

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022 - 5:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order (5:35)

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. Moment of silence for peace in Ukraine

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the agenda for the March 2, 2022 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Ashley/ Brenda

Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the January 26, 2022 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Dustin/ Mainak

Carried

6. Committee Reports

6.1. January Committee Reports (Appendix II)

6.1.1. Silvia discussed the recognition of the University of Manitoba Iranian Students' Association (UMISA) as a club under the UMGSA.

6.1.2. Silvia discussed that the UMGSA has partnered with the Faculty of Graduate Studies to support students in the English Language Centre (ELC) Subsidy Program.

6.1.3. Bill mentioned that the 2022 Winter term was delayed due to the University of Manitoba Faculty Association (UMFA) Strike.

6.1.4. Bill advertised our Mental Health Morning event (March 8th, 2022). Registration is open on our website.

7. HSGSA Report

7.1. January HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

- i. Akshi announced that due to current pandemic circumstances, HSGSA has moved their Gala event budget towards different departments.

8. Senate Report

8.1. January Senate Reports (Appendix IV)

- i. Monsurul & Bill discussed the KN95 mask mandate which will continue until further notice.

9. Executive Reports

9.1. January Reports (Appendix V)

10. Departmental Reports

11. Unfinished Business

12. New Business

11.1 Executive Review Report

- i. Mainak (ERC Chair) summarized the report on behalf of the Executive Review Committee.
- ii. Willow mentioned a suggestion she received regarding surveying the graduate students to better demonstrate how the student body perceives the team & their leadership.

11.2 In-Person Event Discussion

- i. Silvia shared details regarding UMGSA's plan to have an outdoor, in-person event in late April. The purpose of the event will be to support graduate students dealing with mental health crisis (socially & financially). Once confirmed, further details will be provided via social media and academic email.

11. Announcements

11.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 30th, 2022 - 5:30PM – Zoom

11.2. UMGSA All-Candidates Forum: March 9th, 2022 – 5:00pm – Zoom

- i. RSVP: <http://www.umgsa.org/event/2022-umgsa-election-forum/>

11.3. Online UMGSA Election Vote: March 14th at 9:00am to March 15th at 5:00pm

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

Adjournment (6:08)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance
March 2, 2022

<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>		
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	Both Present
Plant Science	Jacob Kolody (Co-Councillors) Md. Ehsanul Haq	Absent
Soil Science	Clemence Muitire (Co-Councillors) Curtis Cavers	Clemence Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Benita Kliever	Absent
City Planning	Anna Mckinnon (Co-Councillors) Colt Maddock	Anna Present
Interior Design	Sean Hewlett	Present
Landscape Architecture	Jeeth Reteesh	Absent
<i>Arts</i>		
Economics	Michael Apata (Co - Councillors) Shantanu Debbarman	Shantanu Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Amy-Leigh Gray	Present
Linguistics	Oluwakemi Kolapo	Gabriel Escudero as proxy
Political Studies & Public Administration	Jessica Drakul (Co-Councillors) Nabila De la Cruz Garcia	Both Present
Psychology	Jessa Hogarth (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	Absent
Sociology & Criminology	Avery Hallberg	Present
<i>Management</i>		
Management PhD & MSc	Jingnan Li (Co-Councillors) Zhe Shen	Both Present

Management – MBA Interdisciplinary	Meenakshi Sharma	Present Left meeting early (sent regards)
Education		
Education - PhD	Ahmad Zirak Ghazani	Absent
Education - Administration	Abiola Olowolagba	Absent
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh (Co- Councillors) Mohammad Hodaei	Farinaz Present
Civil Engineering	Kadir Yanac	Present
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Abolfazl Babaei (Co-Councillors) Amirmasoud Amirkabiri	Abolfazl Present
Mechanical Engineering	Osamudiamen Olaye (Co-Councillors) Behzad Fakour	Absent
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Kiran Yendamuri (Co-Councillors) Zakhar Kazmiruk	Kiran Present
Geological Sciences	Adam Snyder	Absent
Natural Resources Institute	Brendan Middel (Co-Councillors) Sobiya Aziz Badat	Brendan Present
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier (Co-Councillors) Banke Oketola	Brenda Present
Peace & Conflict Studies	Maha Mehanna	Present
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Ganesh Tailor (Co-Councillors) Olivia Tefft	Olivia Present
Law		
Master of Human Rights	Diana Ubokudom	Absent
Nursing		
Nursing	Suzaine Opena (Co-Councillors) Zi Zhang	Zi Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Ashley Tripp	Present
Chemistry	Scott Legare	Absent
Mathematics	YG Liang	Absent
Microbiology	Dustin Maydaniuk	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Absent
CUPE3909		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	
Indigenous Engagement		
Guests		
Executive Review	Mainak Singha	Present

Committee Chair		
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