

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 27th, 2021 - 5:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order (5:38pm)

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 November 25th, 2020 UMGSA Council Meeting as amended.

Nursing/History (Carried)

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the November 25th, 2020 UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the October 28th, 2020 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

NRI/Kin & Rec Mnmgt (Carried)

5. Committee Reports

5.1. November & December Committee Reports (Appendix II)

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. November & December HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

7. Senate Report

7.1. November & December Senate Report (Appendix IV)

8. Executive Reports

8.1. November & December Executive Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

9.1. NRI: UMGSA Response to Protection of Critical Infrastructure Act. The Progressive Conservative provincial government has introduced Bill 57 (the "Protection of Critical Infrastructure Act") for first reading and the government's refusal to release the text of the bill to the opposition parties and the public is a troubling sign for the state

of democracy in Manitoba. The title of the bill is close to Alberta's "Critical Infrastructure Defence Act", which legal experts from the University of Calgary argue are probably illegal. Alberta's Critical Infrastructure Defence Act and Manitoba's Protection of Critical Infrastructure Act are likely reactions to the Wet'suwet'en land defence actions of early 2020. More information can be found here: <https://ablawg.ca/2020/06/09/protests-matter-a-charter-critique-of-albertas-bill-1/>

NRI would like to propose that the UMGSA further investigate its role with respect to this bill. NRI would like to welcome any interested members to a Zoom meeting on Thursday night.

10. Unfinished Business

10.1. Confirmation of the UMGSA Election and Referendum Ad-Hoc Committee for the 2021 UMGSA General Election: The UMGSA Elections and Referendum Committee needs 5-7 graduate student representatives. The following students have volunteered for appointment to the committee:

1. Sonia Wilson
2. Michael Campbell
3. Trung Nguyen
4. Ursula Chojko-Bolec
5. Mike Bagamery

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the above appointments of graduate students to the UMGSA Elections and Referendum Committee.

History / Environment & Geography (Carried)

Senator-2, VPFA, VPA, UMGSA Present, NRI & HSGSA President Abstain.

10.2. Approval of BDO as the 2020/2021 Financial Auditors: The 2020/2021 auditors Must be approved and the UMGSA sees no reason to discontinue its relationship with BDO.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council agrees to use BDO's service for the UMGSA's audit of 2020/2021

UMGSA Executive Committee (Carried)

11. New Business

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

Operations Manual: The ethical purchasing section in the Governance Manual has not been revised in a long time. Revising this section will ensure clarity and the UMGSA's position when dealing with external sources. As a result, some parts of this section has been revised to clearly outline the position of the UMGSA with regards to ethics, when working or purchasing from external sources

The proposed wording is included – with highlights emphasizing the changes – as Appendix VI of these Council Documents.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the proposed wording of Article XVIII: Ethical Purchasing of the Governance and Operations Manual.
UMGSA Bylaws and Policy Committee (Carried)

11.2. Revision of the UMGSA Budget for 2021: During the May 2020 Council meeting, the VPFA presented the 2020/2021 UMGSA Budget for Council’s approval and informed Council that an updated budget will be presented in the new year for approval. The rationale for this was that by the new year, we would have had a clear indication of the budget we are working with.

An updated budget with some changes to reflect a more realistic budget is included as Appendix VII to these Council Documents.

Bill noted that Nora should Subscribe the Budget.

MOTION: BIRT UMGSA Council approves the updated 2020/2021 UMGSA Budget
UMGSA Executive Committee (Carried)

11.3. Confirmation of the Sedem Kumahor as the CRO and Shyam Moorthi as the DRO for the 2021-2022 UMGSA Elections: The UMGSA Ad Hoc Selections Committee received 8 applications for the position of CRO and DRO – this is in line with the 7 applications received the previous year. The Selections Committee, Chaired by Divya Negi met, interviewed the top candidates, and selected the ones presented above for the roles.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council appoints Sedem Kumahor as the CRO and Shyam Moorthi as the DRO for the 2021-2022 UMGSA Elections
UMGSA Selections Committee (Carried)
Senator2, VPFA, VPA, UMGSA President & HSGSA President Abstain

12. Announcements

12.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, January 27th, 2021 - 5:30PM - Zoom

12.2. Consent Culture Workshop (BITB): Monday, January 25th, 2021 - 5:00/8PM – Zoom

13. Adjournment (6:30pm)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance		January 27, 2021
<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	Damla Oz	Absent
Animal Science	Daphne McKnight	Absent
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	Absent
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	Zahra Sharifi (Co-Councillors) Alix Lacerna	Alix Present
City Planning	Jakub Marshall (Co-Councillors) Dom Camps	Dom Present
Interior Design	Symrath Bali	Present
Landscape Architecture	Christopher Speirs	Present
<i>Arts</i>		
Anthropology	Olajumoke Olalere	Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Amy-Leigh Gray	Present
History	Cara Ginter	Present
Linguistics	Oluwakemi Kolapo	Absent
Political Studies & Public Administration	Divya Negi	Jessica Drakul - Proxy
Psychology	Nicolas Brais (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	Reegan Present
Sociology & Criminology	Jihad (Rosty) Othman	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	Present
Educ - Admin, Foundations & Psych.	Rebecca Balakrishnan	Absent
Education - Curriculum, Teaching & Learn	Mousume Akhter Flora	Present
<i>Engineering</i>		

Biomedical Engineering	Debarati Nath	Present
Civil Engineering	Parvin Berenjkar	Present
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat	Present
<i>Environment, Earth & Resources</i>		
Environment & Geography	Agoston (Ago) Fischer (Co-Councillors) Patricia Montalvo-Rodriguez	Ago Present
Geological Sciences	Aaron Kilmury	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Michael Bagamery & Brendan Middel (Co-Councillors)	Present
<i>Graduate Studies</i>		
Applied Health Sciences	Kevin Boreskie (Co-Councillors) Zach Henderson	Kevin Present
<i>Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.</i>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Ganesh Tailor (Co-Councillors) Olivia Tefft	Both Present
<i>Law</i>		
<i>Nursing</i>		
Nursing	Jessica Meilleur & Brittany Silverstein (Co-Councillors)	Jessica Present
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Emma Rempel	Present
Chemistry	Scott Legare	Present
Computer Science	Kimia Shadkani	Present
Microbiology	Dustin Maydaniuk	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Kyle Monkman	Present
<i>CUPE3909</i>		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	Absent
<i>Indigenous Engagement</i>		
<i>Guests</i>		