

## **UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 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. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the agenda for the May 25, 2022, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Christopher / Adam*

*Carried*

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

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the April 27, 2022, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Dustin / Jessica*

*Carried*

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

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

- i. Silvia discussed advocating for summer bursaries, transition work among the new executives, and accepting donations from the University of Manitoba Faculty Association (UMFA) for our Holiday Hamper with help from Vice Provost.
- ii. Olivia (Kinesiology and Recreation Management) asked if there are any specific strategies proposed for improving the advisor/ student relationship. Silvia explained a situation that happened with a specific student and how it was dealt with. Kelley is planning to organize workshops on this topic. Bill listed the following contacts for reporting this type of situation: your department councillor, UMGSA, Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS), Student Advocacy, or Counselling Services (for emotional support).
- iii. Silvia discussed that our COVID-19 Relief Fund Subsidy will be sent to the successful applicants via email rather in-person. Marianne plans to organize an in-person event later this summer/ early fall.

## **6. HSGSA Report**

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

- i. Akshi discussed the HSGSA's giveaway package event which happened in April to promote student's mental health.
- ii. The executive transition has been successful.

## **7. Senate Report**

### **7.1. April Senate Reports (Appendix IV)**

- i. Uche discussed the latest COVID-19 Recovery updates.
- ii. Uche also acknowledged the Proposal for a Master of Applied Human Nutrition, Department of Food and Human Nutritional Sciences which was approved and carried during the April meeting.
- iii. Monsurul announced that the applications for the 2022/23 UMGSA Student & Teaching Awards are now open (Deadline: June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 4:00pm).

## **8. Executive Reports**

### **8.1. April Reports (Appendix V)**

## **9. Departmental Reports**

## **10. Unfinished Business**

## **11. New Business**

### **11.1 UMGSA Budget 2022/23**

- i. Rubel was absent so Silvia presented the budget.
- ii. There was confusion regarding line #5012. The UMGSA Executives & Office Manager explained why and how this budget line was chosen. It was agreed that this budget line is contingent and should not include the term "bonus".

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the UMGSA Budget for 2022-2023 as presented**

*Amy / Dustin*

*Abstains from: HSGSA President, Plant Science, Nursing, Food & Human Nutritional Science, Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.*

*Carried*

## **11. Announcements**

**11.1. Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 5:30PM – Zoom

**11.2. June Newsletter:** If anyone has anything they want to share please e-mail

[gcc@umgsa.org](mailto:gcc@umgsa.org)

**Adjournment (6:44)**

## Post Adjournment Discussion

- i. Maha (Peace & Conflict studies) addressed that many international students are struggling with filing taxes and the International Centre has been unhelpful with this issue. Silvia will follow up on this issue.
- ii. Maha also addressed an anonymous racist comment that was made in response to the UMGSA's Ramadan greeting to the graduate students via email. Maha suggested we acknowledge holidays & observances of all religions/ cultures. Willow will work on this list and make these acknowledgements via monthly newsletter and social media.

## UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance

May 25, 2022

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Silvia Sekander	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Rubel Chandra Talukder	<b>Absent</b>
VP Academic	AKM Monsurul Alam	Present
VP Services & Support	Marianne (Marzieh) Hajiloo	<b>Absent</b>
HSGSA President	Jamie Sookhoo	Present
Senator1	Uche Nwankwo	Present – Left at 6:20
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
<b><i>Agric &amp; Food Science</i></b>		
Animal Science	Oluwakemi Omotosho	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Shubham Sharma (Co-Councillors) Shivam Tesjaswi	<b>Absent</b>
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	Jacob Present
Soil Science	Clemence Muitire (Co-Councillors) Curtis Cavers	Curtis Present
<b><i>Architecture</i></b>		
Architecture	Benita Kliewer	<b>Absent</b>
City Planning	Anna Mckinnon (Co-Councillors) Colt Maddock	<b>Absent</b>
Interior Design	Sean Hewlett	<b>Absent</b>
Landscape Architecture	Jeeth Reteesh	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Arts</i></b>		
Economics	Michael Apata (Co - Councillors)	Shantanu Present

	Shantanu Debbbarman	
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Amy-Leigh Gray	Present
Linguistics	Oluwakemi Kolapo	<b>Absent</b>
Political Studies & Public Administration	Jessica Drakul (Co-Councillors) Nabila De la Cruz Garcia	Both Present
Psychology	Jessa Hogarth (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	Kayla as proxy
Sociology & Criminology	Avery Hallberg	Present - Late
<b>Management</b>		
Management PhD & MSc	Jingnan Li (Co-Councillors) Zhe Shen	<b>Absent</b>
Management – MBA Interdisciplinary	Meenakshi Sharma	Garvit as proxy – Left at 6:06
<b>Education</b>		
Education - PhD	Christopher Yendt	Present
Education – AFP	Abiola Olowolagba	<b>Absent</b>
Education - CTL	Minhee Kim	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Engineering</b>		
Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh	Present
Civil Engineering	Kadir Yanac	Present
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Abolfazl Babaei (Co-Councillors) Amirmasoud Amirkabiri	<b>Absent</b>
Mechanical Engineering	Osamudiamen Olaye (Co-Councillors) Behzad Fakour	Behzad Present
<b>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</b>		
Environment & Geography	Kiran Yendamuri (Co-Councillors) Zakhar Kazmiruk	Kiran Present
Geological Sciences	Adam Snyder	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Brendan Middel (Co-Councillors) Sobiya Aziz Badat	Both Present
<b>Graduate Studies</b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier (Co-Councillors) Banke Oketola	Brenda Present
Peace & Conflict Studies	Maha Mehanna	Present
<b>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</b>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Ganesh Tailor (Co-Councillors) Olivia Tefft	Olivia Present
<b>Law</b>		
Master of Human Rights	Diana Ubokudom	Present
<b>Nursing</b>		
Nursing	Suzaine Opena (Co-Councillors) Zi Zhang	Zi Present – Late 6:20
<b>Science</b>		
Biological Sciences	Ashley Tripp	Sent regards

Chemistry	Scott Legare	<b>Absent</b>
Mathematics	YG Liang	Present
Microbiology	Dustin Maydaniuk	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Present
<b>CUPE3909</b>		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	
<b>Indigenous Engagement</b>		
<b>Guests</b>		
Physiology and Pathophysiology	Akshi Malik	HSGSA VP St. Boniface