

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020 - 5:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order (5:31pm)

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 September 23rd, 2020 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

NRI / HSGSA President (Carried)

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the August 26th, 2020 UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the August 26th, 2020 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

UMGSA President / HSGSA President (Carried)

5. Committee Reports

5.1. August Committee Reports (Appendix II)

There was a brief discussion here about how we should try purchasing local gift cards for upcoming social media events in order to support small businesses during COVID-19.

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. August HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

7. Senate Report

7.1. August Senate Report (Appendix IV)

8. Executive Reports

8.1. August Executive Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.1. Funding for U-Pass Subsidy from Conference Grant Budget Line: This year we have saved \$69 705.00 from the start of Covid-19 until August from not distributing conference grants. During this time, we have only spent \$750.00 from the conference grant budget. Considering this, and the cancellation of the U-Pass for the Fall term it was discussed that we should spend a portion of this money to subsidize the purchase of bus passes by graduate students. At \$78.00 per subsidy – the difference between the U-Pass and a four-month post-secondary transit pass – for 500 students we propose that we move \$39 000.00 from the conference grant budget to this subsidy. If we proceed, FGS has committed to matching our contribution, which would allow us to subsidize bus passes for up to 1000 graduate students.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the use of \$39 000.00 from the conference grant budget line for the subsidizing of bus passes for up to 500 graduate students.

After a lengthy discussion Council concluded that they were concerned with the way the submissions would be evaluated, and given how much money was on the line, would like to see any forms used to evaluate student submissions for the subsidy before moving forward with it. We agreed to approve the use of the money in order to be able to negotiate with FGS and commit to moving forward.

Friendly Amendment to the MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the use of up to \$39 000.00 from the conference grant budget line for the subsidizing of bus passes for up to 500 graduate students (at \$78.00/per student) with the requirement that, the UMGSA Council first approves any forms used to evaluate submissions for the subsidy.

UMGSA Executive Committee (Carried, 2 abstentions)

11.2. Funding for International Student Quarantine Plan: The University of Manitoba has set up a quarantine plan for International Students coming to Manitoba for school. They have requested that the UMGSA contributes \$1000.00 to the implementation of this plan in order to make it less costly for incoming graduates.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the contribution of \$1000.00 to the University of Manitoba's International Student Quarantine Plan.

UMGSA Executive Committee (Carried, 1 abstention)

12. Announcements

12.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 28th, 2020 - 5:30PM - Zoom

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

13. Adjournment (6:27pm)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance
September 23, 2020

<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	Absent
Human Nutritional Sciences	Luis Codero-Monroy	Absent
Plant Science	Nathaniel (Nate) Ort (Co-Councillors) Madison McCausland	Absent
Soil Science	Claudia Quilesfogel-Esparza (Co-Councillors) Jess Nicksy	Claudia Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Emily Jones	Absent
City Planning	Justin Grift (Co-Councillors) Dom Camps	Dom Present
Interior Design	Ethan Loewen	Absent
<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	Sent Regrets
Psychology	Nicolas Brais (Co-Councillors) Lauren Kaminski	Absent
Sociology & Criminology	Labe Songose	Present
<i>Management</i>		
Asper School - Master of Finance	Evelyn Zhang	Absent
Management – MBA Interdisciplinary	Abhinandan Khansali	Present
<i>Education</i>		

Education - PhD	Golnaz Shirzadi	Sent Proxy: Gustavo Moura
Educ - Admin, Foundations & Psych.	Rebecca Balakrishnan	Present
Education - Curriculum, Teaching & Learn	Mousume Akhter Flora	Present
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Debarati Nath	Present
Civil Engineering	Parvin Berenjkar	Absent
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat	Absent
Biosystems Engineering	Mujibur Rahman (Co-Councillors) Olayinka Folorunsho	Both Present
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Agoston (Ago) Fischer (Co-Councillors) Patricia Montalvo-Rodriguez	Both Present
Geological Sciences	Aaron Kilmury	Absent
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	Absent
Law		
Nursing		
Nursing	Kim Sefton (Outgoing Councillor) Jessica Meilleur & Brittany Silverstein (Incoming Co-Councillors)	All Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Emma Rempel	Present
Chemistry	Scott Legare	Absent
Computer Science	Kimia Shadkami	Present
Mathematics	YG Liang	Absent
Microbiology	Abdul-Rahman Adamu Bukari	Absent
Physics & Astronomy	Kyle Monkman	Present
CUPE3909		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	Absent
Indigenous Engagement		
Guests		