

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 24th, 2021 - 5:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order (5:30)

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 22, 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.

Kimia/ Amy

Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes

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

Divya/ Kimia

Carried

5. Committee Reports

5.1. October Committee Reports (Appendix II)

5.1.1. Rubel announced that the UMGSA Holiday Hamper is open until December 9th, 2021.

- i. We are considering accepting donations. To be discussed further.
- ii. It was asked what the budget is and how many applications we intend to fulfill. Rubel responded with the budget is currently \$3,200. This will change once we know how many applicants we receive. It is our goal to support the maximum amount of grad students that we can.

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. October HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

6.1.1. Suzaine expressed interest in introducing a GNSA liaison for the HSGSA council. Akshi clarified that you can only have voting rights to one or the other (UMGSA or HSGSA) but you can attend both.

6.1.2. Bill suggested possibly bringing the SA prevention workshop to Fort Garry campus as well. Akshi will reach out to the instructor.

7. Senate Report

7.1. October Senate Reports (Appendix IV)

7.1.1. Monsurul announced new awards/ bursaries for both undergraduate and graduate students. Details can be found on the U of M website.

8. Executive Reports

8.1. October Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.1. Executive Review Committee

11.2. Approval of Audited BDO Financial Statements

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA General Council Approves the audited BDO financial statements

UMGSA General Council

Carried

11.3 Approval of UMGSA Updated Financial Budget

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA General Council approves the updated financial budget

UMGSA General Council

Carried

11.4 Approval of Governance and Operations Manual Changes

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA General council approves the changes to the governance and operations manual

UMGSA General Council

Carried

11.5 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. Maria Kisselgoff
2. Jennifer Carlson
3. Shi Xiang Wang
4. Anuruddika Hetti Hewage

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA General Council approves the appointment of 4 Election and Referendum committee members

*UMGSA General Council
Carried*

11.6 UMFA Strike

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA General Council (GC) reaffirm the Special Session's UMFA Support Vote and Solidarity Statement; 2) that GC directs UMGSA Exec to continue dialogue with UMFA and ADMIN

*Bill/ Amirmasoud
Carried*

11. Announcements

11.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, November 24th, 2021 - 5:30PM – Zoom

11.2. Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, December 8th, 2021 – 5:30pm – Zoom
RSVP Link: <http://www.umgsa.org/event/umgsa-annual-general-meeting/>

11.3. December Newsletter: If anyone has anything they want to share please e-mail gcc@umgsa.org

Adjournment (7:04)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance
November 24, 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	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)	Willow Josephson	Present
<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Agribusiness & Agric Economics	Damla Oz	Absent
Animal Science	Oluwakemi Omotosho	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Shubham Sharma (Co-Councillors) Shivam Tesjaswi	Absent
Entomology	Joel Gardner	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Science	Thilini Dissanayake (FS) (Co-Councillors) Breanne Semenko	Thilini Present
Plant Science	Jacob Kolody (Co-Councillors) Md. Ehsanul Haq	Md. Ehsanul Present
Soil Science	Claudia Quilesfogel-Esparza (Co-Councillors) Clemence Muitire Curtis Cavers	All Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Benita Kliever	Alix Present
City Planning	Anna Mckinnon (Co-Councillors) Colt Maddock	Anna Present
Interior Design	Sean Hewlett	Absent
Landscape Architecture	Jeeth Reteesh	Present
<i>Arts</i>		
Economics	Michael Apata (Co - Councillors) Shantanu Debbarman	Michael present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Amy-Leigh Gray	Present
History	Cara Ginter	Absent
Linguistics	Oluwakemi Kolapo	Present
Political Studies & Public Administration	Divya Negi (Co-Councillors) Nabila De la Cruz Garcia	All Present
Psychology	Jessa Hogarth	Present
Sociology & Criminology	Avery Hallberg	Present

Management		
Management PhD & MSc	Jingnan Li (Co-Councillors) Zhe Shen	Both Present
Management – MBA Interdisciplinary	Meenakshi Sharma	Present
Education		
Education - PhD	Ahmad Zirak Ghazani	Absent
Education - Administration	Abiola Olowolagba	Veronica Present
Education - Curriculum, Teaching & Learn		
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh (Co- Councillors) Mohammad Hodaei	Absent
Civil Engineering	Kadir Yanac	Absent
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Abolfazl Babaei (Co-Councillors) Amirmasoud Amirkabiri	Amirmasoud Present
Mechanical Engineering	Osamudiamen Olaye (Co-Councillors) Behzad Fakour	Absent
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Kiran Yendamuri (Co-Councillors) Zakhar Kazmiruk	Zakhar Present
Geological Sciences	Adam Snyder	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Brendan Middel (Co-Councillors) Sobiya Aziz Badat	Present
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier (Co-Councillors) Banke Oketola	Brenda Present
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.		
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Law		
Master of Human Rights	Diana Ubokudom	Present
Nursing		
Nursing	Suzaine Opena (Co-Councillors) Zi Zhang	Suzaine Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Ashley Tripp	Absent
Chemistry	Scott Legare	Present
Computer Science	Kimia Shadkami	Present
Mathematics	YG Liang	Absent
Microbiology	Dustin Maydaniuk	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Present
CUPE3909		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	Absent
Indigenous Engagement		

<i>Guests</i>		
Luis Cordero-Monroy		Present