Absent</b>
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Kasey Morgan (Co-Councillors) Ademola Adesola	<b>Both Absent</b>
French, Spanish & Italian	Semiyu Adegbite	Present <b>AL-5:48pm</b>
Linguistics	Iuliia Rezvukhina (Co-Councillors) Tasheney Francis	Tash Present
Native Studies	Angelina McLeod	<b>Absent</b>
Political Studies & Public Administration	Eric Gagnon	Present
Psychology	Michelle Ward	<b>Absent</b>
Sociology & Criminology	Laura Funk	Present

<b>Management</b>		
Asper - Master of Finance	Longwei Yang	Present
Management - PhD & MSc	Chantale Dornez	<b>Absent</b>
Management – MBA	Shakti Vyjayanthi	Present
<b>Education</b>		
Education – PhD	Md. Shayeekh-Us Saleheen	<b>Absent</b>
Educ - Admin, Fndtions & Psych.	Rebecca Balakrishnan	Present
<b>Engineering</b>		
Biomedical Engineering	Ahmed Elwali (Co-Councillors) Farahnaz Hajipour	Farahnaz Present
Civil Engineering	Ahmed Gaber Bediwy	<b>Absent</b>
Electrical/Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat	Present
<b>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</b>		
Environment & Geography	Maddie Harasyn (Co-Councillors) Lisa Matthes	<b>Tonya Burgers - Proxy</b>
Geological Sciences	Max Day (Co-Councillors) Derek Drayson	Derek Present
Natural Resources Institute	Zachary Rempel (Co-Councillors) Kaitlyn Duthie-Kamikkatt	Zachary Present
<b>Graduate Studies</b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Kevin Boreskie	Present
Peace & Conflict Studies	Darryl Zuend	Present
<b>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</b>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	C. Nolan Turnbull (Co-Councillors) Nika Korpesho	<b>Nolan sent Regrets Ganesh Tailor - Proxy</b>
<b>Law</b>		
Law	Mert Ozgur	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Nursing</b>		
Nursing	Luisa Nicholson (Co-Councillors) Janaya Palsson	<b>Luisa - Regrets Caitlin Bloxom - Proxy LE-5:55pm</b>
<b>Science</b>		
Biological Sciences	Alexandra Schoen (pending paperwork)	Present
Mathematics	Adriana-Stefania Ciupeanu	<b>Absent</b>
Microbiology	Haben Tesfu	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Darren Flynn	<b>Absent</b>
Statistics	Pramoda Jayasinghe (Co-Councillors) Nirodha Epasinghege Dona	<b>Inesh Munaweera - Proxy</b>
<b>CUPE3909</b>		
CUPE3909 Rep (No Vote)	Garett Williams	<b>Absent</b>

<b><i>Indigenous Student Centre</i></b>		
Indigenous Student Centre Rep (No Vote)	Christy Anderson	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Guests</i></b>		
Interested in Becoming the New Chair of the Indigenous Ad-Hoc Committee (Public Admin)	Jazzmin Cameron	Present

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**Minute-Taker**

**Date**

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**President**

**Date**