

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 25th, 2021 - 5:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order (5:32pm)

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 August 25, 2021 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

AMMEDMENT: BIRT The UMGSA Council add a discussion of the proposal from bylaws and policy that an Ad Hoc External Relations Fund be created.

Computer Science / Applied Health Sciences
Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the May 26th, 2021 UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the May 26, 2021 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

NRI / Economics
Carried

5. Committee Reports

5.1. May, June & July Committee Reports (Appendix II)

5.1.1. There was a question about the ELC subsidy. There are 40 subsidies available for classes from ELC for graduate students. It was suggested that once the cap is hit, we should send out another e-mail to inform people that the subsidy has been used up.

5.1.2. It was mentioned that the ERF should report to council in November about their changes for the AGM.

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. May, June & July HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

6.1.1. Bill noted some corrections and thanked the HSGSA for their work during

COVID-19.

7. Senate Report

7.1. May & June Senate Reports (Appendix IV)

7.1.1. Every second week the UMGSA meets with the COVID-19 Relief Steering Committee if you have any concerns send them to Bill Senator2@umgsa.org !

7.1.1.1. Kyle asked a great question: does compassionate grading apply to unsatisfactory progress reports? No one was sure. This question will be brought to the steering committee.

7.1.1.2. Will compassionate grading continue for the next year?

8. Executive Reports

8.1. May, June & July Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

9.1. Kimia from Computer Science is the communications assistant at the Faculty of Science and they would love to promote your research if you are in Science! Please reach out to me at kimia.shadkami@umanitoba.ca

10. Unfinished Business

10.1. Sustainability Updates

10.1.1. The North campus lands will become a housing development, so any ideas for designing that area, or sustainability concerns.

10.1.2. Bill will follow up about a campus sustainability workshop in Septemeber open to others?

11. New Business

11.1. **Ratification of the new GCC:** The UMGSA appointed a new Governance and Communications Coordinator Ore Joda over the summer. The appointed applicant was unable to fulfil her contract. The selections committee reconvened in early August and decided to appoint the next applicant in line from the original call: Willow Josephson.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the appointment of Willow Josephson as the new UMGSA GCC

*UMGSA Selections Committee
Carried.*

11.2. **Ratification of the membership of the External Relations Fund Committee:** The membership of the External Relations Fund Committee was approved via e-mail vote on June 17th, 2021 with the following motion:

MOTION: BIRT the following graduate students be appointed to the External Relations Fund Committee for the 2021/22 Term:

UMGSA Bylaws and Policy Committee

1. Douglas James Bear Jr – Faculty of Arts
2. Dihogo de Matos – Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management
3. Shi Xiang Wang – Asper School of Business

4. Ankit Borgohain – Faculty of Engineering
5. Shreya Dhume – Rady Faculty of Health Sciences
6. Dane Monkman – Faculty of Arts
7. Chetan Patil – Rady Faculty of Health Sciences
8. Liujun Chen – Rady Faculty of Health Sciences
9. Albert Boakye – Faculty of Education

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council ratifies the above e-mail vote confirming the membership of the External Relations Fund Committee

UMGSA Bylaws and Policy Committee

Carried

12. Announcements

12.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021 - 5:30PM – Zoom

12.2. Committee Positions to be filled: See the list that was sent out with these council documents. Some committee positions for FGS still need to be filled and can be filled by councillors. If you are interested please contact Silvia at pres@umgsa.org

12.3. Consent Culture Workshops: Look out for an e-mail about these.

12.4. Septemeber Newsletter: If anyone has anything they want to share e-mail gcc@umgsa.org

Adjournment (6:41pm)

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	Golnaz Shirzadi	Present
HSGSA President	Akshi Malik	Present
Senator1	AKM Monsurul Alam	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	Present
Animal Science	Daphne McKnight	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Mujibur Rahman	Present
Entomology	Joel Gardner	Absent
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	Kody Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Alix Lacerna	Present
City Planning	Jakub Marshall	Absent
Interior Design	Symrath Bali	Absent
Landscape Architecture	Christopher Speirs	Present
<i>Arts</i>		
Anthropology	Olajumoke Olalere	Absent
Economics	Michael Apata (Co - Councillors) Shantanu Debbarmar	Michael Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Amy-Leigh Gray	Present
History	Cara Ginter	Present
Linguistics	Oluwakemi Kolapo	Present
Political Studies & Public Administration	Divya Negi	Present
Psychology	Reegan McCheyne	Sent Regrets
Sociology & Criminology	Jihad (Rosty) Othman	Present
<i>Management</i>		
Asper School - Master of Finance	Evelyn Zhang	Absent
Management PhD & MSc	Jingnan Li (Co-Councillors) Zhe Shen	Zhe Present
Management – MBA Interdisciplinary	Abhinandan Khansali	Absent
<i>Education</i>		
Education - PhD	Ahmad Zirak Ghazani	Present
Education - Administration	Abiola Olowolagba	Absent
Education - Curriculum, Teaching & Learn	Mousume Akhter Flora	Present
<i>Engineering</i>		
Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh (Co- Councillors) Mohammad Hodaei	Farinaz Present
Civil Engineering	Parvin Berenjkari	Absent
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Abolfazl Babaei (Co-Councillors) Amirmasoud Amirkabiri	Amirmasoud Present
<i>Environment, Earth & Resources</i>		
Environment & Geography	Agoston (Ago) Fischer (Co-Councillors) Patricia Montalvo-Rodriguez	Both Present
Geological Sciences	Aaron Kilmury	Sent Regrets
Natural Resources Institute	Michael Bagamery Brendan Middel (Co-Councillors)	Mike Present
<i>Graduate Studies</i>		

Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier (Co-Councillors) Banke Oketola	Brenda Present
<i>Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.</i>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Ganesh Tailor (Co-Councillors) Olivia Tefft	Olivia Present
<i>Law</i>		
<i>Nursing</i>		
Nursing	Jessica Meilleur Brittany Silverstein (Co-Councillors)	Both Present
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Emma Rempel	Present
Chemistry	Scott Legare	Present
Computer Science	Kimia Shadkami	Present
Mathematics	YG Liang	Absent
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>		
Incoming GCC	Willow Josephson	Present