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UMGSA Annual General Meeting Agenda

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1. Call to Order

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

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves the agenda for the December 2nd, 2019, UMGSA Annual General Meeting as presented.

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the December 5th, 2018, UMGSA Annual General Meeting are included as Appendix I to this meeting agenda, in a separate document.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves the minutes of the December 5th, 2018, UMGSA Annual General Meeting as presented.

5. Introduction of Executive Members and Office Staff

5.1. Full Listing of Committee, Council and Board Membership for All Executives:

This listing is included as Appendix II to this meeting agenda.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. Annual General Meeting Committee Reports: These reports are included as Appendix III to this meeting agenda.

7. Health Sciences Graduate Students' Association Report

7.1. Annual General Meeting HSGSA Report: This report is included as Appendix IV to this meeting agenda.

8. Senate Report

8.1. Annual General Meeting Senate Report: This report is included as Appendix V to this meeting agenda.

9. New Business

9.1. Proposed Changes to the UMGSA Bylaws: Updating our Bylaws and other governance documents has been an ongoing project that began in the past executive term and has continued to this current executive term. The primary purposes behind these updates are to improve consistency, reduce redundancy, and provide greater clarity to our policies and procedures. The proposed changes are included as Appendix

VI to this meeting agenda. The full current version of the UMGSA Bylaws is included as Appendix VII.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves the proposed changes to the UMGSA Bylaws, as written, with all necessary changes needed for formatting and consistency.

Bylaws and Policy Committee

9.2. External Organization Affiliations: The UMGSA Bylaws stipulate that our affiliations with external organizations shall be discussed at every General Meeting.

10. Announcements

10.1. UMGSA General Election: The UMGSA General Election is held each year in the Winter Term to select the UMGSA Executives for the coming academic year. All current graduate students at the University of Manitoba have the right to vote and to run for any UMGSA Executive role. The nomination period this year runs from February 3rd to 14th. Campaigning will begin on March 9th. Further details will be sent out by the UMGSA Chief Returning Officer (CRO) directly to all graduate students before the start of the nomination period.

11. Adjournment

Appendix II :

Full Listing of Committee, Council, and Board Membership for All Executives

President - Carl Neumann

- UMGSA Council
- UMGSA Executive Committee (Chairperson)
- UMGSA Bylaws and Policy Committee
- UMGSA Finance Committee
- UMGSA Awards Committee
- UMGSA Services and Support Committee
- UMGSA Events Committee
- UMGSA Indigenous Ad-Hoc Committee
- UMGSA Selection Committee (Chairperson)
- UofM Board of Governors
- UofM Board of Governors Executive Committee
- UofM Distinguished Service Award Committee
- University Discipline Committee
- University of Manitoba Senate (Assessor - Non-Voting)
- Senate Committee on Libraries
- Student Senate Caucus
- Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) Faculty Council
- FGS Executive Committee
- FGS Graduate Student Experience Committee
- UofM Student Experience Committee
- UofM Alumni Association Student Engagement Committee
- UofM Alumni Association Award Selection Committee
- UofM Alumni Relations Working Group
- UofM Budget Advisory Committee
- UofM Campus Planning and Design Committee
- UofM Summer Term Academic Schedule Review Committee
- UofM Responsible Conduct of Research Committee
- Respectful Work & Learning Environment & Sexual Assault Policy Advisory Committee
- Campus Children's Centre Advisory Group
- UofM Organizational Safety and Health Advisory Committee
- UofM Presidential Search Committee
- UofM Sexual Violence Resource Centre Coordinator Selection Committee
- UofM Sexual Violence Resource Centre Intake/Triage Specialist Selection Committee
- ThinkGRAD Director-at-Large

Vice-President Finance & Administration (VPFA) - Cody Ross

- UMGSA Council
- UMGSA Executive Committee
- UMGSA Bylaws and Policy Committee (Chairperson)
- UMSGSA Finance Committee (Chairperson)
- University of Manitoba Senate Committee on Nominations
- UMF Board

Vice-President Services & Support (VPSS) - Okechukwu Efobi

- UMGSA Council
- UMGSA Executive Committee
- UMGSA Events Committee (Chairperson)
- UMGSA Services & Support Committee (Chairperson)
- UMGSA Finance Committee
- UMGSA Awards Committee
- UMSU Board of Directors
- UMSU Member Services Committee
- FGS Faculty Council
- FGS Appeals Committee
- FGS Graduate Student Experience Committee
- Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation
- University Discipline Committee
- University of Manitoba Student Experience Committee
- Campus Alliance for Diversity and Inclusion
- Strategic Enrollment Management Committee
- Childcare Working Group
- Accessibility for Manitobans Act Steering Committee
- Survey Review Committee

HSGSA President - Mahder Teffera

- HSGSA Executive Committee (Chairperson)
- HSGSA Council
- HSGSA Bylaws Committee
- HSGSA Finance Committee
- HSGSA Internal Development and Review Committee
- HSGSA Research Days Committee
- FGS Executive Committee
- FGS Council
- UMGSA Executive Committee
- UMGSA Council
- Ad Hoc : VPA Selection Committee

Vice-President Academic (VPA) - Tanjit Nagra

- UMGSA Council
- UMGSA Executive Committee
- UMGSA Awards Committee (Chairperson - outgoing VPA)
- UMGSA Services and Support Committee
- UMSU Member Services Committee
- FGS Faculty Council
- FGS Executive Committee
- FGS Awards Committee
- FGS Local Discipline Committee
- FGS Graduate Student Experience Committee
- U of M Student Experience Committee
- U of M Academic Integrity Advisory Committee
- U of M Academic Schedule Review Committee
- U of M Sexual Violence Steering Committee
- U of M Champions for Mental Health
- U of M Responsible Conduct of Research Committee
- U of M President's Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- U of M Senate
- Student Senate Caucus (Co-Chair)
- Senate Executive Committee
- Senate Committee on Admission Appeals
- Senate Committee on Awards
- Senate Committee on Appeals
- University Discipline Committee

Senator 1 - Julia Minarik

- Senate Committee on Academic Accommodation Appeals
- Senate Committee on Academic Freedom
- Senate Committee on Academic Review
- Senate Committee on Appeals
- Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes
- Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation
- Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation
- Student Senate Caucus
- FGS Awards Committee
- FGS Appeals Committee
- FGS Programs and Guidelines Committee
- FGS Graduate Student Experience Committee
- University Discipline Committee
- Campus Sustainability Committee

Senator 2 - Ehsan Tahmasebian

- UMGSA Council
- HSGSA Council
- UMGSA Executive Committee
- Student Senate Caucus
- University of Manitoba Senate
- Senate Committee on Academic Computing
- Senate Committee on Academic Dress
- Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures
- FGS Faculty Council
- FGS Appeals Committee
- Next Gen Web Experience Project Board (NGWE)
- University IT Advisory Council (UITAC)
- International Advisory Committee (IAC)

Appendix III :

Annual General Meeting UMGSA Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Chairperson: Carl Neumann (UMGSA President)

The Executive has been hard at work again this year. Here are some highlights:

- The Executive year got off to a rough start with the UMGSA Council delaying ratification of most Executives until May 8th, and with the VP Services and Support ratified on May 22nd. The disruption caused by the way the election was resolved led to delays in many areas, including in Awards. In particular, the complete non-existence of any Executives for over a week led to significant disruptions to the internal operations of the Association, as well as to the Association's communications with students and with University administrators. In addition, very limited transition was provided by outgoing Executives to those newly elected.
- The Executive prepared the UMGSA Budget for 2019-2020 which was approved by Council. The budget is balanced, and we are making a meaningful contribution to the principal of our Endowment Fund, supporting Conference Grants, for the first time in numerous years.
- The Executive Committee organized an open selection process to choose a new VP Academic, Tanjit Nagra, after our initial VP, Roxie Koohgoli, resigned. Tanjit started in this position on November 1st.
- Sustainability has been an important focus for the Executive Committee this year. Led by Julia Minarik, we have joined the UofM's composting pilot program, have hosted events supporting sustainability, and successfully asked the Council to endorse the Climate Strike in Winnipeg and the related principles inspired by Greta Thunberg.
- Executives have continued to advocate for the restoration of basic health coverage for international students in Manitoba. Several attended the Health Has No Borders rally at the Legislative Building.
- Preliminary inquiries into transforming our investments to be more ethical have begun, and consultations with grad students more widely are ongoing.
- The Executive is attentive to the renegotiation of the U-Pass contract with Winnipeg Transit this year, and are aiming for the best provision of service for the best cost.
- Contingency planning in the case of a Winnipeg Transit Strike was undertaken. Fortunately, a strike was averted.
- The Executive strongly supported the collaborative efforts to make Consent Culture Training mandatory for all UMGSA Council and standing committee members.
- The Executive continue to participate in multiple committees dealing with sexual violence and harassment prevention, and the UofM's review of its related policies.
- We attended many departmental orientations in September to increase the visibility of the UMGSA and its services, in addition to the main Fort Garry Campus and Bannatyne Campus Graduate Student Orientations, and our own Welcome Barbeque event.
- Ongoing advocacy for better graduate student funding and limits to University fee increases continues, as always.

UMGSA Executive Committee Membership:

- Carl Neumann, UMGSA President (Chairperson)
- Cody Ross, VP Finance and Administration
- Tanjit Nagra, VP Academic
- Okechukwu Efobi, VP Services and Support
- Mahder Teffera, HSGSA President
- Julia Minarik, Senator 1
- Ehsan Tahmasebian, Senator 2

* From May until the end of October, the UMGSA VP Academic was Roxie Koohgoli. Due to her resignation, the UMGSA Executive conducted an open selection process, at the end of which Tanjit Nagra was unanimously recommended to the UMGSA Council for ratification. The Council ratified Tanjit unanimously.

Bylaws and Policy Committee

Chairperson: Cody Ross (VP Finance and Administration)

The UMGSA Bylaws & Policy Committee has been hard at work this year and has further improved the consistency and accessibility of UMGSA governing documents. Many of the changes that have been made by the Bylaws & Policy Committee were recommended by last year's outgoing Executive Review Committee and Election and Referendum Committee. Here are some of the highlights from this year's Committee:

- Revisions to the composition and role of the UMGSA Executive Review Committee.
- Further development of UMGSA position statements.
- Implementation of a commitment to Consent Culture Training.
- Revisions to the composition and role of the UMGSA Election and Referendum Committee.
- Changes to the Election and Referendum Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Initial steps towards the formation of the first UMGSA Multi-Campus Committee.
- Improvements to the UMGSA conference grant program.

Bylaws and Policy Committee Membership:

- Cody Ross, VP Finance and Administration (Chairperson)
- Carl Neumann, UMGSA President
- Roxie Koohgoli, (Former VP Academic - Until October 31)
- Tanjit Nagra, VP Academic
- Danah Al Hattab, HSGSA VP St. Boniface
- Semiyu Adegbite
- Eric Gagnon
- Kaitlyn Duthie-Kannikkatt
- Lanny Gardiner
- Jessica Nicksy
- Nathaniel Ort
- Darryl Zuend

Finance Committee

Chairperson: Cody Ross (VP Finance and Administration)

The UMGSA Finance Committee for the 2019/20 Executive term is the first group to work with the conference grant distribution system passed by Council in May of 2019. This transition has been demanding and as a result the Committee has primarily been occupied by the assessment of conference grant applications. In addition to administering the conference grant program the Committee has discussed ethical funding options for UMGSA investments. The Committee has a single pending special project grant and has not received other proposals. For the remainder of the year we hope to streamline the processing of grant applications and spend more time discussing the Association's investment opportunities.

Below is a dissemination of current grant-related expenditures compared to the 2017/18 and 2018/19 Executive terms.

	2017	2018	2019	
	May 1 – Feb 1	May 1 – Feb 1	May - Nov	Full Year
	Distributed (\$)	Distributed (\$)	Distributed (\$)	Budgeted (\$)
Conference Grants	103,004	140,472	82,893	165,000
Departmental Grants	23,953	24,789	-	47000
Special Project Grants	965	579	0	4000
Total	127,922	165,840	82,893	216,000

Finance Committee Membership:

- Cody Ross, VP Finance and Administration (Chairperson)
- Carl Neumann, UMGSA President
- Okechukwu Efobi, VP Services and Support
- Romaniya Zayats, HSGSA VP Internal
- Tash Francis
- Lauren Kaminski
- Laura Funk
- Nolan Turnbull
- Kimberly Sefton
- Stephanie Betker
- Hrishekesch Banik

Awards Committee

Former Chairperson: Roxie Koohgoli (Former VP Academic - Until October 31st)

New Chairperson: Tanjit Nagra (New VP Academic - Started November 1st)

Award applications opened in July 2019 and closed a month later (August 2019). The Awards Committee reviewed award applications received for the UMGSA awards and selected award recipients. The Awards Committee met twice in-person and communicated via email throughout the end of the summer and September to determine the award recipients. There was no luncheon this year as FGS was not able to confirm the status of the awards until mid October. All award winners should have been notified by FGS at this time.

Awards Committee Membership:

- Roxie Koohgoli, (Former VP Academic - Former Chairperson)
- Tanjit Nagra, VP Academic (Chairperson)
- Carl Neumann, UMGSA President
- Okechukwu Efobi, VP Services and Support
- Javad Alizadeh, HSGSA VP Academic
- Ley Fraser
- Surulolo Eke
- Tomi Oloke
- Amanda Huddleston
- Erfan Hoque
- Kyle McDonald
- Gerardo Medina
- Jordyn Lerner
- Stephanie Lelond
- Chetan Ptil
- Rebecca Balakrishnan
- Shreya Dhume
- Eric Gagnon

Events Committee

Chairperson: Okechukwu Efobi (VP Services and Support)

Starting in June 2019, this Committee has been meeting once a month. The Committee started the term by reviewing its mandate as outlined in the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual. Activities undertaken by the same Committee in the previous term were also reviewed. Following this process helped us to identify programs and events that would be beneficial and worthwhile to members of the UMGSA. Below is an outline of the programs and events the Events Committee planned and organized, and those that are still in the pipeline.

Programs and/or Events:

- Subsidized Folklorama tickets (August 2019); over 20 % discount off regular price achieved through bulk-buying for UMGSA members: ~ 132 individual tickets issued.
- Guided tour visit to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (21 August): Attended by ~21 participants.
- 2019 Fall Term Graduate Orientation at the Fort-Garry Campus (30 August); this Committee worked with the FGS to plan and organize the orientation. Members of the Committee and other graduate student volunteers worked on the logistics and support services for this event. Over 250 new graduate students took part in the orientation main event and programs. This Committee is also involved in planning for the upcoming Winter Term Orientation.
- UMGSA Fall Welcome BBQ (September 13): Attended by ~100 participants.
- UMGSA Games Day: Badminton and Basketball at the Frank Kennedy Centre (9 October): this had to be cancelled as very few members signed up for it.
- Group-subsidized Assiniboine Zoo visit (October 2019): this had to be cancelled as few members signed up for it.
- UMGSA Halloween Social at the HUB (29 October): this also had to be canceled as few members signed up for it
- UMGSA/HSGSA Haunted Forest Experience at A Maze in Corn, St. Adolphe (October 2019): unfortunately, flooding affected the location and the company cancelled the program for the rest of the year.
- 2019 UMGSA Holiday Hamper program (December 2019): the Committee deliberated on the application and selection requirements/procedure for this program.
- UMGSA/Asper MBA Bollywood Night (2 December): the UMGSA is partnering with the MBA program to support their MBA Games initiative. The event is not limited to those in MBA. This is an effort to work directly with student groups and in an attempt to decentralize UMGSA events/activities.

UMGSA Clubs

- Reviewed and approved club recognition application from Muslim Students' Association (MSA).

Events Committee Membership:

- Okechukwu Efobi, UMGSA VP Services and Support (Chairperson)
- Carl Neumann, UMGSA President
- Sanjana Syeda, HSGSA VP Marketing and Events
- Mehrdad Mehrjoo, Non-Councillor Graduate Student
- Bamdad Salarieh, Non-Councillor Graduate Student
- Lavanya Ganesan, UMGSA Councillor
- Ian Laya, UMGSA Councillor
- M. Masud Rana, Non-Councillor Graduate Student
- Haben Tesfu, UMGSA Councillor
- Shakti Vyjayanthi, UMGSA Councillor
- Isuru Jayawardana, Non-Councillor Graduate Student
- Yi Xie, UMGSA Councillor
- Eric Gagnon, UMGSA Councillor
- Max Day, UMGSA Councillor
- Claire Morrow, UMGSA Councillor
- Victor Babarinde, Non-Councillor Graduate Student
- YG Liang, UMGSA Councillor

Services and Support Committee

Chairperson: Okechukwu Efobi (VP Services and Support)

Starting in July 2019, this committee has been meeting once a month. The committee started the term by reviewing its mandate as outlined in the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual. Following this process helped us to identify services and programs that would be beneficial to UMGSA members. Below is an outline of the activities of the Services & Support Committee so far and those currently in progress or still being planned.

Services, Programs, and Activities:

- UMGSA Position Statements: this originated from the now defunct Campaigns Committee. The committee has been working on the suggested corrections from the Bylaws and Policy Committee as well as new additions being suggested by Services & Support Committee members.
- Consent Culture Training: organized training workshops for UMGSA Council members and standing committee members through Bringing in the Bystander and Justice for Women groups.
- U-Pass: the committee followed up on the state of the U-Pass program and the ongoing negotiations between UMSU and Winnipeg Transit. Through the Chairperson, the committee advocated for improvements of transit services to/from the campuses. There is a recent plan by Winnipeg Transit to increase U-Pass term fees by \$24.50. However, UMSU have presented a counteroffer that would see overall increase in the current fees but with an extension of the U-Pass program to cover the summer term.
- Potential Winnipeg Transit Strike (August-September 2019): through the Chairperson and the UMGSA President, the committee followed up on developments to the proposed labour dispute between Winnipeg Transit and Amalgamated Transit Union. This threatened a transit strike at the beginning of the fall term. The committee discussed contingency plans and impact assessments to students and staff being considered by the University and also made suggestions that could be of help.
- UMSU/UMGSA 100 Debates on the Environment (3 October): worked in partnership with UMSU to organize a debate on the environment. Debate participants were Winnipeg South federal election candidates.
- Mental Health Week (January 2020): working in partnership with UMSU to organize talks and programs on mental health for benefit of UMGSA members.
- 2019 Fall Term Graduate Orientation at the Fort-Garry Campus (30 August); this committee worked with the FGS to plan and organize the orientation. Members of the committee and other graduate student volunteers worked on the logistics and support services for this event. Over 250 new graduate students took part in the orientation main event and programs. This committee is also involved in planning for the upcoming Winter Term Orientation.
- UMGSA Fall Welcome BBQ (13 September): Attended by ~100 participants.

Services and Support Committee Membership:

- Okechukwu Efobi, UMGSA VP Services and Support (Chairperson)
- Carl Neumann, UMGSA President
- Roxie Koohgoli, (Former UMGSA VP Academic - Until October 31st)
- Tanjit Nagra, UMGSA VP Academic
- Jasmine Frost, HSGSA VP External
- Jessica Piper, UMGSA Councillor
- Eric Gagnon, UMGSA Councillor
- Md Shadhin, UMGSA Councillor
- Raghu Atmuri, Non-Councillor Graduate Student
- Uduak Edet, Non-Councillor Graduate Student
- Lisa Matthes, UMGSA Councillor
- William Dowie, UMGSA Councillor
- Victor Babarinde, Non-Councillor Graduate Student
- Justin Grift, UMGSA Councillor
- Dominique Camps, UMGSA Councillor

Executive Review Committee

Co-Chairpersons: Madison McCausland and Luis Cordero-Monroy

The UMGSA's Executive Review Committee (ERC), which conducts annual reviews of the UMGSA Executive, met in October. The Committee appointed Madison McCausland and Luis Cordero-Monroy as Co-Chairpersons of the ERC. The ERC will present its first review of the current UMGSA Executives by the November 27 Council meeting.

Executive Review Committee Membership:

- Madison McCausland, Plant Science (Co-Chairperson)
- Luis Cordero-Monroy, Human Nutritional Sciences (Co-Chairperson)
- Scott Legare, Chemistry
- Nathaniel Ort, Plant Science
- Mainak Singha, Physics and Astronomy
- Ethan Loewen, Interior Design
- Hrishekesh Banik, Biosystems Engineering
- Daphne McKnight, Animal Science

Appendix IV :

Annual General Meeting HSGSA Report

The HSGSA continues to be committed to the overall success of Health Science graduate students through providing academic, social, and career development opportunities. This year there was a full turnover of HSGSA executives and we worked hard and continue to do so to ensure Health Sciences graduate students are well represented.

We held the 31st annual CSHRF research days conference in collaboration with the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences in June. The conference was very successful and we received great feedback from attendees. HSGSA planned the social activities which included tours to the NML, Assiniboine Zoo, Canadian Museum for Human Rights, and a banquet at the Met amongst others. We got a handful of students to volunteer for the conference who were able to get hours towards their co-curricular records. This year we gave out 7 awards valued at \$200 for the poster competitions. The conference provided a great opportunity for students to present their work and network with colleagues and established researchers from all over Canada.

In July, we hosted a BBQ for Health Sciences students and invited guests. We had a much higher turnout than expected – 50 RSVP'd but much more attended. We received great feedback from students who enjoyed the event entirely and expressed interest in attending more HSGSA social events. At the beginning of fall, we organized the orientation for new students with FGS which went very well. In September we took on a more active role in sustainability and provided compost bins to several departments in conjunction with the University of Manitoba Sustainability Committee. We officially endorsed the global climate strike on September 27th and held poster sessions and encouraged students to attend. Beginning in October, our Vice President, St. Bonafice went on maternity leave for which the rest of the executives agreed to take on her role until her return in February. During Halloween we hosted a social and movie night which was a success, following that we plan to host a social for Christmas as well which will occur after an outing to play laser tag.

This year we are planning to combine our career fair event with research days in order to attract more career fair vendors and provide a better opportunity for Health Sciences students to explore future careers. We have planned the distinguished lectureship which will be held on November 21st following a social with the lecturer. In early January, we are planning to host a Town Hall for student groups, University representatives, and resources will have displays that students can reach out to and be involved in. We have made plans to host the first HSGSA winter formal with proceeds benefiting the Winnipeg humane society. We have secured a sponsor to lower the cost of the event which will be held on January 17th.

We will continue to plan and hold events that are beneficial to the Health Sciences graduate students in the coming year and we look forward to all feedback from the students.

Mahder Teffera
HSGSA President 2019-2020

Appendix V :

Annual General Meeting Senate Report

Senate Summary - May to November 2019 - AGM

Link to the Senate agendas:

May Agenda:

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/2019_05_15_Senate_Agenda_v2.pdf

June Agenda:

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/2019_05_15_Senate_Agenda_v2.pdf

October Agenda:

https://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/2019_10_02_Senate_Agenda_v2.pdf

November Agenda:

https://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/2019_11_06_Senate_Agenda.pdf

Please note that this report contains only relevant items discussed in Senate related to graduate studies and graduate students.

May, 2019

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Roxie, Ehsan and Julia were not members of Senate for this meeting given the late ratification by council. We had to leave for closed session: reports on honorary degrees. The session that we could sit in on included the following:

The report includes:

1. Goodbyes
2. University Logo Change + Branding Updates
3. Program Introductions
4. Creation of a Policy on Student Awards

Goodbyes

- Susan Gottiel Vice Provost of students is gone after 9 years. This was her last Senate meeting.
- Chancellor Harvey Sector is gone.

University Branding

- Strategic positioning for our brand. What can we appeal to? ‘the world’s northern light’ was offered as a tagline, noted that this might conflict with the University College of the North. There was some desire to take on a particularly Canadian branding.

New logo: <https://vimeo.com/umanitoba/logointroduction>

- Open shield with blue northern lights at the top (the blue is a new colour that has been added), a more active Bison is the central figure, she is facing east walking up a hill (The bison is referred to with she/her pronouns). The hill the bison is ascending is brown and gold, and represents the prairies, the gold is the same colour as it was in the old logo, the brown is slightly darker. There is a Truth and Reconciliation flame in the south east corner of the logo. Apparently the logo has been well received by all parties, including indigenous consults.
- Maple leaf and Crown have been removed, the symbolic content of the book is supposedly retained in a new form in the page-like form of the northern lights.
- One concern raised was that the University College of the North may not respond well to us taking on the Northern Lights in the logo, no official comment has been made by UCN.

On March 7, 2019, the Provincial Government released the 2019 budget, which included a 0.9% decrease to post-secondary operating grants. We have since then been informed by Education and Training that the UM will receive a 1% decrease to the operating grant. - pg. 261, President's Report.

Program Introductions

Master of Human Rights, *Faculty of Law* - Effective: Fall 2019

Doctor of Pharmacy., College of Pharmacy, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences - Effective: Fall 2019

M.A., Ph.D., Economics, Economics and Econometrics Stream, *Faculty of Arts* - Effective: Fall 2019
M.A., Ph.D., Economics, Economics and Society Stream, *Faculty of Arts* - Effective: Fall 2019

See page 249.

Creation of a Policy on Student Awards

Part 2.5 (a-d) Award eligibility: graduate awards

- Graduate award eligibility is defined by the ToR for each award.
- Where ToR for graduate awards do not specify a minimum GPA or registration requirement, the criteria will be:
 - Full-time registration in a Master's or doctoral program in the Faculty of Graduate Studies
 - A GPA that meets the minimum requirement based on the student's last completed 60 credit hours, or last equivalent two full years, of university level study.
 - Students are eligible to receive more than one award per academic session, unless the ToR state otherwise.
 - Students must have been registered full-time in both terms of the academic year in which the award was selected, unless otherwise stated in the ToR.

See page 277. Or page 273-280 for the entire award policy.

June, 2019

The report includes:

- 1. Graduate Studies on Curriculum and Course Changes*
- 2. Graduate Studies Awards*
- 3. Reports of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies Regulation Changes*

1. Graduate Studies on Curriculum and Course Changes

a) Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR) Statements:

Departments of Anthropology, History, Icelandic Language and Literature, Landscape, Architecture, Philosophy, Political Studies; Asper School of Business; and Faculty of Graduate Studies (Applied Health Sciences, Individual Interdisciplinary Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies)

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b) Departments of Biosystems Engineering

- Four course introductions, BIOE 7350 & 7360 & 7370 & 7380
- One Course Modification, BIOE 7260
- One Course Deletion, BIOE 7160

c) Pharmacology and Therapeutics

- Deletion of two courses, PHAC 7132 & PHAC 7134
- Introduction of one course, PHAC 7136

d) Physical Therapy

- One course modification, PT 6100

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2. Graduate Studies Awards

- Wawruch - John Russell Bursary in Architecture - Page 55.
- Arthur Stinner Memorial Fellowship Education Page. 55.
- Faculty of Engineering Graduate Recruitment Scholarship - page. 58.

3. Reports of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies Regulation Changes

a) Revised Academic Guide, Graduate Student Vacation Entitlement

Students are entitled to 21 calendar days three (3) weeks of vacation over a twelve (12) month period.

1. For the purposes of calculating vacation entitlement, the academic year means the period from September 1 to August 31.

2. Vacation entitlement will be prorated for the portion of the year in which a student is registered.

3. Any vacation time taken during an official closure of the University is not included as part of the 21 calendar day vacation entitlement. In addition, attendance at academic conferences shall not be considered vacation time.

4. Student vacation requests should have minimal impact on the student's research, coursework, and other obligations to the University. Any requests provided ahead of time and within these guidelines will not be unreasonably denied.

5. Should a conflict arise between a student's vacation request and a supervisor's expectations, the Department/Unit Head (or designate) shall make a final determination.

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October, 2019

The report includes:

1. *Sustainability Updates*
2. *Convocation Date Changes 2020*
3. *Merger of FFA and DFM*
4. *Presentation on Indigenous Senior Leadership*
 1. **Report:** http://umanitoba.ca/admin/media/ISL_Report_Final.pdf

Sustainability Updates:

The new strategy can be found here:

<http://umanitoba.ca/campus/sustainability/strategy/index.html>

Composting Project

The Office of Sustainability has begun department organics collection for staff kitchens and break rooms at the Fort Garry campus. Thus far, there are 15 departments enrolled in the program and ~300 pounds of organics have been diverted from landfill in the first two months of the program. Organics collection has recently expanded to include the Daily Bread kitchens and UM Dining Services pre-consumer kitchen waste.

Convocation Date Changes:

Spring Convocation - Fort Garry Campus

Old: June 1-5, 2020

NEW: June 4-5, & June 8-9, 2020

Spring Convocation - St. Boniface

Old: June 8, 2020

NEW: June 15, 2020

Merger FAA and DFM:

The University is looking to merge the Faculty of Fine Art and the Desautels Faculty of Music. This is in line with many of the other mergers going on to reduce the numbers of faculties at the U of M. This is the most controversial. If people have comments, let us know.

Senior Indigenous Leadership:

Report: http://umanitoba.ca/admin/media/ISL_Report_Final.pdf

Dr. Catherine Cook gave a presentation on Indigenous Leadership going forward in the U of Manitoba which had lead to the creation of the VP Indigenous role.

In 2018 Lynn Lavallée resigned from the similarly titled ‘VP Indigenous Engagement’ position - a role that the university unfortunately failed to afford much power to, leaving the VP as a mere figurehead.

November, 2019

The report includes:

1. *Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies Executive Committee on Course and Curriculum Changes*
2. *Proposed Academic Schedule, 2020 Summer Term*
3. *Reports of the Senate Committee on Awards*
4. *Memoriams*

Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies Executive Committee on Course and Curriculum Changes:

1. **The Faculty of Architecture**
 - Deletion of two (2) courses, ARCG 7100 and ARCG 7210.
2. **The Dept. of Community Health Sciences**
 - Modification of two courses, CHSC 7710 and CHSC 7720.
3. **The Faculty of Engineering**
 - Introduction of two (2) courses, ENG 7030 and ENG 7040.
4. **The Faculty of Graduate Studies**
 - Modification of one (1) course, GRAD 7500.

5. **The Dept. of Human Anatomy & Cell Science** proposes
 - Introduction of one (1) course, ANAT 7012.
 6. **The Université de Saint-Boniface Faculty of Education**
 - Introduction of one (1) course, EDUA 7901
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Proposed Academic Schedule, 2020 Summer Term

A committee established by Senate to review the Summer Term Academic Schedule commenced its work in March 2019. The committee anticipates that recommended changes approved by Senate will be implemented for the 2021 Summer Term. The proposed 2020 Summer Term Academic Schedule has been updated based on established scheduling practices.

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Reports of the Senate Committee on Awards

- Ukrainian National Home Association Scholarship
- Martha Donovan History Scholarship

Memoriams

Dr. Usha Mittoo
Dr. Deo Poonwassie
Dr. Lance Roberts
Dr. Kenneth Standing
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The above are considered to be a true and accurate recording of all items discussed. Please advise the recorder of any ambiguity, discrepancy, inconsistency, error or omission noted. Questions and concerns are welcome,

Julia Minarik
Senator 1

Ehsan Tahmasebian
Senator 2

Appendix VI :

Proposed Changes to the UMGSA Bylaws

All points or sub-points that include any proposed changes are included in full below:

Article V: Governance and Operations

5. Any proposed amendments to the UMGSA Bylaws which specifically affect the HSGSA must be presented in advance and passed by a joint meeting of the UMGSA and HSGSA Bylaws and Policy Committees. No motions altering the relationship between the UMGSA and HSGSA can be raised from the floor.

14. Duties and Operations of Council:
 - b. Each councillor of the UMGSA shall:
 - iii. Serve on at least one standing committee of the UMGSA, or provide an alternate member from their department to serve on a standing committee.
 - iv. Select a graduate student from their department to act as a proxy to represent their constituents at Council or committee meetings when they are unable to attend.
 - v. Submit an annual report to the UMGSA Office on their departmental student group's activities and expenditures for which the group received a departmental grant.
 - c. Meetings:
 - ii. A special meeting of the Council beyond the scheduled meetings may be called by five (5) voting Council members at any time. The notice and agenda for any special Council meeting shall be provided to Council members at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.
 - vi. Each Councillor must notify the UMGSA Office prior to the meeting if they are not attending. If they are sending a proxy, the UMGSA Office must receive a signed proxy form prior to the Council meeting.

15. Committees of the Association are categorized as either Standing or Ad-Hoc.
 - a. The Standing Committees of the UMGSA are:
 - i. Executive
 - ii. Bylaws and Policy
 - iii. Finance
 - iv. Executive Review
 - v. Awards and Academic Affairs
 - vi. Services and Support
 - vii. Events
 - viii. Multi-Campus
 - b. Ad-Hoc Committees will be formed as needed, and at the discretion of Council. The Ad-Hoc Committees of the UMGSA always include the following:
 - i. Selection
 - ii. Election and Referendum

16. The composition, meeting requirements and goals for all Standing Committees, and the listed Ad-Hoc Committees, are outlined in the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual.
19. The UMGSA budget, and any changes thereto, shall be approved by Council by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
24. Any changes to UMGSA Executive honoraria approved by Council shall only take effect in the following financial year and cannot be retroactively paid.

Appendix VII :

Current Version of the UMGSA Bylaws

ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

1. Unless otherwise specified, the following definitions apply to these Bylaws and all other UMGSA documents:
 - a. 'UMGSA' and 'Association' refers to the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association.
 - b. 'Member' means a member of the UMGSA.
 - c. 'Council' means the Council of the UMGSA.
 - d. 'Executive' means any member of the UMGSA Executive.
 - e. 'University' means the University of Manitoba.
 - f. 'HSGSA' means the Health Sciences Graduate Students' Association.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

1. The UMGSA shall advocate on behalf of graduate students at the University of Manitoba as a whole, and shall act as a platform for educational and social activities.
2. The UMGSA will support and promote University of Manitoba graduate student research endeavours.
3. The UMGSA shall work with internal and external parties to promote the interests of graduate students to the University of Manitoba administration, to all levels of government, and to other organizations on and off campus.
4. The UMGSA shall distribute its resources and services in a way that is equitable across the entire UMGSA membership.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association

1. All students registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of Manitoba, and only those students, shall be members of the Association.
2. Each member of the UMGSA shall be entitled to one vote at General Meetings of the UMGSA.

Membership of Council

3. The UMGSA Council shall consist of the UMGSA Executive, one graduate student from each department of the University with a graduate program, and non-voting members as specified in the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual.
4. Council members representing departments must be chosen democratically on a regular annual term by their departmental membership.
5. Each council member is entitled to one vote at meetings of the UMGSA Council.
6. Council membership shall be suspended if the councillor has three consecutive absences from UMGSA Council meetings, without submitting regrets or a proxy. The UMGSA Office shall make all reasonable efforts to inform the associated departmental students' association of the suspension, and that the department has the right to choose another councillor for the position.

Membership of the UMGSA Executive

7. Members of the Executive are:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President Finance and Administration
 - c. Vice-President Services and Support
 - d. Vice-President Academic (who shall also act as one of the Senators representing Graduate Studies)
 - e. HSGSA President (representing students at the Bannatyne Campus and the Saint Boniface Research Centre)
 - f. Senators (the remaining two Senators representing Graduate Studies).
8. The total number of Senators representing Graduate Studies, including the Vice-President Academic, shall be determined in accordance with the Bylaws of the Senate of the University of Manitoba.
9. Members of the Executive are chosen by annual general election according to the UMGSA Election and Referendum Manual, except for the HSGSA President who is elected according to the HSGSA Elections Policy and Procedure Manual.
10. Any member of the UMGSA may run for any UMGSA Executive position, except the position of HSGSA President, which can only be filled by a member of the HSGSA.
11. An executive who graduates during their term in office is allowed to remain in their position until the end of that term, providing they fulfill their duties specified in the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual.

12. A member of the UMGSA Executive may be removed from their position by a majority vote of the UMGSA Council in the following cases:
 - a. Conviction for an indictable offence;
 - b. Abuse or misappropriation of finances, resources or private information belonging to the UMGSA;
 - c. Misrepresentation of the UMGSA in legal or public matters;
 - d. Expulsion from the Executive's program or the University;
 - e. Any abuse of a fellow Executive, Council member, or other individual;
 - f. Failure to perform duties essential to their Executive position.

ARTICLE IV: ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA

1. All elections and referenda, and all members participating in an election or referendum, must follow all rules and procedures as specified in the UMGSA Election and Referendum Manual.

ARTICLE V: GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

Faculty Associations

1. The UMGSA recognizes that its members may form Faculty Associations, operating as part of the UMGSA, representing and fulfilling the needs of their constituent members. For a full list of departments participating in a Faculty Association, please refer to the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual.

Governing Documents

2. The documents governing the UMGSA, in order of precedence, are the following:
 - a. The UMSU Act
 - b. The UMGSA Bylaws
 - c. The UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual
 - d. The UMGSA Election and Referendum Manual.
 - e. Robert's Rules of Order
3. The governing documents of the UMGSA shall take precedence over the governing documents of faculty and departmental graduate students' associations of the University of Manitoba.

Amendment of Documents

4. The Bylaws of the UMGSA may be amended only at a General Meeting of the UMGSA, subject to the following:
 - a. UMGSA members must be informed of any proposed motion to amend the UMGSA Bylaws two weeks prior to the General Meeting.
 - b. A motion to amend the Bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the General Meeting to pass.

5. Any proposed amendments to the UMGSA Bylaws which affect the HSGSA must be presented in advance and passed by a joint meeting of the UMGSA and HSGSA Bylaws and Policy Committees. No motions altering the relationship between the UMGSA and the HSGSA can be raised from the floor.

General Meetings

6. At least one General Meeting shall be held each financial year between October 1st and January 31st.
7. The Executive and/or the Council shall have the right to call additional General Meetings at their discretion.
8. An additional General Meeting shall be convened upon the written request of twenty-five (25) or more members of the UMGSA.
9. Members of the UMGSA will be informed of a General Meeting at least three weeks in advance, with clearly noted time and location.
10. All documents for the meeting, including the agenda, reports and any proposed motions, must be made available to all members of the UMGSA at least two weeks prior to the meeting.
11. Quorum at a General Meeting shall be one percent (1%) of the membership of the UMGSA. Without quorum, no business can take place and no motions can be passed, other than a motion to reschedule the meeting.
12. All General Meetings will be held in the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Executive Responsibilities

13. Duties of the Executive:
 - a. The UMGSA Executive shall:
 - i. Be responsible to the Council for the day-to-day workings and emergency decisions required for the UMGSA.
 - ii. Represent the UMGSA both internally and externally, following UMGSA policies on all matters.
 - iii. Report to the Council decisions and activities that affect the general operational policies of the UMGSA.
 - iv. Prepare the annual budget for the UMGSA, which must be presented at the May meeting of Council for approval.
 - v. Respect the financial constraints of the budget as approved by Council.
 - vi. Be responsible for an effective year-end transition process.
 - vii. Post and attend regular office hours.
 - viii. Submit an annual report to Council at the end of their term in office.
 - b. The specific duties of each Executive role are specified in the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual.

Council Responsibilities

14. Duties and Operations of Council:
 - a. Council shall have the authority to determine the policy and practices of the UMGSA through their mandate to approve, oppose, or modify the following:
 - i. The annual budget of the UMGSA;

- ii. Changes to the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual;
 - iii. Changes to the UMGSA Election and Referendum Manual.
- b. Each councillor of the UMGSA shall:
 - i. Represent the interests of graduate students in their department in Council and committee meetings of the UMGSA.
 - ii. Report to the graduate students of their department on the proceedings of Council and committees of the UMGSA.
 - iii. Select a graduate student from their department to act as a proxy to represent their constituents at Council when they are unable to attend.
 - iv. Serve on at least one committee of the UMGSA, or provide an alternate member from their department to serve on a committee.
 - v. Submit an annual report to the UMGSA Office on their department's activities and expenditures for which the department received a department grant.
- c. Meetings
 - i. Regular meetings of the UMGSA Council will take place once a month at a time and location designated by the Executive and agreed upon by Council. Meetings in June, July, and December are not required, but may be called at the discretion of the Executive. Notice of the meeting must be provided at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Meeting documents must be sent to councillors at least one week prior to the meeting.
 - ii. A special meeting of the Council beyond the scheduled meetings may be called by five (5) voting council members at any time. The notice and purpose of any meeting shall be provided to all members of Council at least two weeks prior to the meeting.
 - iii. All motions to amend the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual, the UMGSA Election and Referendum Manual, or the UMGSA budget must be provided in writing with all supporting documents at least one week prior to the meeting.
 - iv. A minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the voting members of the Council shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of quorum, no business shall be transacted at a meeting of Council, except the adjournment of the meeting to a new date.
 - v. Each represented department and each member of the Executive shall be entitled to one vote at Council meetings.
 - vi. Each councillor must notify the UMGSA Office at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting if they are not attending. If they are sending a proxy, the UMGSA Office must receive a signed proxy form prior to the Council meeting.

Committees

- 15. Committees of the Association are categorized as either Standing or Ad-Hoc.
 - a. The Standing Committees of the UMGSA are:

- i. Executive
 - ii. Bylaws and Policy
 - iii. Finance
 - iv. Executive Review
 - v. Awards
 - vi. Services and Support
 - vii. Events
 - viii. Election and Referendum.
16. The composition, meeting requirements and goals for all Standing Committees are outlined in the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual.

Finances

17. The UMGSA's financial year shall be May 1st to April 30th of the following year.
18. The annual budget of the UMGSA shall be presented and approved by Council prior to June 1st. The Executive shall prepare the budget and provide it for review at least one week prior to the May Council meeting.
19. All changes to the UMGSA budget shall be approved by Council by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
20. Funds maintained by the UMGSA include:
- a. Endowment Fund (Royal Bank of Canada)
 - b. Investment Fund (National Bank Financial)
 - c. External Relations Fund (National Bank Financial).
21. Any changes to the managers, configuration or purposes of these funds must be approved by Council.
22. The signing authorities on UMGSA accounts are:
- a. The UMGSA President
 - b. The UMGSA Vice-President Finance and Administration
 - c. The UMGSA Vice-President Services and Support
 - d. The UMGSA Vice-President Academic.
23. The UMGSA shall not re-issue stale-dated cheques.
24. Any changes to UMGSA Executive honoraria approved by Council shall only take effect in the following financial year and cannot be retroactively payed.

Financial Reporting and Audits

25. The UMGSA Executive shall provide detailed spending reports to the Finance Committee on a monthly basis.
26. The Finance Committee shall provide a summary report of monthly expenses and income at the following Council meeting.
27. A financial audit of the UMGSA shall be conducted on an annual basis by an external accounting agency approved by Council.
28. Regulations and guidelines pertaining to the annual financial audit can be found in the UMGSA Governance and Operations Manual.

29. The Vice-President Finance and Administration shall provide a summary report of the annual financial audit within 60 days of receiving the final report from the selected accounting agency.

Currency

30. All monetary values expressed in the UMGSA governing documents are in Canadian Dollars (CAD).

Fees

31. All members shall pay membership fees to the UMGSA.
32. Any alteration to UMGSA membership fees must be passed via referendum in accordance with the Election and Referendum Manual. If a referendum is successful, newly-approved changes will only come into effect in the following academic year.

ARTICLE VI: EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS

1. The general membership of the UMGSA shall discuss affiliations with external organizations at each General Meeting.
2. The UMGSA is not a member of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), the Canadian Federation of Students - Services (CFS-S), or the Canadian Federation of Students - Manitoba (CFS-MB), herein referred to as CFS/-S/-MB, and in that regard if and when necessary, it shall dispute all statements, claims, indications and suggestions of membership (full or otherwise) in the CFS/-S/-MB.
3. The UMGSA shall continue to collect and hold fees in lieu of CFS/-S/-MB membership in a contingency fund, named the External Relations Fund, until such time that the membership status is officially conceded, in writing, between the legal counsels of the CFS/-S/-MB and the UMGSA, or determined by courts, whichever is sooner.
4. Fees that are collected in lieu of membership in the CFS/-S/-MB may be used toward the reasonable costs associated with the process of defending the position of the UMGSA regarding membership in the CFS/-S/-MB until such time that the membership status is officially conceded, in writing, between the legal counsels of the CFS/-S/-MB and the UMGSA, or determined by courts, whichever is sooner.
5. Once the issue of membership in the CFS/-S/-MB is finally resolved, the UMGSA membership shall determine the use of all remaining fees collected from UMGSA members and held in the External Relations Fund. That determination will take place at the first UMGSA General Meeting following the legal resolution of the membership status of the UMGSA.