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UMGSA Council Meeting Agenda

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1. Call to Order

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 26th, 2022, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the September 28th, 2022, UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the September 28th, 2022, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

5. Committee Reports

5.1. September Committee Reports (Appendix II)

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. September HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

7. Senate Report

7.1. September Senate Report (Appendix IV)

8. Executive Reports

8.1. September Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

10. Unfinished Business

10.1.

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 19th, 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.

12. Announcements

12.1. 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.

12.2. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022 - 5:30PM – Zoom

12.3. November Newsletter: If anyone has anything they want to share e-mail

gcc@umgsa.org

13. Adjournment

Appendix II :

UMGSA Committee Reports September 1st- September 30th, 2022

Executive Committee

Chair: Silvia Sekander (UMGSA President)

Meeting Dates: September 20th, 2022

- Events planning for Fall
- Executive office hours
- Graduate Students' Safety & Mental Health Survey
- SurveyMonkey Subscription
- Mental Health workshops
- Monetary support for UMGSA clubs
- GSA Forestry/tree planting Initiative
- Awards Luncheon

Finance Committee

Chair: Rubel Talukder (UMGSA VPFA)

Meeting Dates: September 8th, 2022

- The committee evaluated conference grant applications

Bylaws and Policy Committee

Chair: Rubel Talukder (UMGSA VPFA)

Meeting Dates: September 1st, 2022

- CRO/DRO roles and salary update: we are discussing a pathway to find appropriate salary structure for CRO and DRO. We will present it to Council once we have the finalized version.

Events Committee

Chair: Marzieh (Marianne) Hajiloo (UMGSA VPSS)

Meeting Dates: September 14th, 2022

- Brainstorming upcoming year events
- Organizing meet and greet for September

Services and Support Committee

Chair: Marzieh (Marianne) Hajiloo (UMGSA VPSS)

Meeting Dates: September 12th, 2022

- A multi purpose survey for students- In progress
- Tuition Increase Discussion

Awards and Academic Affairs Committee

Chair: AKM Monsurul Alam (UMGSA VP Academic)

Meeting Dates: September 15th & September 16th, 2022

- All UMGSA Awards committee meetings was held by video conference (zoom).
- The committee members were informed on each applicant grades and how its calculated
- Each step of the final grade calculation was displayed and explained to the members
- The members experience in evaluating awards application was listened. Also, I tried to answer any questions or confusions members had about the whole award selection process.
- Brief discussion on improving evaluation process and fairness in the process was discussed.

Appendix III :

HSGSA Report September 1st – September 30th, 2022

HSGSA Executive Committee and Council

Chair: Jamie Sookhoo

The Fall orientation was on September 1st for the Bannatyne Campus students and was co-hosted between HSGSA and FGS. It was in person and went smoothly. I represented HSGSA in the Community Health Sciences Department Orientation as well. Newly admitted students had the opportunity to have Q&A after each session in both orientation events.

The September HSGSA Council Meeting was held on October 3rd to give Departments some more time to elect new councillors. We structured internal committees, and an introduction was given of each committee for the incoming committee members to understand their role. New councillors from all the departments have taken over. At that time, we did not yet have councillors elected for Pathology, Pharmacy or Physical Therapy. Open spots for committees will be filled in the next Council meeting as we will have at least 2 more councillors.

Planning for MHRE coming up is going smoothly and an MHRE Director was selected. HSGSA has a Halloween movie night coming up with all food, drinks and fun covered by HSGSA.

Usual business including social media engagement, and students' concerns.

Jamie Sookhoo
HSGSA President (2022-23)

Appendix IV :

September Senate Report

Meeting Date: There were no senate meetings in September.

Meeting Link:

Please note that this report contains only relevant items discussed in Senate related to graduate studies and graduate students.

Report Includes:

1. President Report

- 1. President Report**

Appendix V :

UMGSA Executive Reports September 1st – September 30th, 2022

President - Silvia Sekander

Executive Summary of Work:

- Fall Orientation
- Advocacy for graduate students

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
August 30 th , 2022	FGS Orientation	2 Hours
September 4 th , 2022	UofM Mosque Inauguration	2 Hours
September 6 th , 2022	FKRM Orientation	0.5 Hours
September 7 th , 2022	Consultation Meeting	0.5 Hours
September 13 th , 2022	Advocacy meeting with graduate student	3 Hours
September 14 th , 2022	Meeting with Laurie & Kelley	1 Hour
September 20 th , 2022	UMGSA Executive Meeting	1 Hour
September 22 nd , 2022	Meeting with Michael Benarroch	1 Hour
September 27 th , 2022	Meeting with Laurie & Kelley	1 Hour
September 28 th , 2022	Meeting of Board of Governors	1 Hour
September 28 th , 2022	UMGSA Council Meeting	1 Hour

Time Spent in Meetings in September: 14 Hours

Office Hours:

All Executive Office Hours were suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 17th, 2020.

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in September: 0 Hours

Working Events Attended: N/A

Approximate Time Spent on Other Activities:

Activity	Hours
e-mail Correspondence & other activities	65 Hours

Total Hours Spent on the UMGSA in September 2022: 79 Hours

Vice-President Finance and Administration- Rubel Talukder.

Executive Summary of Work:

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
September 1 st , 2022	Bylaws and policy committee meeting	1.5 Hours
September 8 th , 2022	Finance Committee Meeting	1 Hour
September 20 th , 2022	Executive meeting (Zoom)	2 Hours
September 28 th , 2022	Council Meeting	1 Hour

Meetings Missed:

Time Spent in Meetings in September: 5.5 Hours

Office Hours:

**All Executive Office Hours were suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 17th, 2020. **

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in September: 0 Hours

Working Events Attended: None

Time Spent at Working Events in September: 0 Hours

Approximate Time Spent on Other Activities:

Activity	Hours
E-mail correspondence & work related to UMGSA conference grant and bylaws	25 Hours

Total Hours Spent on the UMGSA in September 2022: 30.5 Hours

Vice-President Services and Support – Marzieh (Marianne) Hajloo

Executive Summary of Work:

- Supporting Iranian student in crisis
- Organizing university event for Iranian students
- Mental health and difficulty survey
- Recognizing a new club and discussing further details
- Discussions regarding graduate student’s financial problems

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
September 12 th , 2022	Services & Support Meeting	1 Hour
September 14 th , 2022	Events Committee Meeting	1 Hour
September 20 th , 2022	Executive Meeting	2 Hours
September 22 nd , 2022	Meeting with UM President	2 Hours
September 28 th , 2022	Council Meeting	2 Hours

Meetings Missed: 0

Date	Meeting Missed	Reason for Missing
September 8 th , 2022	Finance Committee Meeting	Work shift

Time Spent in Meetings in September: 8 Hours

Office Hours:

All Executive Office Hours were suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 17th, 2020.

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in September: 0 Hours

Working Events Attended: None

Approximate Time Spent on Other Activities:

Activity	Hours
Survey	3 Hours
E-mail and Other Correspondence	10 Hours
Difficulty Survey preparation	2 Hours

Total Hours Spent on the UMGSA in September 2022: 26 Hours

Vice-President Academic – AKM Monsurul Alam

Executive Summary of Work:

- Worked on UMGSA Awards that includes sorting application and processing the results
- Responding Students Inquiry and concerns regarding UMGSA awards
- Attending regular meetings

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
September 15 th , 2022	UMGSA Awards Committee Meeting	1.5 Hours
September 16 th , 2022	UMGSA Awards Committee Meeting	1.5 Hours
September 20 th , 2022	UMGSA Executive Meeting	1 Hour
September 22 nd , 2022	Meeting with UM President	1 Hour
September 22 nd , 2022	Meeting with FGS Dean	1 Hour
September 22 nd , 2022	Senate Committee on University Research (SCUR)	1 Hour
September 28 th , 2022	UMGSA Council Meeting	1 Hour
September 28 th , 2022	Meeting with Silvia & Ruth	1 Hour

Time Spent in Meetings: 9 Hours

Office Hours:

**All Executive Office Hours were suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 17th, 2020. **

Time Spent in Official Office Hours: 0 Hours

Working Events Attended: None

Approximate Time Spent on Other Activities:

Activity	Hours
UMGSA awards Preparation, responding emails, reviewing meeting agendas and minutes etc.	26 Hours

Total Hours Spent on the UMGSA in September 2022: 35 Hours

HSGSA President – Jamie Sookhoo

Executive Summary of Work:

- Full day at HSGSA Orientation
- MHRE meetings
- Met with UM President
- UMGSA Exec and Council Meetings
- FGS Meeting
- HSGSA Exec Meeting

Meetings Attended:

September 1 st , 2022	HSGSA Orientation @ Bannatyne Campus	10 Hours
September 5 th , 2022	MHRE Meeting	1 Hour
September 20 th , 2022	UMGSA Executive Meeting	1.5 Hours
September 22 nd , 2022	UM Pres, Dean FGS, Vice-Provost Students meeting	1 Hour
September 26 th , 2022	HSGSA Executive Meeting	1.5 Hours
September 28 th , 2022	FGS Meeting	1.5 Hours
September 28 th , 2022	UMGSA Council Meeting	2 Hours
	Documents and record keeping	3.5 Hours

Time spent in meetings in September 2022: 18.5 Hours

Meetings missed: none

Office hours: 0 hours

All Executive hours were suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 17th, 2020

Total hours spent on HSGSA & UMGSA for September 2022: 22 Hours

Senator 1 – Uche Nwankwo

Executive Summary of Work:

- **Senator Meetings:** Student Senate Caucus (SSC), Senate Executive, and Regular Senate. Senate meeting did not hold in September due to holiday period.
- **UMGSA portfolio – other committees:** Attended in-person orientation event and connected with several international graduate students, provided information and resources to enable them settle down. I invited international graduate students especially African graduate students to community events like the AfriCans in Winnipeg South BBQ Picnic, which I co-organized, to help them integrate into the wider community so they can have a smooth settling down. Had meeting with the UMSU Vice-President to discuss issues of mutual interest and also exchanged several emails with collaborators for the campus Forestry Initiative. I played active roles in several advocacy activities this month. I participated at the Truth and Reconciliation event to honour victims of Residential School.

Note: The summary here is not exhaustive but rather a summary of some of the activities I engaged myself during the reporting period. I participated in several in-person activities and connected with many international students especially as I participated in the rallies to speak out against the killing of an Iranian lady, as well as attended the fundraising event organized in collaboration with the University of Manitoba Pakistani Students Association to help the Pakistani flooding victims. I was also involved in searching for accommodation for international students and the particular MSc student whom we have been assisting to overcome some of the challenges. I spent time writing emails and making phone calls which were not captured in this report.

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
September 6 th , 2022	Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management (FKRC) Orientation	0.5 Hours
September 12 th , 2022	Meeting with Adrian Werner of The Climate Reality Project	1 Hour
September 12 th , 2022	Student Advocacy: Fundraising organized in collaboration with the UMPSA	2.5 Hours
September 13 th , 2022	Student Advocacy: MSc student with special need	2.75 Hours
September 19 th , 2022	Student Advocacy: Mayoral Forum event at the UofM	1 Hour
September 20 th , 2022	UMGSA Executive Meeting	1 Hour
September 22 nd , 2022	UMGSA + UM President + check in	1 Hour
September 22 nd , 2022	Student Advocacy: UMSU rally for universal healthcare coverage for international students	2.25 Hours
September 23 rd , 2022	Student Advocacy: Mayoral Forum event at the UofM	1 Hour
September 23 rd , 2022	Student Advocacy: Rally at the Legislative (Iranian Life matters)	3.25 Hours

September 26 th , 2022	Student advocacy and collaborative engagement	4.25 Hours
September 28 th , 2022	UMGSA Council Meeting	1 Hour

Time Spent in Meetings in September: 21.5 Hours

Meetings missed: 0

Office Hours:

**All Executive Office Hours were suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 17th, 2020. **

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in September: 0 Hours

No regular office hours for now but students can schedule a meeting and it will be honoured.

Working Events Attended: None

Approximate Time Spent on Other Activities:

Activity	Hours
Communications (Support duties as Senator 1), emails, phone calls, WhatsApp chat	10 Hours
Preparing and reviewing documents before for meetings and writing reports	3.75 Hours

Total Hours Spent on the UMGSA in September 2022: 35.25 Hours

Senator 2 - William Dowie

Executive Summary of Work:

- **Senator Meetings:** Student Senate Caucus (SSC), Senate Executive, and Regular Senate
- **UMGSA portfolio – other committees:** Covid Response Steering Committee – follow-up with Chair regarding Long COVID symptoms amongst U Community, Manitoba Alliance for Post-Secondary Students (MAPSS), library + open access report preparation

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
September 9 th , 2022	MAPSS – institution rep meeting	1.25 Hours
September 16 th , 2022	Library – Open Access	2 Hours
September 20 th , 2022	UMSU Prez (Jaron) meeting – policy brainstorming	1 Hour
September 20 th , 2022	UMGSA Executive Meeting	2 Hours
September 21 st , 2022	Senate Executive (IN-PERSON)	2.25 Hours
September 22 nd , 2022	UM Admin meeting with UMGSA Executive	0.5 Hours
September 22 nd , 2022	Pro Dev --- Procrastination	2 Hours
September 28 th , 2022	UMGSA General Council	1.5 Hours
September 30 th , 2022	Orange Shirt Day T&R Reflection Day	-----

Meetings Missed: None

Time Spent in Meetings in September: 12.5 Hours

Office Hours:

All Executive Office Hours were suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 17th, 2020.

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in September: 0 Hours

Working Events Attended:

	Hour

Time Spent at Working Events in September: 0 Hours

Approximate Time Spent on Other Activities:

Activity	Hours
Preparing for Council – Review Tasks, Peer Review, and Reports	2 Hours
Email / WhatsApp correspondence (one hour per week allotted)	4 Hours

Total Hours Spent on the UMGSA in September 2022: 18.5 Hours