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# **UMGSA Council Meeting Agenda**

## **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 5:30 PM – Zoom**

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. Traditional Territories Acknowledgement**

The University of Manitoba campuses are located on original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Ojibwe-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We acknowledge that our water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, and our hydro from the hydro dams located in Treaty 5. 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

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

The minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

### **5. Committee Reports**

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

### **6. Senate Report**

**6.1.** April Senate Report (Appendix IV)

### **7. Executive Reports**

**7.1.** April Reports (Appendix V)

### **8. Departmental Reports**

### **9. Unfinished Business**

i. No unfinished business to discuss.

## 10. New Business

### 11.1 Governance & Operations Manual Amendments

- i. The proposed changes were circulated via email attachment.

**MOTION: BIRT The UMGSA General Council approves the amendments made to the Governance & Operations Manual as presented.**

*Bylaws & Policy Committee/*

### 11.2 Budget Approval

**MOTION: BIRT The UMGSA General Council approves the budget for the 2024-2025 term year as presented.**

### 11.3 Ad-Hoc Committee on Food Insecurity Renewal

- i. As per the [Terms of Reference](#) the committee dissolved April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We believe extending the mandate will allow the committee more time to make positive changes for our students.
- ii. Additionally, if you are interested in joining the committee, please email Willow at [gcc@umgsa.org](mailto:gcc@umgsa.org).

**MOTION: BIRT The UMGSA General Council extends the mandate for the Ad-Hoc Committee on Food Insecurity until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

## 12. Announcements

### 12.1. Next Council Meeting:

- i. Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 5:30PM – Zoom.

### 12.2. June Newsletter:

- i. If anyone has anything they want to share e-mail [gcc@umgsa.org](mailto:gcc@umgsa.org)

## 14. Adjournment

## **Appendix II :**

### **UMGSA Committee Reports April 1<sup>st</sup>- April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

#### **Executive Committee**

Chair: Christopher Yendt (UMGSA President)

Meeting Dates: April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- The Committee debriefed the HSGSA x UMGSA Gala and discussed options for the proposed Gala for 2025. High interest in continuing this partnership and the President noted the intention of UMGSA to take a leading role with executing the event, which future staff will also help with.
- The committee discussed the proposed approach for executive review beginning in May.
- The committee discussed the need for new accountability measures for department groups and the department granting process.
- Confirmation of transition meetings for executives.
- Updating on Succession planning for staff.
- President provided an update regarding the status of the HSGSA Election and plans to meet with the new team.
- Additional discussion around end of term expectations for all executive committee members, including those who are retiring.

#### **Events Committee**

Chair: Timilehin Oluwajuyitan (UMGSA VPSS)

Meeting Dates:

- There were no meetings held in April 2024.

All other committees gave their April reports during our last council meeting (April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024). The chairs were outgoing executives.

## **Appendix IV :**

### **April Senate Report**

**Meeting Date:** April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

**Meeting Link:** [https://umanitoba.ca/governance/sites/governance/files/2024-05/2024\\_04\\_03\\_senate\\_minutes.pdf](https://umanitoba.ca/governance/sites/governance/files/2024-05/2024_04_03_senate_minutes.pdf)

The following report was submitted by Armin Aghajani (*Senator 2*).

#### **Senate Meeting (April 3<sup>rd</sup>):**

- The university is still negotiating with the government to get some exceptions regarding the number of international students accepted for the new academic year.
- The tuition fee will be increased by 2.75% based on the governmental budget and the number of students registering.

#### **Spaces for Solidarity (April 5<sup>th</sup>):**

- Importance of Mental Health for Students was discussed.
- The flaws and issues we encounter as students regarding the counseling center.
- All agreed that if our classmate had recognized their mental health issues sooner, then we wouldn't have such a disaster.

## Appendix V :

### UMGSA Executive Reports April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### UMGSA President – C. Yendt

##### Executive Summary of Work:

- Initial period of the month spent remote, returned April 14th, 2024. Meetings held remotely and worked online during the period. Spent significant time In office and on-campus following my return In order to make up for remote work.
- Focus of work was largely on transition with several new office holders.
- Significant time and effort spent on supporting the HSGSA with the special election, Including candidate consultation and CRO support.
- Additional time spent on both Issues associated with working with legal counsel as well as negotiating with an external finance team to help support the transition of staff scheduled for this summer.

##### Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	Reconciliation Action Plan Committee	2 hours
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	Meeting with Staff	1 hour
April 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Meeting with CRO	0.5 hours
April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Meeting with UMGSA Councillor	0.5 hours
April 5 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	Meeting with HSGSA Election Candidates	1 hour
April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Meeting with Staff	1 hour
April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Meeting with Laurie and Kelley	0.5 hours
April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UMFM Board Meeting	0.5 hours
April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1.5 hours
April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	ED SS Hiring Committee	2 hours
April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UMGSA Bylaws Committee	1 hour
April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UMGSA Finance Committee	1 hour
April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Meeting with Student	1 hour
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	Meeting with student	0.5 hours
April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1 hour
April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Meeting with External Consultant	1 hour
April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Senate Committee on Nominations	2 hours
April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UMSU Board Meeting	4 hours
April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Budget Meeting – Laurie and Greg	0.5 hours
April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Post-Doctoral Meeting	1 hour
April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Meeting Re: Discoveries	2 hours
April 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	ED SS Interviews	4 hours

April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1 hour
April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Mental Health Task Force	1 hour

**Meetings missed:**

Date	Meeting

**Time Spent in Meetings in March: 31.5 Hours**

**Office Hours: 4 hours**

**Time Spent in Official Office Hours in December: 4 Hours**

**Working events attended:**

**Approximate time spent on other activities:**

Activity	Hours
In-Office / Other	10 hours
Email / Correspondence	25 hours
Work related to HSGSA	15 hours

**Total hours spent on the UMGSA for March 2024: 81.5 Hours**

## Vice-President Services and Support – Timilehin Oluwajuyitan

### Executive Summary of Work:

- Attended UMGSA Finance Committee Meeting
- Attended UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting
- Faculty of Graduate Studies Virtual Orientation
- Attended UMGSA Council Meeting

### Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1 Hour
April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UMGSA Finance Committee Meeting	1.5 Hours
April 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1 Hour
April 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UMGSA Council Meeting	1 Hour
April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Faculty of Graduate Studies Virtual Orientation	2 Hours

### Meetings missed: None

Date	Meeting

### Time Spent in Meetings in April: 5 Hours

### Office Hours:

Date	Hours
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	2 Hours
April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	2 Hours
April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	2 Hours
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	2 Hours
April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	2 Hours

### Time Spent in Official Office Hours in April: 10 Hours

### Working events attended:

### Approximate time spent on other activities:

Activity	Hours
Preparation for UMGSA Tax clinic	2 Hours
Email corresponding	20 Hours

### Total hours spent on the UMGSA for April 2024: 38.5 Hours



## Senator 2 – Armin Aghajani

### Executive Summary of Work:

#### Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	Seante Meeting	1.5 Hours
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	March Council Meeting	2 Hours
April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Spaces for Solidarity	2.5 Hours
April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Executive Meeting	1.5 Hours
April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Transition Mutual Meeting (VPFA)	1.5 Hours
April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Finance Meeting	0.5 Hours
April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Bylaws Meeting	1 Hour
April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Executive Meeting	1.5 Hours
April 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Finance Meeting	1 Hour
April 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Transition Mutual Meeting (VPFA)	1.5 Hours

#### Meetings missed:

**Time Spent in Meetings in April: 14.5 Hours**

#### Office Hours:

**Time Spent in Official Office Hours in April: 8 Hours**

#### Working events attended:

#### Approximate time spent on other activities:

Activity	Hours
Documents and record keeping, answering the emails	10 Hours
Answering students' issues through email/phone/social media/in-person	10 Hours
Studying the agendas and minutes to get ready for the meetings	2 Hours

**Total hours spent on the UMGSA for April 2024: 44.5 Hours**