

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 28th, 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

Ammendment:

The UMGSA President added two points to the agenda:

11.2 U-Pass Subsidy Form

11.3 UMFA Collective Barganing

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the agenda for the October 28th, 2020 UMGSA Council Meeting as amended.

Nursing / Applied Health Sciences (Motion Carried)

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the September 23rd, 2020 UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the September 23rd, 2020 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

NRI / Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt. (Motion Carried)

5. Committee Reports

5.1. September Committee Reports (Appendix II)

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. September HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

7. Senate Report

7.1. September Senate Report (Appendix IV)

8. Executive Reports

8.1. September Executive Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.1. Revising the section on Standing Committees in the Governance and Operations

Manual: Refining the terms of reference for internal committees will prevent ambiguity in the mandates of internal committees. The goal is to pay close attention to the Membership section of each standing committee.

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

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the changes made to the Membership section on Standing Committees in the Governance and Operations Manual.

UMGSA Bylaws and Policy Committee (Motion Carried)

11.2. U-Pass Subsidy Forms: FGS has provided us with forms for the UMGSA/FGS U-Pass Subsidy.

Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt. noted that there was a typo in the title of the form. This was amended.

The HSGSA President noted we should ask in the form whether the student is at Bannatyne & St. Boniface or Fort Garry.

It was noted that we should add examples of sufficient ‘proof’, such as screenshots, recipients etc.

11.3. Collective Bargaining Agreement UMFA: UMFA recently release a FAQ http://www.umfa.ca/images/pdfs/UMFA_STRIKE_VOTE_FAQ_STUDENTS_2020_FINAL.pdf which put out a call for students to ask UMGSA to support UMFA in the event that they strike.

There was a long discussion on how to inform students about the potential UMFA strike action and what stance to take. UMSU requested that we sign on a letter with them which stayed notably neutral but urged the university and UMFA to continue to bargain. It was noted by some members that the UMSU letter was not supportive enough of UMFA.

We decided to write our own letter, and that the UMGSA President, Senator 2 and VPA would spearhead this task. The draft letter would then be sent out to the UMGSA Councillors between 12 and 5pm the next day to give them an opportunity to propose edits. We concluded that the letter should note that the UMGSA Council supports binding arbitration between the University Administration and UMFA. The following motion was proposed:

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA writes and sends out an informative letter independently of UMSU to graduate students on October 29th, 2020 which states that the UMGSA is aware of the communications between UMFA and University Administration (link to UMFA FAQ) regarding the collective bargaining, and which formally supports bargaining in good faith, and in particular, arbitration.

Senator 2 / Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt. (Motion Carried, 1 abstention)

12. Announcements

12.1. Town Hall: Wednesday, November 18th, 2020-5PM – Zoom

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

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

13. Adjournment (7:24pm)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance

October 28, 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 <i>Left at 19:00, Chair to Julia</i>
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	Damla Oz	Damla Present
Animal Science	Daphne McKnight (Co-Councillors) Bingqi Dong	Daphne Present
Biosystems Engineering	Mujibur Rahman (Co-Councillors) Olayinka Folorunsho	Both Present
Entomology	Joel Gardner	Present
Food Science	Susane Trevisan	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Luis Codero-Monroy	Present
Plant Science	Jacob Kolody (Co-Councillors) Sampa Sarker	Sampa Present
Soil Science	Claudia Quilesfogel-Esparza (Co-Councillors) Kody Oleson	Claudia Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Emily Jones	Absent
City Planning	Jakub Marshall (Co-Councillors)	Dom Present

	Dom Camps	
Interior Design	Symrath Bali	Present
Arts		
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Amy-Leigh Gray	Present
History	Cara Ginter	Present
Linguistics	Tasheney Francis	Absent
Political Studies & Public Administration	Eric Gagnon	Present
Psychology	Nicolas Brais (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	Reegan Present
Sociology & Criminology	Jihad (Rosty) Othman	Present
Management		
Asper School - Master of Finance	Evelyn Zhang	Absent
Management – MBA Interdisciplinary	Abhinandan Khansali	Present
Education		
Education - PhD	Golnaz Shirzadi	Absent
Educ - Admin, Foundations & Psych.	Rebecca Balakrishnan	Present
Education - Curriculum, Teaching & Learn	Mousume Akhter Flora	Absent
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Debarati Nath	Absent
Civil Engineering	Parvin Berenjkar	Present
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat	Absent
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Agoston (Ago) Fischer (Co-Councillors) Patricia Montalvo-Rodriguez	Ago Present
Geological Sciences	Aaron Kilmury	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Michael Bagamery	Present
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Kevin Boreskie (Co-Councillors) Zach Henderson	Both Present
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Ganesh Tailor (Co-Councillors) Olivia Tefft	Both Present
Law		
Nursing		
Nursing	Jessica Meilleur & Brittany Silverstein (Incoming Co-Councillors)	Both Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Emma Rempel	Present
Chemistry	Scott Legare	Absent

Computer Science	Kimia Shadkami	Absent
Mathematics	YG Liang	Absent
Microbiology	Abdul-Rahman Adamu Bukari	Absent
Physics & Astronomy	Kyle Monkman	Present
<i>CUPE3909</i>		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	Absent
<i>Indigenous Engagement</i>		
<i>Guests</i>		
NRI	Brendan Middel	Present