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**Council Meeting Agenda**  
**February 24th, 2016, 17:00**  
**GSA Lounge**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** BIRT the agenda for the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 UMGSA Council meeting be approved.

**2.1. Unanimous consent agenda**

2.1.1. Any item that has a  beside it denotes unanimous consent agenda

*Any member who wishes to debate an item that is listed below may have it removed from the consent agenda by contacting the Chair prior to the meeting or by asking that it be removed before the Chair calls for a mover and seconder for the following motions.*

**MOTION: BIRT all Executive Reports and Senate Report are accepted omnibus.**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION: BIRT the minutes from the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 UMGSA Council Meeting be approved.**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

4.1. **Gradzette Year in Review** The current Editor of the UMGSA Gradzette, Tom Ingram, has prepared an end of year report on the Magazine (see attachment from January 2016 council) with highlights including increased readership, expanded content, and an overview of our return to print. Tom will make a brief presentation and will be available to answer any questions.

4.2. **Campus Day Care Update** The proposal for improved campus daycare services is nearing completion and it looks as though there could be as many as 54 new student spots for a total of 74 spots dedicated for U of M students. This has been a cooperative community driven initiative from the beginning and was first proposed by the UMGSA roughly 3 years ago at the student experience committee. This project is contingent on funding from the province, university, and from the U of M student associations (UMSU and the UMGSA) and we will be bringing the final proposals to council in the coming months.

4.3. **UPass Update** Negotiations with Winnipeg transit regarding the UPass system are ongoing with implementation still scheduled for this fall. The UMGSA is taking steps to ensure that any program requirements take into account the differential needs of grads compared to other students in relation to issues like full time student status in relation to

credit hours as well as extended time away from campus for fieldwork, etc...

- 4.4. **Internal Development and Review Sub-Committee Report** The preliminary report was presented by the IDRSC Chairperson at the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting. The report has now been finalized and there are several recommendations stemming from this report. The final report and a document of recommendations will be circulated to councilors separately by February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Since there are 9 official **MOTIONS** in these recommendations, it is advised that councilors review these carefully and vote on them omnibus (as a group) aside from any motions requiring further discussion or amendments, which can be pulled out from the omnibus group by request.
- 4.5. **Resolution: for the most recent versions of the UMGSA Policy Manuals to be uploaded to the UMGSA website** This motion was passed at the last Council meeting, however, despite the best efforts of executives, ongoing issues surrounding the UMGSA website's migration between service providers hasn't allowed access to our own website for more than the last entire month. A written report has been attached as APPENDIX I.
- 4.6. **Resolution: for a report to be presented regarding the proceeds from advertisements in the UMGSA handbooks.** This motion was passed at the last Council meeting and the VPI Val Agbor is prepared to give a report on this issue.

## 5. New Business

- 5.1. **Health and Dental Presentation from Student Care** Following the issues surrounding the renewal of the UMSU student plan with our health and dental broker, Student Care, the UMGSA executive has worked on establishing a more direct relationship with our broker. Representatives from student care will be in attendance to present on our current plan as well as answer any questions. Questions of a more personal nature may also be addressed following the council meeting in a more private setting.

## 6. Verbal Committee Reports

- 6.1. Executive Committee Report
- 6.2. Finance Committee Report
- 6.3. Bylaws and Policy Committee Report
- 6.4. Events Committee Report
- 6.5. Campaigns Committee Report
- 6.6. Awards Committee

## 7. Senate Report

- Senate Report.

## 8. Executive Committee Reports

- President
- Vice President Internal
- Vice President External
- Vice President Academic
- Vice President Marketing and Events
- Vice President Health Sciences
- Senator 1
- Senator 2
- Senator 3

## **9. Department Reports**

## **10. Other Business/Announcements**

- 10.1. **UMGSA St. Patrick's Day Social – Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>** Make sure to wear green!
- 10.2. **UMGSA Elections March 14-16 2016**– Nominations are in and the UMGSA election dates are set. Please take the time to spread the word and make your voice heard by voting online this March 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>!
- 10.3. **TEDX – March 24<sup>th</sup> 2016** This year the UMGSA will be co-sponsoring the TEDX talks for the first time as well as hosting a live stream for graduate students unable to attend the limited seating event, look for more details on the event to come over the next few weeks in the UMGSA newsletter.

## **11. Adjournment**

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council meeting be adjourned.**

**Next Meeting: March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 @ 17:00 in the UMGSA Lounge**

**Council Meeting Minutes January 27th, 2016**  
**GSA Lounge**

**12. Call to Order: 5:04 pm**

**13. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** BIRT the agenda for the January 27, 2016 UMGSA Council meeting be approved.

Linguistics/Architecture

*Friendly Amendment from UMGSA President: Add presentation from IDRSC chair to other business.*

CARRIED.

**13.1. Unanimous consent agenda**

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**MOTION: BIRT all Executive Reports and Senate Report are accepted omnibus.**

Linguistics/Animal Science

CARRIED.

**14. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION: BIRT the minutes from the November 28th, 2015 UMGSA Council Meeting be approved.**

Native Studies/Animal Science

- **Question (Human Nutritional. Sciences):** 2 questions did not name the department/councilor/executive who had asked questions during the presentation on the UMGSA's finances by National Bank.
- **VPI:** Thank you for pointing this out. It is important the council meeting is appropriately recorded. We will work to amend this.

CARRIED.

**15. Special Project Grant Applications – Native Studies**

- **Native Studies (Joe Dipple):** Introduced the "Rising up" conference, first annual conference, open to graduate students studying indigenous issues. Tasha Hubbard is keynote speaker. Asking for \$500 funding for conference. Conference is free to all.
- **VPI:** To provide further context, Joe is asking for \$500 for a special project and he is presenting because finance committee received his request however, they can only approve requests for up to \$250, anything over \$250 comes to council.

- **Anthropology:** So the UMGSA is giving away only \$250?
- **VPI/President:** Finance can only authorize funding of up to \$250, but anything over that has to come to council for approval.
- **VPI:** Joe you've listed funding from unknown sources. Could you elaborate on this?
- **Joe Dipple:** We have received funding from other departments and we are currently at \$10,000. We had made plans for \$8,000/10000/12000 based on how successful or unsuccessful we were gathering funding.
- **VPI:** Thanks Joe, will GSA be acknowledged?
- **Joe:** Yes, we will be acknowledging all sponsors.
- **Architecture:** He had mentioned that they had sent out an email about the conference to attract students, I don't think I've seen it. I know of people working on projects that are relevant to this conference. Would the GSA be able to send out this email?
- **President:** That's a good point. I'm not sure if I've seen the email either. We encourage participation and will try to get on that.

**MOTION: BIRT that council approve the motion for the special project grant application by native studies.**

English, Film & Theatre/Architecture  
CARRIED.

## 16. Business Arising from the Minutes

- **No business.**

## 17. New Business

17.1. **Office of Sustainability Presentation** Currently the office of sustainability is holding various open houses across the U of M campus to gather student input on the upcoming process to move from silver to a gold Leed certification standard for the University. As part of that process we have arranged to have sustainability provide a presentation (see attachment) on their plans followed by a question and answer session for the UMGSA council so they can take further information back to their respective departments.

- **Summary of Presentation by Ian Hall (Director of Sustainability):** Previous sustainability efforts from 2012 policy was recognized by the province and using a third-party assessment program. Currently, we would like to improve that. Managing waste, and linking resources to the kind of outcomes we'd like to see. Sustainability committee is currently working on a new strategy based on previous work and with input from UMSA and GSA. Highlights of new strategy: Research in action –

formalizing the approach by partnering with faculties and students to meet student, faculty and campus needs; green office program – voluntary program to help people maintain sustainable office space; sustainable transportation – enhance and support commute services; organic waste management – proposing a better solution to manage organic waste; Indigenous design and planning – what principles to apply and how; campus master plan; signature research plan; green operations and maintenance - renewing policy around green buildings. Other things of interest that have come up include climate responsibility – the university has been keeping track of its carbon emissions for some time but this has not been readily available, hoping to change that, peer education programs for students and staff so that it isn't always the university administration telling people how to do things, food strategy, accountability and transparency.

- **VPE:** I would like to encourage everyone to complete the survey online, to help the sustainability committee help the campus as a whole
- **President:** We did have a question at the AGM about composting on campus, and you've addressed it briefly here, how are you going to proceed?
- **Ian Hall:** We've started on that by working with the province and asking them to help with a study to find out where our waste goes and how much of it can be taken in a different directions. Students have expressed interest as well in creating perhaps a student run composting initiative.
- **Anthropology:** What happens to food that restaurants on campus don't use? That could be wasted right?
- **Ian Hall:** We have influence on Aramark but not on the UMSU or other restaurants. And Aramark has a system in place for ensuring that food isn't wasted.
- **Human Nutritional Sciences:** Can you comment on student run bike programs.
- **Ian Hall:** There is an emerging plan. There are 3 bike programs on campus. UMSU has a bike repair program in the basement of Helen glass, they realize they could be doing more. My office tries to come up with biking systems, planning to partner with UMSU bike dungeon.
- **Anthropology:** The bike racks are always full with a bunch of old bikes taking up space, why is it?
- **President:** There has been a system for going around and removing abandoned bikes and collecting them or giving them to the bike dungeon.
- **Ian Hall:** Security services have done pretty thorough sweeps in the fall and we will also be adding more bike racks. We will also be introducing a prototype of a bike locker to see it that garners interest. And perhaps more covered stations.
- **CUPE 3909:** The University of Winnipeg has introduced a mandatory credit on indigenous knowledge in many overriding faculties. It seems that perhaps sustainability could also be included in a similar way. What are you thoughts on that?
- **Ian Hall:** We are currently looking at the potential for a distance and online

- education course on sustainability. We are also looking into the potential for introducing sustainability assessments.
- **VPI:** Have you thought about creating family friendly parking spaces? How family friendly are the strategies around parking and commuting?
  - **Ian Hall:** We are pushing to ensure our engineering and infrastructure match vision for pedestrian and commuter friendly transportation. We have added that in the survey as well. We understand that students and faculty with children require flexibility and we will try to come up with things to help with that.

17.2. **UMGSA CRO ratification** With elections just around the corner it is time to ratify the 2015-2016 UMGSA CRO who will oversee the upcoming executive elections as well as any needed referenda that may arise.

17.2.1. **MOTION: BIRT Jessica Whattam (Dept. of Geological Sciences) as recommended by the UMGSA Elections committee, be ratified as the 2015-2016 UMGSA CRO(s).**

UMGSA Elections committee/Native Studies

- **VPI:** Since Jessica is not here, I would recommend that she tag along with former CROs to get a grasp of the job.
- **Chair:** Yes, I believe that has been explained this to her.
- **Human Nutritional Sciences:** The elections committee has met with her and she explained that she'd like to be more involved, she has more time now that she is writing her thesis, and she is able to meet the timelines and deadlines set out.
- **Chair:** I know Jessica personally, and her personality is very suited to the position. She is very professional and I believe she will be able to be impartial in her work and that is important for CROs.
- **Human Nutritional Science:** I trust the judgment of the elections committee but is there an established procedure for selection of the CRO.
- **VPI:** Yes, in fact according to our policy the CRO should have been selected a lot earlier however we were not able to do that.
- **Chair:** There was a problem populating the elections committee, which led to delay in selecting the CRO and following the policy as it exists.

CARRIED.

17.3. **Gradzette Year in Review** The current Editor of the UMGSA Gradzette, Tom Ingram, has prepared an end of year report on the Magazine (see attachment) with highlights including increased readership, expanded content, and an overview of our return to print.

- **President:** The current editor of the Gradzette will be moving on from the position,



so we will be looking for a new editor and eventually more graduate students involved in the Gradzette. With journalists and photographers being more involved as well. If anyone is interested please let us know.

## **18. Verbal Committee Reports**

- 18.1. Executive Committee Report (President): Busy year so far, especially with AGM preparation. As well as negotiations with the administration about a grad student space.
- 18.2. Finance Committee Report (VPI): Finance committee has been busy working on conference grants and special projects grants.
- 18.3. Bylaws and Policy Committee Report (VPI): Bylaws committee was working policies requiring presentation at AGM. As far as policy goes, I have been working with the child care working group and trying to ensure that on campus child care is moving forward steadily.
- 18.4. Events Committee Report (VPME): events committee has been working on socials and would like to thank everyone that has come out to our events. Our next social will be the “I <3 social”, everyone is welcome to come and the attire will be to wear something red.
- 18.5. Campaigns Committee Report (VPE): The provincial government has proposed another \$300 million to be contributed to post-secondary education but this money will be very specifically allocated. So, currently we are hoping to get more information on this.
- 18.6. Awards Committee (VPA): The awards committee has not met this month, but we are planning to resume work next month. We will review the Awards application at that time.

## **19. Senate Report**

- Senate Report.

## **20. Executive Committee Reports**

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## **21. Department Reports**

- **Native Studies:** Rising up conference.
- **Architecture/City planning:** Feb 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Thesis interim reviews everyone is welcome to review various projects being presented.
- **Ethics Centre:** Talk on hydraulic fracturing in University College this Friday from 12-1pm; later this week Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 5pm there is another talk to celebrate the anniversary for the centre.
- **Political studies:** Student conference over the next 3 days, theme is about elections, panels on the Canadian election and a lot of stuff on international elections, including Israel election. Schedule should be on the department website and some facebook information as well.
- **English, Film & Theatre:** Friday 29<sup>th</sup>, Graduate student event in St.Johns. Key note talk in 409 tier, Dr. Deena George for UToronto.
- **VPME:** Everyone with events is more than welcome to post event information on the UMGSA facebook page.

## 22. Other Business/Announcements

### 22.1. February UMGSA Social Event

### 22.2. Friendly amendment: IDRSC Chair (Carl Neumann) will be summarizing the first IDRSC report on UMGSA executive performance:

- **Carl Neumann:** Gave a presentation of the First biannual UMGSA Review report for period of May-October 2015. There was a survey filled out by 600+ people along with a peer review process from the UMGSA executive. The feedback from this peer review process was mixed up and then assessed by the IDRSC so no one really know who said what.

**OPEN QUESTION (City Planning):** In reference to a recent email about Graduate students now having to register for the spring/summer term and potential student summer fees to be assessed. Was the UMGSA given any notification? If you had do you know how much the fees will be?

- **President:** No notice was given other than that ancillary fees will be assessed for this period; no notification was given to the UMGSA about this in terms of timing or how much. Although, continuing fees will not be increased because they cannot do that unless pushed through a separate, due process.
- **Human Nutritional Science:** Is it possible to opt out of paying ALC summer fees? In case students aren't here?
- **President:** This has come up in the past, but unfortunately not something that has

been addressed although we have made sure that the administration is kept aware of this.

**MOTION FROM THE FLOOR (Philosophy): BIRT that bylaws and policies on the website be updated to reflect changes passed.**

Philosophy/VPI

CARRIED

**MOTION FROM THE FLOOR (Philosophy): BIRT that a report be presented to council no later than February council meeting giving a full explanation for lack of income from handbook ads. And what has been done and what will be done to ensure any ad revenue owed is collected. And what UMGSA members have actually gained in exchange for these ads.**

Philosophy/Human Nutritional Science

- **Natural Resources Institute:** How much is charged for ads?
- **VPI:** Depends on who you are, if on campus like student life it was 25-50\$ if off campus like RBC who got a full page, \$500, based a little on what UMSU charges. Handbooks are free for students but it is nice to generate ad income to offset handbook cost.

CARRIED.

### 23. Adjournment

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council meeting be adjourned.**

Native Studies/English, Film & Theatre

CARRIED.

**Next Meeting: February 24<sup>th</sup> 2016 @ 17:00 in the UMGSA Lounge**

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Kristjan Mann	Present
VP Internal	Valery Agbor	Present
VP Academic	David Terrazas	Present
VP External	Enoch A-iyeh	Present

VP Marketing & Events	Beibei Lu	Present
VP Health Science	Colin Graydon	Regrets - Hadeesha Proxy
Senator	Kathryn Marcynuk	Present LE 6:04
Senator	Gagan Sidhu	Present
Senator	Hadeesha Piyadasa	Present
Chair / Exec At Large (Non-voting)	Rich From	Present
Office Manager (Non-voting)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
<b><i>Agric &amp; Food Science</i></b>		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Tao Wang (Co-Councilors) Tijani Bio Abdul-Salam	Tao Present
Animal Science	Yue (Yvette) Shang (Co-Councils) Deepak Ettungalpadi Velayud	Yue Present
Biosystems Engineering	Afua Mante Proxy: Krishna P. Kaja	Proxy Present
Entomology	Megan Colwell Proxy: Zach Polk	Proxy Present
Food Science	Carly Isaak	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Ifeanyi Nwachukwu Tara Loader (Co-Councilors)	Both Present
Plant Science	Anjan Neupane (Co-Councilors) Suraj Sapkota	Anjan Present
Soil Science	Ashley Soloway (Co-Council) Mick Runzika	Mick Present
<b><i>Architecture</i></b>		
Architecture	Brooke Conrad (Co-Council) Jonathan Ferreira	Proxy Present Jeannine Senecal Jonathan Present
City Planning	Adam Fiss (Co-Councilors) Jessica Russell-Edmonds	Jessica Present AL5:20
Interior Design	Erns Walls	Present
Landscape Architecture	Connor Redman	Absent
<b><i>Arts</i></b>		
Anthropology	Sardana Nikolaeva	Present
Economics	Oluwafemi Bamikole Hubert Scarlett (Co-Council)	Both Present
English, Film & Theatre	Mike Hayden (Co-Councilors) Karalyn Dokurno	Karalyn Present
History	Ulysses Patola Proxy: Nicole Courier	Proxy Present

Linguistics	Irina Volchok	Present
Native Studies	Joseph Dipple (Co-Councilors) Colleen McIvor	Joe Present
Philosophy	Carl Neumann	Present AL 5:30
Political Studies & Public Admin.	Ethan Cabel	Present
Psychology	Kristene Cheung (Co-Council) Karmen McDivitt	Karmen Present
Sociology	Erin Scott	Present
<b>Management</b>		
Management – PhD and MSc	Ji Zhou	Present
Management – MBA	Amanda Macdonald Anita Trudel (Co-Councilors)	Anita Present
<b>Education</b>		
Education – PhD – Ad hoc	Mehdi Rahimian	Present LE 5:50pm
<b>Engineering</b>		
Civil Engineering	Sam Esfandianpour Mahmud Amin (Co-Council)	Both Present
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Hamid Reza Nasrinpour	Absent
Mechanical & Manufacturing Eng.	Ehsan Alishahi	Present
<b>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</b>		
Environment & Geography	Darcy McDougall	Present
Geological Sciences	Cody Ross	Regrets
Natural Resources Institute	Anderson Assuah	Present AL 6:15pm
<b>Graduate Studies</b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Navjot Pachu (Co-Councilors) Scott Kehler	Absent
Biomedical Engineering	Ahmed Elwali	Present
Peace and Conflict Studies	Bonface Beti	Absent

<b>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</b>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Travis Hrubeniuk	Absent
<b>Nursing</b>		
Nursing	Hemaxi Patel	Regrets
<b>Science</b>		

Biological Sciences	Kyle Ritchie	Present	
Chemistry	Currently No Rep		No Rep
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	Present	AL 5:20
Physics & Astronomy	Mohammad Hussein	Present	LE 6:05
Statistics	Currently No Rep		No Rep
<b><i>Social Work</i></b>			
Social Work	Currently No Rep		No Rep
<b><i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i></b>			
President or Designate			Absent
<b><i>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</i></b>			
President or Designate	Jen Black	Present	AL 5:20
<b><i>FGS Rep (Non-Voting)</i></b>			
Dean or Designate	Jay Doering		Absent
<b><i>Student Life (Non-Voting)</i></b>			
Office of Student Life	Cora Dupuis		Absent
<b><i>Guests</i></b>			
Ian Hall	UM Office of Sustainability	Present	LE 6pm

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February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Executive Reports Overdue from November 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

***Kristjan W. K. Mann, President***

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting

Re: November 1st 2015 – November 31st, 2015

**Executive Summary of Work:**

- Along with the VPME, and UMGSA Senator Gagan Sighu, I attended the Canadian Conference on Student Leadership as a representatives from the UMGSA, and the broader University of Manitoba student leadership. We all took the opportunity to interact and network with student leaders from across Canada, as well as attend some of the professional seminars for university administrators and employees on how to foster leadership among, in our case, fellow students. In particular we all

attended a professional development session led by Dr. Jacqueline Ottmann on fostering indigenous leadership on Canadian campuses.

- The UMGSA IDRC Committee met and formed early this month and then again near the end of the month to officially form the subcommittee. Prior to this there had not been enough non-executive members needed to form the committee but thanks to some volunteers from council we were able to remedy this issue in late October. The committee has already been tasked with filling the currently vacant position of UMGSA Office Assistant as discussed at a previous council meeting, while the subcommittee has elected a chair and begun the process of executive evaluations.
- I attended the opening ceremonies for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, including the lighting of the ceremonial fire and the speeches and town hall held in University Centre throughout the afternoon. It was an afternoon filled with powerful statements and hopefully represents an opportunity for true change, at the very least on the U of M campus.
- I am continuing my work on the search committee to replace the U of M Provost and VPA prior to the end of her term for which she has not sought reappointment. I also sit on the Arts Decanal Reappointment Advisory committee which concluded its proceedings this month and the results of which should be made available soon.
- As you may be aware the UMGSA has been in the process of petitioning for expanded childcare facilities for the past three years. The initial motion put forward by the UMGSA at the Student Experience Committee initiated the formation of the U of M internal Childcare Working Group, which in turn has been petitioning the government for support and preparing feasibility reports to that affect. After years of work it would seem that we are getting somewhere and the province has agreed to a substantial contribution towards this project. This project is conditional on student involvement and for the past few months the UMGSA, UMSU, and the university administration have been in discussion over what this contribution would mean. Given that fact that, while this is an important initiative and a positive step forward, the childcare problem will not nearly be solved by the additional 60 or so spots as there is a estimated need for spots for over 2500 children. The position of the UMGSA has remained that this should be a needs based, student focused, community initiative, especially given the provincial involvement.
- Along with the UMGSA VPI, I met with student care, our health and dental broker, in order to discuss some of our concerns regarding the uncertainty surrounding contract negotiations last summer (which are ultimately approved through UMSU council) and noted that stability is also an important aspect of the plan to our members. I also stressed the need for direct reporting to the UMGSA as there has been difficulty obtaining such information in a timely manner through third parties. Student care was understanding of our needs and agreed that a report on the plan as a whole, as well as a breakdown on graduate student member usage, should be provided on at least an annual basis directly to the UMGSA. Representatives from Student Care will also come to council in the New Year to present on the plan and answer any questions.
- At the student experience committee I brought up the issue of parking demand and increasing rates on campus, as well as the fact that many of the projections for usage



are based on data from 2004 showing, erroneously, that parking is underutilized every day. A new study has been commissioned on parking usage at the U of M and I will be distributing information early in the New Year on how to take part. I would strongly urge everyone to contribute as the current focus is towards eventually reducing student parking on campus. There is already a lottery for student parking in the student lot and some students wait over an hour every day just to park. I have also recently been contacted by a graduate student raising the issue that they have to spend an inordinate amount of time on campus on top of their academic schedule working at the university but still do not qualify for a staff pass and did not “win the lottery” and get a student pass. While the rapid transit corridor has reduced some demand along the Pembina strip a transit commute is still not feasible for a variety of individuals, especially in underserved neighborhoods and those who commute from out of town or have to also manage a work schedule, with a student population of roughly 30,000 that can still be quite a few individuals. Taking part in this survey is the primary way to have student voices, and particularly graduate student perspectives, heard on this issue.

- Unfortunately my excel spreadsheet where I track my monthly hours became corrupted at the beginning of December and as such I do not have a detailed hours breakdown as I normally do, consequently my hours have also been underrepresented for this month as I could only include what I was able to piece together from other sources.

## **Executive Summary of Hours:**

### **COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, AND BUSINESS MATTERS**

#### **Meetings Attended:**

November 1st, 2015	CAGS	7 hours
November 1st, 2015	CAGS Travel	5 hours
November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	Nat Ctr for Truth and Rec Opening	4 hours
November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	VPA Provost Search Comm	2 hours
November 9th, 2015	IDRC	1 hour
November 10th, 2015	Childcare Meeting	1 hour
November 12th, 2015	UMGSA Events	1 hour
November 13th, 2015	Arts Reappointment Advisory Comm	2 hours
November 13th, 2015	Strategic Enrollment Comm	2 hours
November 16th, 2015	UMGSA Awards	1 hour
November 16th, 2015	Childcare Meeting	1 hours
November 17th, 2015	UMGSA Campaigns	1 hours
November 18th, 2015	UMGSA Executive	2 hours
November 18th, 2015	Board Of Governors Event	4 hours
November 19th, 2015	Student Care Meeting	1 hours
November 19th, 2015	IDRC	1 hour
November 20th, 2015	Cdn Cnfrnce on Student Leadership	8 hours

November 21st, 2015	Cdn Cnfrnce on Student Leadership	6 1/2 hours
November 23rd, 2015	Arts Reappointment Advisory Comm	2 hours
November 24th, 2015	Student Experience Comm (AS)	1 hours
November 24th, 2015	Board of Governors	3 hours
November 25th, 2015	Board of Governors Executive	1 hour
November 25th, 2015	GSA Council	2 hours

**Time spent in meetings:** 59.5 (5 hrs @ Traveling to CAGS)

**Meetings Cancelled:** None

**Meetings Missed:**

November 4th, 2015	UMFM Board Meeting	I had just returned from the attending the CAGS conference for the GSA and had to catch up on GSA and school work, sent regrets
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**Office Hours:**

Wednesdays: 1pm - 3 pm

**Time spent in the office:** 21 (Not including meetings in the office)

**Total Hours Spent on UMGSA for November: 110**

## **Executive Reports Overdue from December 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

***Kristjan W. K. Mann, President***

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting  
 Re: December 1st 2015 – December 31st, 2015

**Executive Summary of Work:**

- The student experience committee met with the Presidents Executive team this month to discuss issues surrounding the proposed expansion to the student daycare program. Unexpectedly UMSU put forth a proposal to take over the project following the announcement of 600,000\$ dollars in provincial funding, including the oversight of placement in the program with preferential placement for undergrads. As this was a GSA initiated project that has taken over 3 years of community involvement from several stakeholders, including UMSU and the UMGSA. The position was taken that the UMGSA would definitely like to continue to be involved, but that the project

remain a student focused (all students, not just undergrads), community driven project, where placement is given based on need. Further meetings in the new year will outline what is expected of said involvement and council will be updated to take part in any final decisions on the project. These topics were also the subject of discussion with subsequent meetings with the Vice-Provost Surrounding daycare.

- I also raised the issue of student parking with the SEC, which has been brought up by several grad students lately. Particularly related to the differential time commitments that are often made by grads to the campus, and what this can mean in terms of cost for parking when public transit is not a viable option.
- In mid-December I attended the Indigenous Education Blueprint Signing Ceremony, a historic moment not only for the University of Manitoba, but also for Canada. Wherein Manitoba’s PSE’s outlined a commitment to making indigenous education a priority. It was held at Migizii Agamik , the Bald Eagle Lodge and Indigenous Students Centre, on Fort Garry campus and was attended by representatives from all of the PSE’s across Manitoba.
- I met with RBC financial this month to finalize the transfer of a portion of our funds on their end to our additional portfolio manager from National Bank (see minutes from November Council Meeting).
- The UMGSA movie night was a great success with several students turning out to watch a classic Christmas film, “A Christmas Story”. I helped with the organization of the night, booking the room, and setting up and taking down the event, though I had an last-minute meeting with a student which meant I had to miss most of the film.
- I came in the day before the school closed for the holidays to meet with the IDRSC chair to set up his email access in order to be able to distribute the graduate survey, as well as to close down the office (shut off power, heat etc...) for the holidays.
- I also took part in the UMGSA holiday dinner. Taking bookings, purchasing gifts and food from costco for the event, setting up and cleaning up the venue, as well as attended and worked at the event, bringing my father with me as a paid guest as it was during his holiday visit. He was pleased to see the holiday spirit and community exhibited by the UMGSA members and I think for him, and the other guests, it will be a fond holiday memory.
- Unfortunately my excel spreadsheet where I track my monthly hours and events became corrupted at the beginning of December and as such I do not have a detailed hours breakdown for this month or for last month as I normally do, consequently my hours have also been underrepresented for both months as I could only include what I was able to piece together from other sources.

### Executive Summary of Hours:

01/12/2015	1:00:00 PM	4:30:00 PM	UITAC (2), UMGSA Office (1.5)	3.5
02/12/2015	10:00:00 AM	9:30:00 PM	SEC With Pet (1.5), Office Hours (2), Finance Committee (1.5), UMF Board (2.5), UMGSA Office (4)	11.5

03/12/2015	2:00:00 PM	5:00:00 PM	Email + Agendas, Phone meeting with Councillor (.5), Bylaws and policy (missed @ 1700 due to meeting with advisor)	3
04/12/2015	5:00:00 PM	6:30:00 PM	UMGSA Events Committee	1.5
06/12/2015	11:30:00 AM	2:00:00 PM	GU15 website research	2.5
09/12/2015	12:00:00 PM	5:30:00 PM	UMGSA Office, Office Hours	5.5
10/12/2015	12:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	CPDC (2), Office (2)	4
11/12/2015	1:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	SEMP(1.5), UMGSA Movie Night (4), UMGSA Office (1), Meeting with Student (.5)	7
14/12/2015	12:00:00 PM	7:30:00 PM	Email + Agendas, Gradzette/Manitoban Interview	7.5
15/12/2015	12:00:00 PM	1:00:00 PM	UMGSA Office	1
	4:00:00 PM	9:30:00 PM	BOG executive (1), Email,	5.5
16/12/2015	11:30:00 AM	3:00:00 PM	UMGSA Exec (1.5), Susan Ghotteil re: daycare (1), RBC financial(.5)	3.5
	4:00:00 PM	6:00:00 PM	Email, Holiday Hampers Research	2
	11:00:00 PM	1:00:00 AM	Email	2
17/12/2015	1:00:00 PM	5:00:00 PM	Email, Hampers Oversight	4
18/12/2015	11:00:00 AM	1:00:00 PM	Indigenous Learning Signing Ceremony (1), UMGSA Office (.5)	2
	4:00:00 PM	10:00:00 PM	UMGSA Holiday Dinner (5)	6
21/12/2015	3:00:00 PM	5:30:00 PM	Email	2.5
22/12/2015	1:00:00 PM	1:30:00 AM	IDRSC review (8), Email, Committee Membership updates	12.5
23/12/2015	11:30:00 AM	3:00:00 PM	Meeting With IDRSC Chair (.5) x2, Office Hours (2), closing office for holidays	3.5
27/12/2015	11:00:00 AM	3:30:00 PM	AGM Documents, Exec Report	4.5
28/12/2015	2:00:00 PM	7:00:00 PM	Exec Report, November Document Review as Excel File Corrupted	5
29/12/2015	1:30:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	Email, AGM Documents	2.5
Monthly Total				102.5

## COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, AND BUSINESS MATTERS

### Meetings Attended:

December 1st, 2015	UITAC	2 hours
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2015	SEC + PET	1 ½ hours
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2015	Finance Committee	1 ½ hours
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2015	UMFM Board	2 1/2 hours
December 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	UMGSA Events Committee	1 hour
December 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Campus Planning Comm (CPDC)	2 hours
December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Strategic Enrollment Comm(SEMP)	1 ½ hours
December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	UMGSA Movie Night	2 hours
December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Meeting with Student	½ hour
December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	BOG executive	1 hour
December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Childcare Meeting	1 hours
December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	RBC Financial	½ hour
December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	UMGSA Executive	1 ½ hours
December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Indigenous Learning Ceremony	1 hour
December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Holiday Formal	5 hours
December 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015	Meeting wi IDRSC Chair (X2)	1 hour

**Time spent in meetings: 25.5**

**Meetings Cancelled: None**

### Meetings Missed:

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015      UMGSA Bylaws and Policy      Had a conflicting meeting with my a member of my advisory committee.

### Office Hours:

Wednesdays: 1pm - 3 pm

**Time spent in the office: 13** (Not including meetings in the office and office hours @ 6 hrs for December)

**Total Hours Spent on UMGSA for December: 102.5**

## Executive Reports January 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

*Kristjan W. K. Mann – President*

### Report

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting

Re: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

### Executive Summary of Work:

- Following up from the student experience committee where UMSU put forth a proposal to take over the student daycare project following the announcement of 600,000\$ dollars in provincial funding, including the oversight of placement in the program with preferential placement for undergrads (see president's executive report from December 2015). There have been several meetings wherein we have expressed the graduate student position that this project was a grad initiative and that we wish to remain involve and to have it remain a needs based program. There has been headway in this front and it looks as though there have been some considerations give to grad student concerns in this regard. Following further meetings in February I will provide council with a more in depth update as well as a motion for resolution surrounding the project which aims to increase available day care spots for students on campus, an issue which is particularly relevant for grad students.
- I have continued to raise the issue of an interdepartmental grad student lounge in University Centre with several administrative bodies in an effort to secure confirmation of our ownership of the lounge.
- Preparing the AGM documents and council docuemnts, as well as preparing those documents for several executive still out of town or ill took up a good deal of time at the beginning of January. There were also issues with our distribution list which kept us from being able to distribute the documents in a timely fashion as a result of a hacking attempt on the Universities larger distribution lists which forced them to shut down the system. In the end though the documents were able to be distributed roughly a week ahead of time with the AGM turning out to be our most successful ever with over 90 graduate student members in attendance. Hopefully this bodes well for graduate student involvement and our campus community over the next year!
- I was pleased to be invited to chair the HSGSA AGM this year and was happy to see our sub-organization in action the day after our own AGM. Thanks to Hadessha and Colin, our HSGSA Senator and VPHSC (HSGSA Pres) for also pulling double duty and attending both events. The HSGSA Also met quorum and added their votes to those cast the night before.
- The Board of Governors retreat also took place over the last weekend of this month, it opened with a presentation on the national state of post-secondary financing which I hope to be able to expand upon for council. This is pending confirmation of

the confidentiality of said presentation as a good portion of what occurs on the board is bound by a confidentiality/non-disclosure agreement.

- I met with both the editor of the Manitoban and Gradzette to review the past few months of the current editors term, as well as discuss the future of the periodical as well as employment opportunities at the magazine for graduate students. As a result there is a posting for grad student jobs in the Manitoban this month. Hopefully this job will lead to an editor position for an interested grad when our current editor, Tom Ingram, moves on.

### Executive Summary of Hours:

03/01/2016	11:00:00 PM	3:00:00 AM	Exec Report, Email, Winter Orientation Prep	4
04/01/2016	4:00:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	Email	5
05/01/2016	10:30:00 AM	4:00:00 PM	Winter Orientation (ICS Table, Student Life Lunch, Tour for New Students, Welcome Address from UMGSA)	5.5
	5:00:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	Email	4
06/01/2016	1:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	Office Hours	3
	6:00:00 PM	11:00:00 PM	Email, AGM Documents	5
07/01/2016	10:00:00 AM	8:00:00 PM	Upass Meeting, AGM Agenda and Documents	10
	11:00:00 PM	3:00:00 AM	AGM Agenda and Documents	4
08/01/2016	8:30:00 AM	3:00:00 PM	AGM Agenda and Documents, IT Issues with mailing list, UMGSA Office (4)	6.5
10/01/2016	9:00:00 PM	11:00:00 PM	Email + Agendas, Prep for Bill 3 Meeting	2
11/01/2016	11:30:00 AM	4:00:00 PM	Prep for Bill 3 Meeting, Bill 3 Meeting (1.5) (7 KM)	4.5
	10:00:00 PM	12:30:00 AM	Email + Agendas, Exec and Council agenda	2.5
12/01/2016	11:30:00 AM	12:30:00 PM	Email + Agendas, check in with office manager(.5)	1
	2:00:00 PM	5:30:00 PM	Email + Agendas, Elections committee, Exec Comm Agenda	3.5
13/01/2016	12:00:00 PM	6:00:00 PM	Alumni Assoc. Event (2.5) (30 km), UMGSA Executive (1.5), Office Hours (2)	6
14/01/2016	11:00:00 AM	10:30:00 AM	AGM Documents, Exec Report, Addressing Student H&D Concern	11.5

15/01/2016	7:00:00 AM	3:00:00 PM	VPA Provist Search Committee (2), AGM Prep, UMGSA Office (6)	8
17/01/2016	5:00:00 PM	6:30:00 PM	Meeting with Manitoban Editor (.5), Gradzette review	1.5
18/01/2016	11:00:00 AM	4:30:00 PM	Meeting with Maitoban and Gradzette (1), UMGSA Office (4.5)	5.5
20/01/2016	3:00:00 PM	6:00:00 PM	AGM prep	3
21/01/2016	2:00:00 PM	10:30:00 PM	UMGSA Office, UMGSA AGM, UMGSA Social	8.5
22/01/2016	11:00:00 AM	2:00:00 PM	HSGSA AGM	3
25/01/2016	8:30:00 AM	11:00:00 AM	Campaign announcement	2.5
	12:00:00 PM	6:30:00 PM	Email + Agendas, Finance Committee (TeleConference),	6.5
27/01/2016	12:00:00 PM	7:00:00 PM	Office Hours (2), UMGSA Office, UMGSA Executive (1.5), UMGSA Council (1.5), Elections Committee (1),	6
28/01/2016	12:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	BOG retreat Prep	4
	6:00:00 PM	10:00:00 PM	BOG retreat Prep	4
29/01/2016	4:30:00 PM	10:30:00 PM	BOG Retreat	6
30/01/2016	9:00:00 AM	4:00:00 PM	BOG retreat	7
Monthly Total				143.5

## COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, AND BUSINESS MATTERS

### Meetings Attended:

January 5th, 2016	Winter Orintation	5 1/2 hours
January 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Bill 3 meeting with Province	1 ½ hours
January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	UMGSA Elections	1 hour
January 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Alumni Event	2 ½ hours
January 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	UMGSA Executive	1 ½ hours
January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	VPA Provost Search Comm	2 hours
January 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Manitoban Editor	½ hour
January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Gradzette Review Meeting	1 hour
January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	UMGSA AGM	2 hours
January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	UMGSA Social	2 hours
January 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2016	HSGSA AGM (chair)	2 hours



January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	UMGSA Finance	1 ½ hours
January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	UMGSA Executive	1 ½ hours
January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	UMGSA Elections Committee	1 hours
January 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	BOG Retreat Presentations	6 hours
January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	BOG Retreat Presentations	7 hours

**Time spent in meetings: 38.5**

**Meetings Cancelled: None**

**Meetings Missed:**

January 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	UMGSA Bylaws and Policy	Was ill and could not attend
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**Office Hours:**

Wednesdays: 1pm - 3 pm

**Time spent in the office: 16** (Not including meetings in the office, and office hours (@ 8 hrs for January))

**Total Hours Spent on UMGSA for January: 144.5**

***Valery Agbor – VPI***

**Report**

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting

Re: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

**Executive Summary of Work:**

- I began the month by participating in the winter orientation organized by student life at the University of Manitoba.
- I also welcomed and counsel with new graduate students seeking Financial aid pointing them in the right direction to apply to FGS and Financial aid office.
- I received and processed a special request for special projects and travel awards.
- I followed up and invited Student Care network to present at the UMGSA council or AGM.
- Consulted with the office of Student advocacy on the next Child Care working group meeting.

- I also invited the Mitacs Director of Business Development Dr. Iman Yahyaie to present on Finding opportunities available to graduate students via Mitacs at the UMGSA AGM.
- I reviewed the report submitted by IDR chair person on executive honoraria and forwarded it to Bylaws and Policy meeting for On line Voting.
- I reviewed the UMGSA budget from May to December with the office manager and forwarded the updated budget to the UMGSA AGM.
- I sent out a doodle pool to schedule the Bylaws and finance committee meetings respectively.
- I pool the results of the online, and forwarded a recommendation to the UMGSA president for it to included the AGM agenda.
- Meet with UMGSA president to manage internal affairs of the association
- Submitted my AGM reports to the Chair and UMGSA president.
- I updated the Bylaws as per motions recommended by the Bylaws and Policy Committee and sent it to the AGM chair and UMGSA President for it to be included among the AGM documents and highlighted on the agenda.
- I reviewed the suggestions from the awards committee regarding procedure and application period via the VPA Chair person of the awards committee.
- As a member of the gradzette review committee, I reviewed the end of term report submitted by the Chief Editor and meet with The Editor, The Representative of the Manitoba and President to discuss the recommendation and review of our current contract on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016.
- Also held the Bylaws and Policy meeting the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 to review all recommendations from awards committee and all motions going the AGM and reminding Committee members to present.
- The finance was also held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January processing special projects and conference grants application that were submitted throughout the months of December and January. The need for spending policy for UMGSA was also discursed.
- I attended in the Child Care Working group meeting where provincial funding for 600 thousand Dollars announced to the working with further discussion on financial commitment of Student Unions and Associations and the need for family friendly policies
- in its out-working.
- I also attended the UMGSA annual General Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2016 and social that followed afterwards.
- I attended the UMGSA Executive and council on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2016
- Approved the Animal Science representative to join the finance committee.
- Began the processing feedback on areas of priority from both executives and committee members to be included the UMGSA spending policy.
- I sign checks for executive honoraria and the expenses and operation of the association.
- And review all account statements and conference grants that were put on hold or rejected.
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## COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, AND BUSINESS MATTERS

### Meetings Attended:

Office hours	8h
Winter orientation	2h
Bylaws Committee	1.5h
Finance Committee meeting	1.5h
Executive meeting	2 h
Meeting with the president and VPA	1.0h
Email communication	3.h
Child Care working group meeting	1h
Time on spent on the Phone	2h
Annual General Meeting	2.5h
UMGSA Social	2.5h
Time spent processing travel grants and special projects	4 h
Meeting with hardship fund applicant	1h
Council Meeting	2h
Meeting with president to discuss UMGSA business	1h
Time spent reviewing/meeting with rejected applications	4h
Time spent writing report	2h

**Time spent in meetings:** 40 hours

### Meetings Cancelled:

Non.

### Meetings Missed:

Executive meeting on January 13th ( I was sick ).

### Office Hours:

Wednesday: 12 - 2:00 pm

**Time spent in the office:** 60 hours

**Total Hours Spent on UMGSA for January 1st - January 31 st: 100 hours**

*David Terrazas – Vice-President Academic*

## Report

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting  
 Re: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

### Executive Summary of Work:

- Student Senate Caucus
  - The concerns of the new policies for voluntary withdrawal were addressed in depth. It was decided upon consensus that the student senators would look to table all decisions related to this matter in the January Senate Meeting.
- AIWG
  - Resources for international students were discussed. Student resources website currently under construction. Student section on Academic Integrity. Identification of specific resources for graduate students. Review of common penalties for academic integrity violations.
- UMGSA Executive Meeting
  - Discussion of policies about the changes to VW/AW system that is being addressed by the Senate. Provided points of view related to the graduate interests in the Proposed Day Care Expansion
  - Provided update about activities in the FGS Executive Committee and the RH Awards Election Committee for which I rated the applicants.
- UMGSA Bylaws Committee
  - Extensive discussion about recommendations from UMGSA Awards Committee regarding awards process.
- UMGSA AGM
  - Provided an extensive and detailed written report about the activities conducted by the UMGSA Awards Committee. Attended the meeting and abided to the agenda that was forwarded before the event to the attendees.
- Email | Weekly activities
  - Approximate time put into checking and sending emails as a weekly estimate allocation.

### Executive Summary of Hours:

04/01/2016	6:00:00 PM	7:30:00 PM	Meeting   Student Senate Caucus	1.5
06/01/2016	10:00:00 AM	11:00:00 AM	Meeting   AIWG	1
	11:00:00 AM	2:00:00 PM	Office hours	3
08/01/2016	9:00:00 AM	11:30:00 AM	Email   Weekly activities	2.5
13/01/2016	11:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	Meeting   AIWG	1
	3:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	Meeting   Executive Committee	1
14/01/2016	1:30:00	2:30:00	Office hours	1

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15/01/2016	9:00:00 AM	11:30:00 AM	Email   Weekly activities	2.5
	2:30:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	Office hours	1.5
18/01/2016	12:30:00 PM	3:00:00 PM	Office hours	2.5
20/01/2016	5:45:00 PM	6:30:00 PM	Meeting   Bylaws Committee	0.75
21/01/2016	5:30:00 PM	7:30:00 PM	Meeting   UMGSA AGM	2
22/01/2016	9:00:00 AM	11:30:00 AM	Email   Weekly activities	2.5
27/01/2016	3:00:00 PM	4:30:00 PM	Meeting   Executive Committee	1.5
	5:00:00 PM	7:00:00 PM	Meeting   Council	2
28/01/2016	2:30:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	Office hours	1.5
29/01/2016	9:00:00 AM	11:30:00 AM	Email   Weekly activities	2.5
	1:15:00 PM	2:00:00 PM	Office hours	0.75

## COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, AND BUSINESS MATTERS

### Meetings Attended:

January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Student Senate Caucus	1.5 hours
January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	AIWG	1 hour
January 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	AIWG	1 hour
January 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	UMGSA Executive Committee	1 hour
January 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	UMGSA Bylaws Committee	0.75 hours
January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	UMGSA Executive Committee	1.5 hour
January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	UMGSA Council	2 hour
<b>Time spent in meetings:</b>		8.75 hours

### Meetings Cancelled: None

**Meetings Missed: None**

**Office Hours: 12.25**

Fridays: 14:00 - 16:00

**Time spent in the office: 22.25 hours**

**Total Hours Spent on UMGSA for December: 31 hours**

### ***Beibei Lu – VP Marketing and Events***

#### **Report**

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting

Re: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

#### **Executive Summary of Work:**

##### **1. UMGSA 2016 Holiday Social event**

- UMGSA 2016 Holiday Social plan has been confirmed by the events committee. UMGSA 2016 Holiday Social follows after the UMGSA AGM (Jan 21), and was held in the HUB on campus as one of UMGSA's cooperated venue for social event. After the plan agreed by the events committee, VPME began to work on the detailed plan and booking/confirmation.
- Organizing:
  1. Venue booking and food order with the HUB. Referring to the snacks for the social and to cover the variety of attendance and meet the budget limitation, the food order plan has been discussed between VPME with the HUB manger for several times during several different meetings to final confirm all the details and price quote.
  2. Preparation and shopping for events, including prize preparation and supply purchase, decoration and other items. VPME prepared all the gift set for events.
  3. Meeting with the HUB manager for different options for social entertainment during the social.
  4. With supports from events committee members and executives, room arrangement, gifts and prizes preparation have been organized properly before the social started.
  5. Due to the time schedule with AGM (5:00-7:00) and social right after, VPME worked closely with cooperating preparing for AGM as well as coordinating social set up.
  6. Events promotion and marketing. Events posters have been designed and

printed to be sent out, be posted around UC and distributed through newsletter, Facebook. Due to computer damage, UMGSA website update cannot be made. Post-event promotion was arranged through social media and the Gradzette.

- After the event, follow up to collect feedbacks, wrap up the payment for the events, and prepare UMGSA 2016 Holiday social reports.
- 2016 UMGSA Holiday Social was held in light of welcoming all students back to start the new term, and also serves as a celebration for the new year of 2016. Since in December 2015, UMGSA successfully held two Christmas events, the 2016 Holiday Social is mainly for students who do not intend to celebrate Christmas, to better meet the variety needs of all graduate students from different cultural background.

## **2. UMGSA collaborates in the U of M winter orientation**

- Meeting and proposed by Student life, U of M 2016 winter orientation happen in Jan, 2016. UMGSA welcomed over 50 graduate students new to campus, with attending Student Life winter orientation and took a lead on the part referring to graduate students. A campus tour and a special session for graduate students have been held for new graduate students, UMGSA president and FGS associate dean made speech and highlighted UMGSA services, which have been brought in some new students for more information about UMGSA in the office afterwards.
- The feedbacks collected from the internal discussion and feedbacks collection with all executives and events committee members before the winter orientation has been best applied to the winter orientation by VPME. By attending all sessions including information session from ICS, Student Life welcome lunch, as well as leading campus tour and office open tour, VPME has promoted UMGSA and its mission to new students.
- Follow up meetings has been held in Feb talking about details of winter orientation, and how UMGSA will participate and take its role in the next year's winter orientation to make a better participation or taking leadership role.

## **3. Events committee : UMGSA social events**

- Events committee has been informed to be prepared to process another UMGSA student group approved according to the policy. UMGSA student club establishment has been confirmed as:
  - Events committee go through the application and approve according to policy
  - Events committee confirm with VPME
  - VPME have a follow up meeting with the applicant about the details
  - As confirmation, a certificate signed by UMGSA VPME will be sent to the group chair.
- Social events: Events committee has been contributing to UMGSA social preparation in a really closely-involved fashion. Due to the special features of holding social events, several active events committee members have been in touch and took on several tasks in regard to social organizing. January holiday social and February "I HEART" social are the main focus of the events committee to work on.

## **4. Fulfill the responsibilities of VPME**

- Newsletter update including hot issues about graduate students, general GSA news, upcoming scholarships and funding application, etc.
- Other regular update including UMGSA social media, etc.

- **Gradzette monthly update.** Media cooperation with the Gradzette for feature articles on UMGSA focused event. For January, the main tasks is updating with covering UMGSA election, and TEDXumanitoba cooperation follow up.
- Kept the office while office manager was away, answered the door, responding to requests from students.
- Before the UMGSA Jan events, confirm the venues, organize volunteers, confirm details and process events, prepare the entire gift set for events.
- After the UMGSA Jan social, follow up to collect feedbacks, wrap up the payment for the events, return all rental equipment, and prepare UMGSA social reports.
- Winter Orientation: great attendance and good feedbacks from the orientation. After follow up and discussion, UMGSA confirmed its participation in 2016 winter orientation.
- Due to the computer damage from UMGSA designing workload (not included in the VPME work portfolio), it got influenced for update on UMGSA website for events and info. It influence the working hours for VPME to arrange using computer with proper applications to work on some UMGSA related stuff.
- Work on co-curriculum record confirmation with UMGSA and Student Life.
- Support AGM promotion and help with the meeting preparation. Including coordinating media coverage and necessary support, AGM poster design, production and distribution, social media promotion, newsletter promotion, etc.
- TEDXumanitoba cooperation sponsorship follow up and confirmation with details that concerns VPME, including event promotion, sponsorship announcement, cooperated live feed session plan, as well as including UMGSA's general branding plan into the process of prompting TED event at best effort.
- Support IDRSC report and finish all the evaluation and report sessions.

### Executive Summary of Hours:

16-1-3	IDRSC REPORT	3
16-1-3	EXECUTIVE REPORTS-NOV/DEC	2
16-1-5	Winter orientation & Campus tour	5
16-1-6	Follow up student club	0.5
	Gradzette request to cover AGM & ELECTION	2
16-1-7	Office hour: Newsletter and office work	3
	Wrap-up Xmas event	2.5
	Prepare report for AGM	1
	Gradzette request to cover AGM & ELECTION follow up	1.5
16-1-8	AGM poster production, printing and distribution	5
	Follow up meeting on Winter orientation	1
	Contact HUB for social preparation	
	Meeting with HUB on UMGSA social	1
16-1-12	Office hour	2
	Co-curriculum record management & Student life	1
	Poster promote for AGM	1.5



16-1-13	Executive meeting	1
	Office hour: Newsletter and office work	2
	Order food , maintain the office	1
16-1-14	AGM promotion	1
16-1-18	UMGSA HOLIDAY SOCIAL ORGANIZING Meeting with HUB on UMGSA social	4.5 1
16-1-19	Holiday social shopping	2
16-1-20	Holiday social shopping Meeting with UMGSA student group application	1.5 1
16-1-21	AGM meeting	2
	Moved office hour	3
	UMGSA HOLIDAY SOCIAL	3.5
16-1-27	Miss executive meeting	
	Office hour: Newsletter and office work	2
	Council meeting	2
16-1-28	Social pic editing & social media upload	2
	Office hour: Newsletter and office work	2
16-1-29	Events committee meeting	1
	TED Talk sponsorship check	1
	TED Talk follow up	1
16-1-31	Shopping and preparing for social	2

Monthly Total	58
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## COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, AND BUSINESS MATTERS

### Meetings Attended:

Jan 6, 2016	Meeting with UMGSA student group application	0.5 hour
Jan 8, 2015	Follow up meeting with Student Life on winter orientation	1 hour
Jan 8, 2016	Meeting with HUB on UMGSA social	1 hour
Jan 13, 2016	Executive meeting	2 hours
Jan 18, 2016	Meeting with HUB on UMGSA social	1 hour
Jan 20, 2016	Meeting with UMGSA student group application	1 hour
Jan 21, 2016	UMGSA AGM	2 hours
Jan 27, 2016	UMGSA Council meeting	2 hours
Jan 29, 2015	UMGSA Event Committee meeting	1 hour

### Missing meeting:

Jan 27, 2015	UMGSA executive Committee meeting	missing
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**Time spent in meetings: 11.5 hours**

### Events Attended:

Jan 21, 2015 UMGSA holiday social 3.5 hours  
**Time spent in meetings and events: 3.5 hours**

**Office Hours:**

Wednesday: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm/12:00-2:00

Jan 5, Jan 12, Jan 20, Jan 27

**Time spent in office: 8 hours office hours + extra hours as listed**

**Additional Time:**

**Photography**

Photography for UMGSA holiday social and photo editing 4  
hours

**Graphic Design**

Graphic Design for UMGSA social events and AGM 4 hours

**Total time spent in Photography and Graphic Design: 8 hours**

**Total Hours Spent on UMGSA for Sept: 58 hours**

***Enoch A-iyeh – Vice President-External***

**Report**

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting

Re: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

**Executive Summary of Work:**

- My executive work in this period of reporting includes committee works and meetings, maintaining my regular office hours as well as extra office time
- I honored all my office hours and commitments promptly in addition to extra office time put in
- I kept my committee commitments
- Part of executive time in this period of reporting was spent on executive meetings
- Coordinating a possible information sharing of the University of Manitoba sustainability strategy with the graduate students
- Helping at the open house event of the Sustainability Committee
- Campaigns communications and meeting planning

**Executive Summary of Hours:**

1/12/2016	UMGSA-VPE office hours	4
1/13/2016	UMGSA executive committee meeting	2
1/13/2016	UMGSA-VPE extra office time	0.5
1/15/2016	Sustainability committee outreach meeting	1.5
1/15/2016	UMGSA-VPE extra office hours	0.5
1/19/2016	UMGSA-VPE office hours	3
1/21/2016	Students' IT experience committee meeting	2
1/21/2016	Sustainability committee open house volunteerism	1
1/21/2016	UMGSA Annual General meeting	2
1/21/2016	UMGSA-VPE extra office time	4.75
1/25/2016	UMGSA Finance committee meeting	1.5
1/26/2016	UMGSA-VPE office hours	3
1/27/2016	UMGSA executive meeting	1.5
1/27/2016	UMGSA-VPE extra office time	0.5
1/27/2016	UMGSA council meeting	2
1/27/2016	UMGSA New Year Social	3
1/29/2016	UPass meeting	3.5
1/29/2016	Events committee meeting	1
Monthly Total		37.25

## COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, AND BUSINESS MATTERS

### Meetings Attended:

January 13, 2016	Executive committee meeting	2
January 15, 2016	Sustainability committee outreach meeting	1.5
January 21, 2016	GSA Annual General meeting	1
January 21, 2016	Students' IT Experience committee meeting	2
January 25, 2016	Finance committee meeting	1.5
January 27, 2016	UMGSA Executive meeting	1
January 27, 2016	UMGSA Council	2
January 27, 2016	UMGSA New Year Social	3
January 29, 2016	UPass meeting	3.5
January 29, 2016	Events committee meeting	1

**Time spent in meetings:** 15.5 hours

### Meetings Cancelled:

No meetings were cancelled.

**Meetings Missed:**

No meetings were missed in this period of reporting.

**Office Hours:**

Tuesdays: 10:00AM - 12:00PM

**Time spent in the office:** 12.25 hours (Not Including Meetings or office hours)

**Total Hours Spent on UMGSA for January:** 37.25 hours

***Richard From – Executive at large***

**Report**

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting

Re: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

**Executive Summary of Work:**

- Initiated discussion on the topics for the UMGSA Annual General meeting to take place on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and assembled the relevant documents and reports into a formatted document package for the President
- Assembled executive reports and documents relevant to the UMGSA council meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Chaired the UMGSA Annual General meeting and UMGSA Council meeting
- Attended both the UMGSA internal committees where I am a non-voting resource member (Finance committee and Bylaws and Policy committee)
- Missed both UMGSA executive meetings this month as they were scheduled during Wednesday afternoons when I am teaching geology lab (GEOL)
- Finalized meeting minutes for the UMGSA executive meetings, annual general meeting and council meeting

**COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, AND BUSINESS MATTERS**

**Meetings Attended:**

January 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	UMGSA Bylaws and Policy committee	1.5 hours
January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	Annual General Meeting	2.5 hours
January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	UMGSA Finance committee	1.5 hours
January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Council Meeting	2.0 hours

**Time spent in meetings:** 7.5 hours

**Meetings Missed:**

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting

- Regrets were sent for both of these meetings as I have a schedule conflict on Wednesday afternoons as I am teaching assistant for a third year geology lab from 2:30-5:30.

**Other Activities:**

January 1-31 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	email correspondence	3.0 hours
January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	writing executive report	1.0 hour
January 6-8 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	collaborative brainstorming for Annual General meeting	1.5 hours
January 6-8 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	assembly of Annual General meeting document package	1.5 hours
January 7-13 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	reviewing and assembling incoming executive reports	0.5 hours
January 21-22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2016	preparation to chair the Annual General meeting	1.0 hours
January 26-27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	preparation to chair the monthly council meeting	0.5 hours
January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	UMGSA New Year Social event @ HUB	1.0 hour
January 13, 21, 27, 2016	ordering food for exec, AGM and council meetings	1.5 hours

**Office Hours:**

Thursdays @ 12pm - 2pm 8.0

**Total Hours Spent on UMGSA for January: 27.0 hours**

***Colin Graydon – VP Health Sciences***

**Report**

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting

Re: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

**Executive Summary of Work:**

- Assisted in planning and executing Distinguished lectureship event. This event was well attended, including the lunch which followed the event. I met with Asst. Dean Kroeger after the event to discuss. He had very positive things to say about the event. See HSGSA VP Academic and VP External executive reports for more information on this event.
- Offered orientation to students starting in January. Had 5 students say they would come, but only one attended. Still did a tour of campus and visited with student services.
- Organized and held HSGSA AGM. Were able to achieve quorum and pass all proposed

motions.

- Set up elections committee.

**Executive Summary of Hours:**

2016-01-05	Office hours, Email, Exec report collection	4
2016-01-06	Email and AGM prep	1.5
2016-01-07	Email, AGM prep, Distinguished lectureship dealings	4
2016-01-07	FHS Governance meeting - to decide participation on council	0.5
2016-01-07	Prep HSGSA Annual summary of activities for UMGSA AGM	1.25
2016-01-07	Distinguished Lecturer Committee Meeting	1
2016-01-08	AGM agenda Prep	1.5
2016-01-11	Office hours	2
2016-01-12	Bannatyne tour/orientation for new students	1.25
2016-01-12	HSGSA Exec Meeting	1.5
2016-01-13	Email and Distinguished lect. Prep	0.75
2016-01-13	UMGSA Exec Meeting (called in)	2
2016-01-14	Distinguished Lect. Breakfast	1.5
2016-01-14	Distinguished Lect. Misc.	3.5
2016-01-15	Council meeting and Elections committee Prep and email	3
2016-01-18	Office hours	2
2016-01-19	Council prep	1
2016-01-19	HSGSA Council	1.25
2016-01-21	FGS Exec Mtng	1
2016-01-21	UMGSA AGM and Social	4.5
2016-01-22	HSGSA AGM (including set up and take down)	2.5
2016-01-22	Meeting with Ed and Amanda on Dist. Lecturer visit	1
2016-01-22	Email	1
2016-01-25	Office Hours	2
2016-01-25	Industry Speakers talk from Med Micro Student Council	1.5
2016-01-26	Email	1.5
2016-01-27	UMGSA Elections meeting	1
2016-01-28	UMGSA Exec meeting	1.5
2016-01-29	HSGSA Elections meeting	1
2016-01-30	Email	1.5
Monthly Total		53.5

**COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, AND BUSINESS MATTERS**

**Meetings Attended:**

Jan, 7, 2016	FHS Governance meeting	0.5 hours
Jan, 7, 2016	Distinguished Lecturer Committee Meeting	1 hour
Jan, 12, 2016	HSGSA Exec Meeting	1.5 hour

Jan, 13, 2016	UMGSA Exec Meeting (called in)	2 hour
Jan, 19, 2016	HSGSA Council	1.25 hour
Jan, 21, 2016	FGS Exec Meeting	1 hour
Jan, 21, 2016	UMGSA AGM and Social	4.5 hour
Jan, 22, 2016	HSGSA AGM	2.5 hour
Jan, 22, 2016	Meeting with Asst. Dean Kroeger	1 hour
Jan, 25, 2016	Industry speakers talk from Med Micro Council	1.5 hour
Jan, 27, 2016	UMGSA Elections meeting	1 hour
Jan, 28, 2016	UMGSA Exec meeting	1.5 hour
Jan, 29, 2016	HSGSA Elections meeting	1 hour

**Time spent in meetings:** 20.25 hrs

**Meetings Cancelled:**

**Meetings Missed:**

**Office Hours:**

Monday: 11:00 - 13:00

**Time spent in the office:** 16 hrs

**Total Hours Spent on UMGSA for January:** 53.5 hrs

## ***Kathryn Marcynuk – Senator 1***

### **Report**

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting

Re: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

#### **Executive Summary of Work:**

I was available to address any graduate student concerns during my office hours as well as by email. I attended the Student Senate Caucus, Senate and Senate Executive meetings for January and reported back on these meetings to the GSA Executive.

During January I also took minutes at the January 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> GSA Executive meetings, making these available to the Exec-at-Large shortly thereafter.

Due to my new winter term schedule, my office hours were changed to be on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00am.

Due to the university closure over winter break there were fewer weeks to have office hours during December. I chose to reschedule my office hours from December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 because in the new year more students are typically at the university and might have questions about Senate. During the first week of the winter semester I did not hold office hours because my schedule was still in flux. The hours from that week will be made up in February.

## COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, AND BUSINESS MATTERS

### Meetings Attended:

January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Student Senate Caucus	1 hour
January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Senate	2 hours
January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	GSA Executive Meeting	2 hours
January 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Senate Executive	1 hour
January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	GSA AGM	4 hours
January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	GSA Executive Meeting	2 hours
January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	GSA Council Meeting	1 hour

**Time spent in meetings:** 13 hours

**Meetings Missed:** N/A

### Other Activities:

I spent a total of 0.5 hours outside of meetings and office hours on report preparation, answering emails, and organizing my Senator files.

### Office Hours:

Wednesdays: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Time spent in office hours:** 8 hours

**Total Hours Spent on UMGSA:** 21.5 hours

## *Gagan Sidhu – Senator 2*

### Report

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting

Re: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

### Executive Summary of Work:

In the month of January, I attended student senate caucus and senate meetings. Along with having regular office hours, I attended executive meetings, called in to an events committee meeting, and assisted in last minute preparations for the AGM.

## COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, AND BUSINESS MATTERS

### Meetings Attended:

January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Student Senate Caucus	1 hour
January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Senate Meeting	1.5 hours
January 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Executive Committee Meeting	1.5 hours





January 21 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	GSA AGM	2.5 hours
January 21 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	GSA Social	1.5 hours
January 22 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	HSGSA AGM	1.5 hours
January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Finance committee meeting	1.5 hours
January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	GSA Executive meeting	1.5 hours
January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	GSA Council	2.5 hours

**Time spent in meetings and events:** 12.5 hours

**Meetings Cancelled:**

Campaigns committee

**Meetings Missed:**

Senate meeting

Student senate caucus meeting

**Office Hours:**

Wednesdays: 11am -2pm

**Time spent in the office:** 6 hours

**Total hours spent on UMGSA for January:**

**18.5 hours**

**Senate Report from meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

Written by: Hadeesha Piyadasa

Reviewed by: Gagan Sidhu, Kathryn Marcynuk

To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba

Date: February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Re: February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 Senate Meeting

**Link to senate agenda:**

[http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/2016\\_02\\_03\\_Senate\\_Agenda.pdf](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/2016_02_03_Senate_Agenda.pdf)

**Link to senate minutes:** Not available at this time

**CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES – FEBRUARY 2016**

**Bachelor of Science in Food sciences**

Four students did not complete the written English requirement due to an advising error. Have completed all other requirements. Requesting for degree to be granted notwithstanding.

**Bachelor of Social Work**

Forced to withdraw from mathematics requirement due to illness. Have completed all other requirements. Requesting for degree to be granted notwithstanding.

Motion carried.

## **MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION**

### **Report of the Senate Committee on Awards**

The following new awards for graduate students were approved:

- Dr. Kenneth Clark Travel Award in Nursing
- Dr. Kenneth Clark Travel Award in Plant Science
- Renate Eigenbrod Bursary (Native studies)
- Roos Prize for Best Publication in Population Health

Full descriptions of the new and modified awards can be found on pages 5-11 of the Senate Agenda.

### **Annual Report of the University Discipline Committee**

The administration reported that there is noticeable involvement of inappropriate collaborating and increase in plagiarism claims this year. These trends of increased plagiarism are seen across North American and around the world. This was attributed to increase surveillance and the committee employing different methods to identify plagiarism.

There was much debate regarding monitoring plagiarism. The debate was initiated by Radhika Desai from faculty of arts. She requested a breakdown of data on faculty basis so they can put more effort into preventing it.

There was also debate about implementing plagiarism software to be available to students. However they would have to consult with the budget and type of programs available for this.

### **Annual Report on the Operations of the International Page 141 College of Manitoba, September 2014 to August 2015**

*“The International College of Manitoba (ICM) delivers pathway programs for international students who would not normally qualify for direct entry to the University of Manitoba (UM).*

*ICM students complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of university studies in a supportive environment that includes small class sizes, extended teaching hours, and additional learning assistance before transferring to UM with appropriate GPA of 2.0. ICM’s intensive learning experience familiarizes students with Canadian university teaching styles, academic expectations, writing standards, and English language usage. Students also receive help in adapting to the Canadian culture and the University’s teaching and learning environment. The program helps students who are far from friends and family, and who are often living on their own for the first time, to build the supportive social networks that are necessary for success in postsecondary studies.”*

There was some debate regarding the fees that ICM pays to the university and how the courses taught by the ICM is checked for plagiarism.

Detailed report can be found in page 141- 159 of the senate agenda.

**Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Review**  
**RE: Undergraduate and Graduate Program Reviews**

*“The Committee considered summaries of nine graduate program reviews, including Animal Science; Biochemistry and Medical Genetics; Computer Science; Human Anatomy and Cell Sciences; Immunology; Kinesiology and Recreation Management; Medical Rehabilitation; Pharmacology and Therapeutics; Religion (M.A., JMP).”*

This report is not available to the senate. There was a request on the floor to it to be made available. The committee chair on academic review will take this request to the committee.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Highlights of written Report as found on pages 170-180

- The University of Manitoba is proud to support a Syrian refugee student in January 2016. The University
- Andrea Charron, political studies, was named to the Department of National Defence’s Defence Advisory Board.
- Two first-year Health Sciences medical students organized a faculty-wide dodgeball tournament and raised \$2,800 in support of Syrian refugees in a Lebanese refugee camp
- The 2015 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships were announced in November, with the University of Manitoba receiving a record four awards. The recipients of these prestigious awards are: Chigbo Arthur Anyaduba (English, Film and Theatre); Ifeanyi D. Nwachukwu (Human Nutritional Sciences); Michael Becker (Biological Sciences); and Jonathan Challis (Chemistry).
- To date, we have raised \$374,486,846 towards our \$500 million goal for the Front and Centre campaign
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**QUESTION PERIOD** - none

**REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES OF SENATE, FACULTY AND SCHOOL COUNCILS**

**Reports of the Senate Committee on Academic Dress**

The Senate Committee on Academic Dress recommends:

- That Senate approve the Indigenous graduation stole presented to First Nation, Métis and Inuit students at the Annual Traditional Graduation Pow Wow as an acceptable addition to the academic regalia worn by graduands at convocation.
- That Senate approve a stole for the Diploma in Population Health, which is bougainvillea (dark lavender) in colour with a drizzle (grey) chevron.

Motion carried.

### **Report of the Senate Committee on Appeals RE: Recommendation to Change the Composition of the Committee**

These are the recommendations that the committee has put forward to improve the flexibility.

*“Four (4) undergraduate students from different Faculties or Schools and two (2) graduate students nominated by the Senate Committee on Nominations and appointed by Senate 8. One (1) academic member appointed by Université de Saint-Boniface and one (1) student appointed by Université de Saint-Boniface”*

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

David Collins spoke briefly about the VW policy discussed in the last senate meeting. He admitted it was not as simple as they envisioned at first but talks are underway with UMSU to come to an agreement.

The university does not want students to prefer VW over repeating courses. The administration is planning on proposing a solution hopefully by the next senate meeting.

### **APPENDIX I – Report on the UMGSA website updates and domain changeover**

Written by: Rich From  
 Reviewed by: Kristjan Mann  
 To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba  
 Re: Response to MOTION from January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 UMGSA Council meeting

Dear Councillors,

The following MOTION was passed at the last council meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**BIRT the Bylaws and Policies posted on the UMGSA Website be updated to reflect the changes passed by the UMGSA Council throughout this executive term, including but not limited to those passed on May 27, Sept 23, & Nov 25, 2015, and that this update be complete before the nomination period for the 2016 UMGSA executive election begins.**

While this motion calls for updated documents to be uploaded to the UMGSA website, this has simply not been possible with the issues we have been having with our website, specifically with the current service provider.

If I may elaborate, we are currently with *NETFIRMS* for website hosting service and trouble with them “locking us out” of our own site and asking for money to “unlock” the site for us due to the existence of “corrupted files” or “malware” issues prompted us to switch over to the *GREENGEEKS* service providers several months ago.

We are very excited about our new relationship with *GREENGEEKS* and in fact our website is now in the preliminary staging period before going live. *GREENGEEKS* is both cheaper and follows several environmental initiatives around their business that the UMGSA Is committed to supporting.

Unfortunately, during this important UMGSA election and campaigning period, *NETFIRMS* has locked us out of our site once again and we are unable to access it to upload new files (for the last several weeks). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause however, we have printed out paper copies of the updated Policy manuals that are pending upload to the website and are available in the UMGSA office. These include:

-Committee Policy and Procedure UPDATED May 27th, 2015 council:

-Executive Policy and Procedure UPDATED Sept 23rd, 2015 council:

-Statement of Investment Policy ACCEPTED Sept 23rd, 2015 council:

-Elections Policy and Procedure UPDATED Nov 25, 2015 council:

-Bylaws UPDATED Jan 21, 2016 AGM:

This website issues has been a significant and ongoing issue for the UMGSA executive team for almost a year now. However, with our new service provider up and running we are putting the finishing touches on the staging website and we are very excited to be going live with *GREENGEEKS* within the next month and we thank you for bearing with us.

Sincerely,

Rich From  
Executive at Large

Kristjan Mann  
President