

## **UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 5:30 PM – Zoom**

#### **1. Call to Order (5:32)**

#### **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 October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Farinaz/ Ian*  
*Carried*

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

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Christopher/ Ian*  
*Carried*

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

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

- i. Marianne (VPSS) is hosting a Halloween event tomorrow in the GSA Lounge.
- ii. Silvia announced that though the executive isn't resuming office hours, they are available to schedule in-person or virtual meetings with students.
- iii. We have created a code of conduct & declaration form to be read and signed by our UMGSA-recognized student clubs to receive monetary support (currently \$50.00 per semester).
- iv. UMGSA is planning to host an Awards Luncheon to honor the winners of our teaching & student awards. Details to be finalized.
- v. The UMGSA executives have decided not to provide a u-pass subsidy due to the complications that would come with processing eligibility, and we want to respect the general social welfare policy of the u-pass program.
- vi. In our last council meeting, there was a discussion regarding HSGSA's Multidisciplinary Health Research Experience (MHRE) project. UMGSA has

provided MHRE with a special project grant of \$500.00 and is in support of fulfilling MHRE's request for additional monetary support. Silvia has spoken with Vice-Provost Laurie Schnarr & FGS Dean Kelley Main who are also in favour of supporting this project (\$1000.00 with the stipulation that it is not used for honorariums). We are still discussing solutions and hope to be able to continue supporting the MHRE project.

- vii. Silvia relayed the message from the International Centre stating that the tuition fee deadline has been extended to November 2, 2022, for those dealing with financial difficulties due to the crisis in Iran, etc.
- viii. After hearing students have been having negative experiences with the International Centre, Silvia has reached out to them and invites students to email her ([pres@umgsa.org](mailto:pres@umgsa.org)) with their concerns.
- ix. Maha (Peace & Conflict Studies) asked a question regarding renewing Co-Curricular status. Bill was able to explain how Co-Curricular Recognition works (certain workshops such as GradSteps will ask for your student number and automatically add to your CCR, in other situations such as council and committees you can request recognition manually on CareerConnect). Willow will send Maha the CCR email contact.

## **6. HSGSA Report**

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

- i. Jamie mentioned that the fall orientation in collaboration with FGS was a success (Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>).
- ii. Planning for the Multidisciplinary Health Research Experience (MHRE) has been going smoothly and a new Director has been selected. You can find more information at <http://www.hsgsa.org/mhre/>.
- iii. HSGSA is hosting a Halloween movie night this Friday (Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>).

## **7. Senate Report**

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

- i. There were no senate meetings in September.
- ii. Bill invited council/ students to email us ([senator2@umgsa.org](mailto:senator2@umgsa.org), [gcc@umgsa.org](mailto:gcc@umgsa.org)) with any concerns you may have regarding campus & city of Winnipeg safety (physical, psychological, emotional, etc.)

## **8. Executive Reports**

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

## **9. Departmental Reports**

- i. Chemistry rep. shared survey results regarding the dissatisfaction students are feeling towards TA's payment, etc. within their department. They suggested UMGSa add questions to our next survey to get an idea of how the graduate student population feels about this topic. Silvia is having discussions with the Administration regarding this. We will continue to advocate for these issues and survey the students.

## 10. Unfinished Business

## 11. New Business

### 11.1 Department Grants

- i. [Application](#) deadline November 1st by 4pm to avoid late application penalties.
- ii. No Financial Report is required for this application, but all Councillors/Co-councillors must have taken part in the BITB Workshop, or SVA modules by November 19<sup>th</sup>, in order to apply.

### 11.2 Approval of Selections Committee

**President/ Chairperson:** Silvia Sekander

**VPFA:** Rubel Talukder

The following students have volunteered for appointment to the committee:

#### **HSGSA Designate:**

- Eefa Khan

#### **UMGSA Designates:**

- Sobiya Aziz Badat
- Thilini Dissanayake
- Anika Mehreen
- Christopher Yendt (Non-Voting)

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA General Council approves the appointment of the 2022 UMGSA Selections Committee members.**

*Danie/ Uche*

*Carried*

*Rubel Talukder (VPFA) abstained*

## 11. Announcements

**11.1. Bringing In the Bystander:** Visit the link to sign up:

<http://www.umgsa.org/bringing-in-the-bystander/>

- i. Attendance is required for new councillors as well as councillors who didn't participate last year.
- ii. There is an alternative is to take UM's Sexual Violence Awareness course, available through UM Learn. [Login - University of Manitoba \(desire2learn.com\)](#) That would count towards your mandatory requirement.

**11.2. Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 - 5:30PM – Zoom

**11.3. November Newsletter:** If anyone has anything they want to share please e-mail [gcc@umgsa.org](mailto:gcc@umgsa.org)

**Adjournment (6:22)**

**UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance**
**October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Silvia Sekander	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Rubel Chandra Talukder	Present
VP Academic	AKM Monsurul Alam	Present <i>Late 5:55</i>
VP Services & Support	Marianne (Marzieh) Hajiloo	<b>Absent</b>
HSGSA President	Jamie Sookhoo	Present
Senator1	Uche Nwankwo	Present <i>Late 6:10</i>
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	Breanna Zwick	Present
Entomology	Danie Wood	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Science	Anashwar Mullankuzhiyil Valsalan (Co-Councillors) Breanne Semenko	Anashwar Present
Plant Science	Laetitia Mukungu (Co-Councillors) Md. Ehsanul Haq	Both Present
Soil Science	Charitha Hansima (Co-Councilors) Jose Almodovar	Charitha Present
<b><i>Architecture</i></b>		
City Planning	Oluwasegun (Isaac) Omonaiye (Co-Councilors) Julian Loutsik	Julian Present
Interior Design	Juliana Anderson	Present
<b><i>Arts</i></b>		
Economics	Michael Apata (Co - Councillors) Shantanu Debbarmann	Michael Present <i>Late 5:48</i>
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Amy-Leigh Gray	Present
History	Cara Ginter	Present
Linguistics	Oluwakemi Kolapo	<b>Absent</b>
Political Studies & Public Administration	Jessica Drakul (Co-Councillors) Md. Azizul Hakim	Nabila De la Cruz as proxy
Psychology	Cici Guo (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	<b>Absent</b>
Sociology & Criminology	Mehraz Sarker	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Management</i></b>		
Management PhD & MSc	Jingnan Li (Co-Councillors) Zhe Shen	<b>Absent</b>

Management - MBA/MFin/MSCM	Kalyn Maskiw-Connelly (MBA) (3x Co-Councillors) Sheena Gee Tony Wu	Sheena & Tony Present
<b>Education</b>		
Education - PhD	Christopher Yendt	Present
Education - CTL	Minhee Kim	Present
<b>Engineering</b>		
Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh	Present
Civil Engineering	Kadir Yanac	Dana Amini as proxy
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Abolfazl Babaei (Co-Councillors) Amirmasoud Amirkabiri	<b>Absent</b>
Mechanical Engineering	Osamudiamen Olaye (Co-Councillors) Behzad Fakour	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</b>		
Environment & Geography	Fowzia Ahmed (Co-Councillors) Nicole Loeb	Fowzia Present
Geological Sciences	Tekla Cunningham	Jake Bhakta as proxy
Natural Resources Institute	Brendan Middel (Co-Councillors) Sobiya Aziz Badat	Sobiya 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.	Sarah Howe	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Nursing</b>		
Nursing	Trinh Nguyen-Lu (Co-Councillors) Hannah Mohammed	Trinh Present
<b>Science</b>		
Biological Sciences	Krista Shofstall	Present
Chemistry	Hanieh Rezasoltani	Present
Mathematics	Ian Thompson	Present
Microbiology	Dustin Maydaniuk	<b>Absent</b>
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Present
<b>CUPE3909</b>		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	
<b>Indigenous Engagement</b>		
<b>Guests</b>		