

## **UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - 5:30 PM - UMGSA Lounge**

#### **1. Call to Order (5:34pm).**

#### **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 November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Management MBA / Political Studies & Public Administration (Carried).*

#### **4. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

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

#### **5. Committee Reports**

**5.1.** ☒ October Committee Reports (Appendix II)

#### **6. HSGSA Report**

**6.1.** ☒ October HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

#### **7. Senate Report**

**7.1.** ☒ October Senate Report (Appendix IV)

## 8. Executive Reports

### 8.1. ☒ October Executive Reports (Appendix V)

## 9. Departmental Reports

**Management MBA** - Asper will represent the UofM in the MBA games. There will be a Bollywood night on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December at 7pm; all the funds gathered will be given to the Empowerment Squared charity. Prizes will be also be available for the best dressed male and female.

**Political Studies & Public Administration** - On December 13<sup>th</sup>, The Student Association for the Masters of Politics and Public Administration (SAMPA) will be having a holiday party at the Helen Glass Atrium. Everyone is welcome; it will be a Great Gatsby themed party with a jive lesson included.

**Philosophy Students' Association** - Hosting a conference from March 13-14, 2020 at the UofM. Call for papers runs until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

## 10. Unfinished Business

**10.1. Ratification of the Email Vote to Confirm Tanjit Nagra as the New UMGSA VP Academic:** As reported at the Council meeting in September, the previous VP Academic, Roxie Koohgoli, would be resigning from her role effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 recommended Tanjit Nagra for the role of VP Academic, effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, for the remainder of the current executive term. Due to the interviews being conducted after the October Council Meeting, an email vote was sent to all members of Council. All 28 votes cast were unanimously 'Yes' to confirm Tanjit as the UMGSA's new VP Academic. The results of all email votes must be ratified at the next regular meeting of the Council.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council ratifies the results of the email vote to confirm Tanjit Nagra as the new UMGSA VP Academic for the remainder of this executive term.**

*Management MBA / Kinesiology & Recreation Management (Carried).*

## 11. New Business

**11.1. Revisions to the UMGSA Election and Referendum Manual:** These are changes recommended by the Election and Referendum Committee from last year. This is the second set of changes. This second set is consistent with the first set of changes and more clearly specifies procedures for complaints, appeals and consequences for infractions. 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 Manual, as written, with all necessary changes needed for formatting and consistency.**

*Bylaws and Policy Committee (Carried).*

**11.2. Formation of the UMGSA Election and Referendum Ad-Hoc Committee for the 2020 UMGSA General Election:** Recent changes passed by Council changed the Election and Referendum Committee into an Ad-Hoc Committee. As such, the Committee will only be formed when needed, including during the annual UMGSA General Election period. The new terms of reference for the Committee specify 5 to 7 members. The following six UMGSA members-at-large volunteered for a position on the Committee in response to a recent public call from the UMGSA:

- Karla Monk
- Sedem Kumahor
- Chenee Merchant
- Daya Kaur
- Ahmed Lasisi
- Cassie Dong

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council forms the UMGSA Election and Referendum Ad-Hoc Committee for the 2020 UMGSA General Election with the six members listed above.**

*Political Studies & Public Administration / Environment & Geography (Carried).*

**11.3. Formation of the UMGSA Selection Ad-Hoc Committee to Choose the CRO and DRO for the 2020 UMGSA General Election:** The UMGSA Selection Ad-Hoc Committee is formed as needed for the hiring of employees. Due to recent changes to the Election and Referendum Policy and Procedure Manual, both the positions of Chief Returning Officer (CRO) and Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) are now structured as hired employees. This Committee will conduct the hiring for these two positions as a single combined process. The full list of Committee members is as follows:

- Carl Neumann - UMGSA President (Chairperson)
- Cody Ross - UMGSA VP Finance and Administration
- Sanjana Syeda - HSGSA VP Marketing and Events
- Claire Morrow - Geological Sciences
- Emily Jones - Architecture
- Kavisha Mehta - Rehabilitation Sciences

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council forms the UMGSA Selection Ad-Hoc Committee to choose the CRO and DRO for the 2020 UMGSA General Election with the six members listed above.**

*Management MBA / Kinesiology & Recreation Management (Carried).*

**11.4. Vote to Endorse the Climate Emergency Letter to the UofM Senior Administrative Team:** The UofM Sustainability Committee and Sustainability Office, with the (currently being confirmed) support of UMSU, UMGSA, HSGSA, and UMFA, have drafted a letter to be sent to the President's Executive Team. The letter recommends that the University declare a Climate Emergency and make several commitments aiming to make the University carbon neutral by 2050. Another commitment is to set aside \$100,000 in the upcoming year's University budget to create a complete carbon neutrality plan, including interim 5, 10 and 20 year goals. The UMGSA Executive recommends endorsement of this

letter. The briefing notes for this letter are included as Appendix VII to this Council meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council endorses the Climate Emergency Letter to the UofM senior administrative team.**

*Executive Committee (Carried).*

**11.5. Bi-Annual UMGSA Executive Review Committee Report:** The UMGSA's Executive Review Committee (ERC) compiles two major reports to Council per executive term. This is the first report for this term's executive team, covering the months of May to October, 2019. The ERC Report is included as Appendix VIII to this Council meeting agenda.

## **12. Announcements**

**12.1. Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

**12.2. UMGSA AGM:** Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

**12.3. Sustainability Info Session:** January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 11:30am to 1pm - UMGSA Lounge

## **13. Adjournment (6:08pm).**

**UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance**
**November 27, 2019**

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

<b>Management</b>		
Asper School - Master of Finance	Evelyn Zhang	Present <b>AL-5:45pm</b>
Management – MBA	Shakti Vyjayanthi	Present
<b>Education</b>		
Education – PhD	Md. Shayeekh-Us Saleheen	Present <b>LE-5:45pm</b>
Educ - Admin, Fndtions & Psych.	Rebecca Balakrishnan	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Engineering</b>		
Biomedical Engineering	Farahnaz Hajipour (Co-Councillors) Muhammad Masud Rana	Both Present
Civil Engineering	Ahmed Gaber Bediwy	Parvin Berenjkari Present <b>Proxy</b>
Electrical/Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat	Present
<b>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</b>		
Environment & Geography	Lisa Matthes (Co-Councillors) William Dowie	Lisa Present
Geological Sciences	Claire Morrow (Co-Councillors) Max Day	Claire Present
Natural Resources Institute	Kaitlyn Duthie-Kamikkatt Michael Bagamery (Co-Councillors)	<b>Both Absent</b>
<b>Graduate Studies</b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Kevin Boreskie (Co-Councillors) Zach Henderson	Zach Present
Peace & Conflict Studies	Darryl Zuend	Mouisha Shah Present <b>Proxy</b>
<b>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</b>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	C. Nolan Turnbull (Co-Councillors) Ganesh Tailor	Both Present
<b>Law</b>		
<b>Nursing</b>		
Nursing	Kim Sefton (Co-Councillors) Stephanie Betker	Janaya Palsson Present <b>Proxy</b>
<b>Science</b>		
Biological Sciences	Alexandra Schoen	Kasey Ryan Present <b>Proxy</b>
Chemistry	Scott Legare	Present
Computer Science	Kimia Shadkami	Present
Microbiology	Haben Tesfu	Present
Physics & Astronomy	O. Jephthah Iyaro	Present
Statistics	Inesh Prabuddha Munaweera	<b>Absent</b>
<b>CUPE3909</b>		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Indigenous Engagement</b>		
<b>Guests</b>		
Microbiology (incoming Councillor)	Abdul-Rahman Adamu Bukari	Present
Manitoban Reporter	Ty Brass	Present <b>LE-6:05pm</b>

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**Minute-Taker**

**Date**

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**President**

**Date**