

## **UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 UMGSA Council Meeting.**

*HSGSA President / NRI*

#### **4. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Political Science and Public Admin. / Mathematics (Carried)*

#### **5. Committee Reports**

##### **5.1. January Committee Reports (Appendix II)**

**5.1.1.** Kinesiology and Recreation requested that the executive obtain financial records on the bursaries from the administration to see how much money they really have been giving back. Specifically, what percentage is Alumni donations and what percentage is from the U of M.

**5.1.2.** The UMGSA President will update council on how many students receive the Pandemic Relief fund from the U of M.

#### **6. HSGSA Report**

##### **6.1. January HSGSA Report (Appendix III)**

#### **7. Senate Report**

##### **7.1. February Senate Report (Appendix IV)**

## 8. Executive Reports

8.1. January Executive Reports (Appendix V)

## 9. Departmental Reports

9.1. **NRI Report:** The NRI is having a talk hosted by the councillors hosted tomorrow morning. It's something that other departments could emulate.

## 10. Unfinished Business

### 10.1. Ratification of the E-mail vote to approve the proposed changes to the Election and Referendum Manual

Revisions to The UMGSA Elections and Referendum Manual were passed by e-mail vote on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The changes were all made in order to move the process for the UMGSA Elections online during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council ratifies the results of the e-mail vote from February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 approving the changes to the UMGSA Elections and Referendum Manual.**

*NRI / Nursing (Carried)*

*Senator 2, VPFA, President, VPA, HSGSA President Abstains*

## 11. New Business

11.1. **Bursaries for Graduate Students:** The University Administration communicated with the UMGSA President to forward ten names from the graduate students community to provide bursaries. On this note, UMGSA President Silvia Sekander sent out an email to the students to collect information on this. She received 437 responses. UMGSA executives discussed about helping these students using the money from UMGSA conference budget line.

**BIRT: the UMGSA Council allocates \$43 700.00 from the conference grant budget line to provide students with bursaries.**

*Applied Health Sciences / Kin and Rec. (Carried)*

11.2. **Sustainability Lands:** The sustainability committee met last week. There are sustainability awards available to graduate students, people should apply for them next year. If anyone has strong feelings about the University Southwood lands, e-mail Bill at Senator2@umgsa.org.

11.3. **March Council Meeting:** According to the UMGSA Election and Referendum Manual, the UMGSA must approve the results of the 2021/22 UMGSA Election at the March meeting. Given the election schedule, we will not have enough time to process the results for the March meeting. However, March has 5 weeks. The UMGSA executive would like to request that council move the March meeting to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**BIRT: the UMGSA Council move the March council meeting to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

*VPSS / Senator 1 (Carried)*

*Senator 2, VPFA, President, VPA, HSGSA President Abstains*

## 12. Announcements

**12.1. Next Council Meeting:** March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**12.2. Consent Culture Workshop (BITB):** March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 - 5:00/8:00PM via Zoom and March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – 1:00/4:00PM via Zoom.

**12.3. MITACS Announcement – Senator 2:** North Forge is an entrepreneurial incubator, there is a partnership between MITACS and this incubator. If anyone has research that could become commercial, talk to MITACS! There’s lots of Federal money going into these.

**12.4. Pedestrian, Cycling and Network Plans Announcement – Senator 2:** The Dean of Riddell Faculty has monthly talks, the last one was about the cycling plans for the campus. If anyone wants to advocate for active transportation.

## 13. Adjournment (7:07pm)

### UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance

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<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Silvia Sekander	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Nora Ampomah	Present
VP Academic	Rubel Chandra Talukder	Present
VP Services & Support	Etinosa Osemwota	Present
HSGSA President	Akshi Malik	Present
Senator1	Akeem Azeez	Present
Senator2	Bill Dowie	Present
Chairperson (No Vote)	Kavisha Manoj Mehta	Present
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Gov & Comm Coordinator, Minute Taker (No Vote)	Julia Minarik	Present
<b><i>Agric &amp; Food Science</i></b>		
Agribusiness & Agric Economics	Damla Oz	<b>Absent</b>
Animal Science	Daphne McKnight	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Mujibur Rahman (Co-Councillors) Olayinka Folorunsho	Both Present
Entomology	Joel Gardner	Present
Food Science	Susane Trevisan	<b>Sent Regrets</b>
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	Cody Present
<b><i>Architecture</i></b>		
Architecture	Zahra Sharifi (Co-Councillors) Alix Lacerna	Alix Present

City Planning	Jakub Marshall (Co-Councillors) Dom Camps	<b>Absent</b>
Interior Design	Symrath Bali	<b>Absent</b>
Landscape Architecture	Christopher Speirs	Present
<b>Arts</b>		
Anthropology	Olajumoke Olalere	<b>Absent</b>
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Amy-Leigh Gray	Present
History	Cara Ginter	Present
Linguistics	Oluwakemi Kolapo	<b>Absent</b>
Political Studies & Public Administration	Divya Negi	Present
Psychology	Nicolas Brais (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	Reegan Present
Sociology & Criminology	Jihad (Rosty) Othman	Present
<b>Management</b>		
Asper School - Master of Finance	Evelyn Zhang	<b>Absent</b>
Management – MBA Interdisciplinary	Abhinandan Khansali	Present
<b>Education</b>		
Education - PhD	Golnaz Shirzadi	<b>Absent</b>
Educ - Admin, Foundations & Psych.	Rebecca Balakrishnan	<b>Absent</b>
Education - Curriculum, Teaching & Learn	Mousume Akhter Flora	Present
<b>Engineering</b>		
Biomedical Engineering	Debarati Nath	Present
Civil Engineering	Parvin Berenjkar	Present <i>Late 6:00</i>
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Abolfazl Babaei (Co-Councillors) Amirmasoud Amirkabiri	Abolfazl Present
<b>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</b>		
Environment & Geography	Agoston (Ago) Fischer (Co-Councillors) Patricia Montalvo-Rodriguez	Both Present
Geological Sciences	Aaron Kilmury	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Michael Bagamery & Brendan Middel (Co-Councillors)	Mike Present
<b>Graduate Studies</b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Kevin Boreskie (Co-Councillors) Zach Henderson	Zach Present
<b>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</b>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Ganesh Tailor (Co-Councillors) Olivia Tefft	Both Present
<b>Law</b>		
<b>Nursing</b>		

Nursing	Jessica Meilleur & Brittany Silverstein (Co-Councillors)	Jessica Present
<b>Science</b>		
Biological Sciences	Emma Rempel	<b>Sent Regrets</b>
Chemistry	Scott Legare	Present
Computer Science	Kimia Shadkami	Present
Mathematics	YG Liang	Present
Microbiology	Dustin Maydaniuk	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Kyle Monkman	Present
<b>CUPE3909</b>		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Indigenous Engagement</b>		
<b>Guests</b>		