

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019 - 5:30 PM - UMGSA Lounge

1. Call to Order (5:33pm).

2. Approval of the Interim UMGSA Council Chairperson

Due to the unavailability of the regular UMGSA Council Chairperson for the months of September and October 2019, the Council needs to ratify an interim Chairperson for the period where the regular Council Chairperson will be absent.

MOTION: BIRT Julia Minarik be ratified as the interim Council Chairperson for the October 23rd, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting.

Political Studies & Public Administration/Management MBA (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.

Because interviews for the new VP Academic could not be scheduled before this meeting, the ratification of the new VPA (point 11.3) needs to be delayed. An email vote to confirm the new VPA will be sent out to all Council members before the end of the month, allowing the new VPA to begin work on November 1st. Like all email votes, the results of that vote will later be ratified at the next Council meeting.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the agenda for the October 23rd, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting as amended.

Natural Resources Institute/Microbiology (Carried).

5. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the September 25th, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the September 25th, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Applied Health Sciences/Nursing (Carried).

6. Committee Reports

6.1. September Committee Reports (Appendix II)

7. HSGSA Report

7.1. September HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

8. Executive Reports

8.1. September Executive Reports (Appendix IV)

9. Departmental Reports

Biological Sciences: Addressing the fact there is reduced funding for conferences, Biological Sciences sent out surveys to students in their department. Students in Biological Sciences do not feel like there is appropriate funding for conferences.

Nursing: Students in Nursing that are doing their thesis are being delayed due to Ethics Board approval. The department wants to know if there are any other students that are going through that. The President responded by saying that the UMGSA Executives have it on its radar.

Peace & Conflict Studies: The department is inviting all students to their event in late November for a board game; Mega civilization, called “play for peace”.

Environment and Geography: There is no payment plan for domestic students as there is for international students. Would want the UMGSA to look into the living wages of students in Manitoba.

Natural Resources Institute: Hosting a documentary screening of a film that talks about the war between the United States and Mexico in Room 320 of the Sinnott Tuesday at 5pm.

10. Unfinished Business

None.

11. New Business

11.1. Revisions to the Election and Referendum Committee Policy, Including a

Change From a Standing to an Ad-Hoc Committee: These changes are to ensure that the Election & Referendum Committee is structured in a way to ensure fair and democratic elections. The CRO and DRO have been removed from the Committee to allow for more objective handling of appeals on CRO and DRO decisions from election candidates and other members of the UMGSA. The change from a standing to an ad-hoc committee structure better-reflects the limited time period of the committee’s work, and also allows Council to confirm the membership of the committee each time it is struck. The revised version of this policy section is included as Appendix V to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the revisions to the Election and Referendum Committee section (currently point 5 in Article VIII) of the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual, as written, as well as the change from a standing to an ad-hoc committee (proposed point 3 in Article IX), with all necessary changes needed for formatting and consistency.

Bylaws and Policy Committee (Carried).

11.2. Revisions to the UMGSA Election and Referendum Policy and Procedure

Manual: These are changes based on the recommendations of the Election and Referendum Committee from last year. This is the first set of two changes – the second set will be presented at the next Council meeting. This set of changes more precisely defines the selection and responsibilities of the CRO and DRO, and clarifies the election timeline. The revised sections of this Manual are included as Appendix VI to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the revisions to the UMGSA Election and Referendum Policy and Procedure Manual, as written, with all necessary changes needed for formatting and consistency.

Bylaws and Policy Committee (Carried).

11.3. Ratification of the New UMGSA VP Academic: As reported at the previous Council meeting in September, the current VP Academic, Roxie Koohgoli, will be resigning from her role effective November 1st. Accordingly, the UMGSA Executive has conducted an open search for a replacement to complete the remainder of the current executive term. This special executive selection committee received a total of 24 applications. Due to the high number of applicants, 6 individuals were identified for an interview. After deliberations, the Executive Committee recommends _____ for the role of VP Academic, effective November 1st, for the remainder of the current executive term.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council ratifies _____ as the new UMGSA VP Academic, effective November 1st, 2019, for the remainder of the current executive term.

Executive Committee

This agenda point has been delayed, as noted in the Approval of the Agenda section.

11.4. One-Time Extension of the Deadline to Participate in Consent Culture Training:

Due to the timing of the implementation of the new requirement for all members of Council and our standing committees to participate in Consent Culture Training or similar training, and the limited availability of training sessions that have been organized so far, the Executive Committee recommends that for this year only, the deadline date to receive this training be extended. Rather than “prior to November 1st”, which corresponded to the first disbursement of our Department Grants, we recommend “prior to April 1st”, which corresponds to the second disbursement of our Department Grants.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves a one-time extension of the deadline to participate in Consent Culture Training for Council and standing committee members, with the deadline of “prior to April 1st”, for the 2019-2020 year only.

Executive Committee (Carried).

12. Announcements

12.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, November 27th, 2019 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

12.2. UMGSA AGM: Monday, December 2nd, 2019 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

13. Adjournment (6:50pm).

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance
October 23, 2019

Position/Department	Name	Signature
President	Carl Neumann	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Cody Ross	Present
VP Academic	Roxie Koohgoli	Regrets
VP Services & Support	Okechukwu Efobi	Present
HSGSA President	Mahder Teffera	Present
Senator1	Julia Minarik (Chairperson)	Present
Senator2	Ehsan Tahmasebian	Present
Chairperson (No Vote)	Kavisha Mehta	Regrets
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Gov & Comm Coordinator (No Vote)	Colin Ijebor (Minute Taker)	Present
Agric & Food Science		
Animal Science	Daphne McKnight (Co-Councillors) Bingqi Dong	Both Present
Biosystems Engineering	Benitt Sharey Uthiria Raj Md Shadhin (Co-Councillors)	Benitt Present
Entomology	Lavanya Ganesan	Present
Food Science	Yi Xie	Absent
Human Nutritional Sciences	Luis Codero-Monroy	Present
Plant Science	Nathaniel (Nate) Ort Madison McCausland (Co-Councillors)	Madison Present
Soil Science	Lanny Gardiner (Co-Councillors) Jess Nicksy	Jess Present
Architecture		
Architecture	Emily Jones (Co-Councillors) Jonathan Bailes	Both Absent
City Planning	Justin Grift (Co-Councillors) Dom Comps	Justin Present
Interior Design	Ethan Loewen	Present
Landscape Architecture	Ian Laya	Present
Arts		
Economics	Francis Dzikpe (Co-Councillors) Siavash Taheri	Both Absent
French, Spanish & Italian	Semiyu Adegbite	Present
Linguistics	Iuliia Rezvukhina (Co- Councillors) Tasheney Francis	Tash Present
Political Studies & Public Administration	Eric Gagnon	Present
Psychology	Nicolas Brais (Co-Councillors) Lauren Kaminski	Lauren Present
Sociology & Criminology	Labe Songose	Present
Management		
Management – MBA	Shakti Vyjayanthi	Present LE-6:15pm

Education		
Education – PhD	Md. Shayeeh-Us Saleheen	Present
Educ - Admin, Fndtions & Psych.	Rebecca Balakrishnan	Present LE-6:35pm
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Farahnaz Hajipour (Co-Councillors) Muhammad Masud Rana	Both Present
Civil Engineering	Ahmed Gaber Bediwy	Present LE-6:17pm
Electrical/Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat	Present
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Lisa Matthes (Co-Councillors) William Dowie	William Present
Geological Sciences	Claire Morrow (Co-Councillors) Max Day	Claire Present LE-6:32pm
Natural Resources Institute	Kaitlyn Duthie-Kamikkatt Michael Bagamery (Co-Councillors)	Michael Present
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Kevin Boreskie (Co-Councillors) Zach Henderson	Zach Present
Peace & Conflict Studies	Darryl Zuend	Present
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	C. Nolan Turnbull (Co-Councillors) Ganesh Tailor	Ganesh Present
Law		
Nursing		
Nursing	Kim Sefton (Co-Councillors) Stephanie Betker	Both Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Alexandra Schoen	Present LE-6:30pm
Chemistry	Scott Legare	Present
Microbiology	Haben Tesfu	Present
Physics & Astronomy	O. Jephthah Iyaro	Present
Statistics	Inesh Prabuddha Munaweera	Absent
CUPE3909		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	Present LE-6:15pm
Indigenous Engagement		
Guests		
Chemistry (guest w/ Councillor)	Haben Gabir	Present
Manitoban Reporter	Ty Brass	Present
Manitoban Photographer	Alexander Decebal-Cuza	Present AL-6pm LE-6:05pm
	Councillors New for 2019-2020 (at least one per department)	

Minute-Taker

Date

President

Date