

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 - 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 March 29th, 2023, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Michael/ Dustin
Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the March 1st, 2023, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Christopher/ Sasha
Carried

5. Committee Reports

5.1. February Committee Reports (Appendix II)

- i. Silvia encouraged the councillors to promote our food insecurity survey which is currently in process. Once we have the results from this survey, we can then begin are our next steps which include sharing our findings with the UM administration, etc.
- ii. Silvia also touched on the executives' efforts to complete the VP Academic position's remaining duties.
- iii. The Bylaws & Policy Committee has been evaluating the rules of the Bylaws Manual regarding HSGSA voting percentage on our council. More updates to come.
- iv. Willow provided an update regarding the upcoming virtual tax filing workshop and in-person Free Tax Clinic in partnership with Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA).

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. February HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

- i. HSGSA held their AGM on February 13th, 2023. There were some Bylaws Manual changes made.
- ii. Jamie noted that a Zumba event is being organized and registration is high.
- iii. Applications have opened for the Graduate Student Excellence Award to be given out to 4 MSc and PhD students who have excelled in their academic and research programs.

7. Senate Report

7.1. February Senate Reports (Appendix IV)

- i. Bill discussed the new Sustainability Committee structure (administrative top>down). If you have sustainability concerns, please email gcc@umgsa.org.
- ii. Bill noted working on policies for 2SLBGTQIA+, as well as attending an enlightening seminar this afternoon. As part of our land acknowledgement, we should have some sort of declaration stating UMGSa is moving towards constant allyship.
- iii. Uche is working hard on the GSA Forestry/ Tree Planting Initiative. Council will receive a document encompassing all of the details in the near future.

8. Executive Reports

8.1. February Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

- i. Michael Apata (*economics*) shared that earlier this month a new set of executives started.
- ii. Maha Mehanna (*Peace & Conflict Studies*) asked if we UMGSa Executives can help getting the Sports & Recreation Fee waived for students who don't use the service. Silvia explained that this situation is similar to the U-Pass fee in that having all students pay the fee, allows for the greater benefit. Silvia will let administration know of these concerns.
- iii. Silvia announced that at the Board of Governors meeting yesterday, the new 2023/24 UM budget was approved. This included a tuition increase of 2.75%. UMGSa & UMSU opposed this decision. Silvia will continue the conversation with administration in hopes that this will not become an annual trend.

10. Unfinished Business

- i. There was no unfinished business to be discussed.

11. New Business

11.1 Executive Review Report

- i. The report is attached via email and Breanne (Co-Chair) is present to answer any questions.

11.2 Ratification of the Results of the 2023/24 UMGSA Election: The results of the 2023 UMGSA General Election must be ratified by the UMGSA Council. The election results are included as Appendix VI to the council agenda. In summary:

Final Results

President (total votes cast: 600)

Christopher Yendt (Education, PhD), Vision – **507 (85%)**

Vice-President Academic (total votes cast: 628)

Porus Rana (Management – MBA), The Student Voice – 235 (37%)

Hanieh Rezasoltani (Chemistry), Raise Your Voice – **393 (63%)**

Vice-President Services and Support (total votes cast: 596)

Timilehin Oluwajuyitan (Food Science), Vision – **375 (63%)**

Shivam Sabharwal (Management – MBA), The Student Voice – 221 (37%)

Vice-President Finance and Administration (total votes cast: 639)

Julie Xue (Management – MBA), The Student Voice – **324 (51%)**

Nazi Yaghoobian (Landscape Architecture), Vision – 315 (49%)

Senator (total votes cast – 692)

Armin Aghajani (Engineering & Information Technology) – **282 (41%)**

Rowshan Ara Lubna (Education), Vision – 281 (41%)

Uche Nwankwo (Natural Resources), Vision – **314 (45%)**

Mir Towseef (Management – MBA), The Student Voice – 232 (34%)

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council ratifies the results of the 2023 UMGSA General Election as presented in the Final CRO Report (Appendix VI of the council agenda, summarized above) - UMGSA General Election.

Elections & Referendum Committee/ UMGSA Council

Carried

12. Announcements

12.1 Department Grants

- i. Please submit via email to Ruth (gsa@umgsa.org) by **4:00pm on April 1st, 2023**.
- ii. Financial reports and activity reports are required. Please don't send receipts.
- iii. Find the forms here: <http://www.umgsa.org/department-grant/>

12.2 Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 - 5:30PM – Zoom

12.3 April Newsletter: If anyone has anything they want to share please e-mail

gcc@umgsa.org

Adjournment (6:41)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance
March 29th, 2023

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Silvia Sekander	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Rubel Chandra Talukder	Present
VP Academic		
VP Services & Support	Marianne (Marzieh) Hajiloo	Present
HSGSA President	Jamie Sookhoo	Present
Senator1	Uche Nwankwo	Present <i>Late</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
<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Animal Science	Breanna Zwick	Present
Entomology	Danie Wood	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Science	Anashwar Mullankuzhiyil Valsalan (Co-Councillors) Breanne Semenko	Both Present
Plant Science	Laetitia Mukungu (Co-Councillors) Md. Ehsanul Haq	Md. Present
Soil Science	Charitha Hansima (Co-Councilors) Jose Almodovar	Charitha Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Paige Coleman	Present
City Planning	Oluwasegun (Isaac) Omonaiye (Co-Councilors) Julian Loutsik	Absent
Interior Design	Juliana Anderson	Absent
<i>Arts</i>		
Economics	Michael Apata (Co - Councillors) Shantanu Debbarman	Michael Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Sakshi Tyagi	Present <i>Late</i>
History	Cara Ginter	Absent
Linguistics	Mohadeseh Rostami Samak (Co-Councillors) Ashkan Ghaemmaghani	Mohadeseh Present
Political Studies & Public Administration	Jessica Drakul (Co-Councillors) Md. Azizul Hakim	Absent
Psychology	Cici Guo (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	Absent
Sociology & Criminology	Mehraz Sarker	Present
<i>Management</i>		
Management - MBA/MFin/MSCM	Kalyn Maskiw-Connelly (MBA) (3x Co-Councillors)	Kalyn Present

	Sheena Gee Tony Wu	
Education		
Education - PhD	Christopher Yendt	Present
Education - CTL	Minhee Kim	Present
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh	Present
Civil Engineering	Tara Seidi	Present
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Fowzia Ahmed (Co-Councillors) Nicole Loeb	Nicole Present
Geological Sciences	Tekla Cunningham	Absent
Natural Resources Institute	Alejandra Diabb Sanchez (Co-Councillors) Sobiya Aziz Badat	Alejandra 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.	Mudra Dave (Co-Councillors) Sasha Kullman	Sasha Present
Nursing		
Nursing	Trinh Nguyen-Lu (Co-Councillors) Hannah Mohammed	Trinh Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Krista Shofstall	Present
Chemistry	Hanieh Rezasoltani	Present
Mathematics	Ian Thompson	Present
Microbiology	Dustin Maydaniuk	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Present <i>Late</i>
CUPE3909		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	
Indigenous Engagement		
Guests		
HSGSA VP St. Boniface	Akshi Malik	Present
Incoming VPFA	Julie Xue	Present
Incoming VPSS	Timilehin Oluwajuyitan	Present
Incoming Senator	Armin Aghajani	Present
Chief Returning Officer	Sudhanshu Bhatnagar	Present
Deputy Returning Officer	Chamali Kodikara	Present