

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 26th, 2020 - 5:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order (5:32pm)

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 Council approves the agenda for the August 26th, 2020 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

NRI / Nursing (Carried)

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the May 27th, 2020 UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the May 27th, 2020 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

HSGSA President / Education – PhD (Carried)

5. Committee Reports

5.1. June & July Committee Reports (Appendix II)

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. June & July HSGSA Reports (Appendix III)

7. Senate Report

7.1. June & July Senate Reports (Appendix IV)

8. Executive Reports

8.1. June & July Executive Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.1. Revision of Article XVIII: Ethical Purchasing in the Governance and Operations

Manual: The ethical purchasing part is extremely long and has not been revised in a long time. As such, revising the section on Ethical Committees will ensure clarity. The current section was included around 2012/2013 when the UMGSA was paying dues to the Canadian Federation. When we thought we were members, we ordered our handbooks, T-Shirts and various other items for orientation through CFS. They had us incorporate these rules in the GOM because they ordered stuff from all over the world.

The proposal therefore is to remove the entire section or condense it to address the kind of purchases the UMGSA makes. In the future, this section will also be great to incorporate the mandate Council has given on Ethical Investments.

The proposed changes are included as Appendix VI to this August 2020 Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the proposed changes to Article XVIII: Ethical Purchasing, of the Governance and Operations Manual as presented.
UMGSA Executive Committee (Denied)

There was a lengthy discussion on this point. It was ultimately decided that the proposed wording was too short; the UMGSA needs a more substantial policy on Ethical Purchasing than what was proposed. Despite the fact that this policy change would not change our current purchasing practices, there was concern that it would perhaps be too lenient in the future. Council decided we should send this section back to the Bylaws and Policy Committee so that they can find a nice medium between the old wording and the new wording.

11.2. Revision Article X: External Committees in the Governance and Operations

Manual: Revising the section on External Committees will largely ensure accuracy. Since external committees are not standing internal committees in the GSA, it will be in the best interest of the GSA to refrain from giving a detailed description of memberships and mandates of any external committee in the GOM. This will therefore ensure precision and to an extent prevent the documentation of outdated information in the GOM under this section. As such, the proposal is to provide/include a list of all external committees in the GOM. Cases that require a specific role/position to sit on the committee or vice versa will also be noted.

The proposed changes are included as Appendix VII to this August 2020 Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the proposed changes to Article X: External Committees, of the Governance and Operations Manual as presented.
UMGSA Executive Committee (Carried)

11.3. Revision of Article XIII, Section I. Conference Grants: Under general regulations on point 2.m: Change “Applications will not be accepted if conference attendance is part of a job interview process” to “Applications will not be accepted if conference attendance is

part of a job interview process, or in cases where the student will receive course credit for that attendance. With the exception of students in the artistic programs”.

The proposed changes are included as Appendix VIII to this August 2020 Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the proposed changes to Article XIII, Section I. Conference Grants, of the Governance and Operations Manual as presented.
UMGSA Finance Committee (Carried)

11.4. Revision of Article XIII, Section II. Special Project Grants: Revising the section on the Special Project Grant application in the Governance and Operations Manual to clearly specify and outline the scope of what the application can be used for with a statement prioritizing larger events.

The proposed changes are included as Appendix IX to this August 2020 Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the proposed changes to Article XIII, Section II. Special Project Grants, of the Governance and Operations Manual as presented.
UMGSA Finance Committee (Carried)

12. Announcements

12.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020 - 5:30PM - Zoom

12.2. AGM Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 9th, 2020 - 5:30PM - Zoom

13. Adjournment (7:04pm)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance

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<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Silvia Sekander	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Nora Ampomah	Present
VP Academic	Rubel Chandra Talukder	Present
VP Services & Support	Etinosa Osemwota	Present
HSGSA President	Akshi Malik	Present
Senator1	Akeem Azeez	Present
Senator2	Bill Dowie	Present
Chairperson (No Vote)	Kavisha Manoj Mehta	Present
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Gov & Comm Coordinator, Minute Taker (No Vote)	Julia Minarik	Present
<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Agribusiness & Agric Economics	Justin Daniels (Co-Councillors) Damla Oz	Damla Present
Animal Science	Daphne McKnight (Co-Councillors) Bingqi Dong	Daphne Present
Entomology	Joel Gardner	Present
Food Science	Susane Trevisan	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Luis Codero-Monroy	Absent
Plant Science	Nathaniel (Nate) Ort (Co-Councillors) Madison McCausland	Madison Present
Soil Science	Claudia Quilesfogel-Esparza (Co-Councillors) Jess Nicksy	Jess Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Emily Jones	Absent
City Planning	Justin Grift (Co-Councillors) Dom Camps	Both Absent
Interior Design	Ethan Loewen	Present
<i>Arts</i>		
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Amy-Leigh Gray	Present
Linguistics	Tasheney Francis	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
<i>Management</i>		
Asper School - Master of Finance	Evelyn Zhang	Absent
Management - MBA	Tyler Phill	Present
<i>Education</i>		
Education - PhD	Md. Shayeekh-Us Saleheen	Present

Educ - Admin, Foundations & Psych.	Rebecca Balakrishnan	Present
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Debarati Nath	Present
Civil Engineering	Parvin Berenjkar	Present
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat	Present
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Agoston (Ago) Fischer (Co-Councillors) Patricia Montalvo-Rodriguez	Both Present
Geological Sciences	Aaron Kilmury	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Michael Bagamery	Present
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Kevin Boreskie (Co-Councillors) Zach Henderson	Kevin Present
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Ganesh Tailor	Sent Regrets
Law		
Nursing		
Nursing	Kim Sefton (Co-Councillors) Stephanie Betker	Kim Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Emma Rempel	Absent
Chemistry	Scott Legare	Sent Regrets
Computer Science	Kimia Shadkami	Present
Mathematics	YG Liang	Present
Microbiology	Abdul-Rahman Adamu Bukari	Present
Physics & Astronomy	O. Jephthah Iyaro	Present
CUPE3909		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	Absent
Indigenous Engagement		
Guests		
Student-at-large (No Vote)	Dane Monkman (Political Studies)	Present