

UMGSA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 6th, 2023 - 5:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order (5:49)

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 membership approves the agenda for the December 6th, 2023 UMGSA Annual General Meeting as presented.

Brenda Tittlemier/ Sara LaValley
Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the December 7th, 2022, UMGSA Annual General Meeting are included as Appendix I to this meeting agenda, in a separate document.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA membership approves the minutes of the December 7th, 2022 UMGSA Annual General Meeting as presented.

Sasha Kullman/ Salmah Quadri
Carried

5. Introduction of Executive Members and Office Staff

5.1. Full Listing of Committee, Council and Board Membership for All Executives:

This listing is included as Appendix II to this meeting agenda.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. Annual General Meeting Committee Reports: These reports are included as Appendix III to this meeting agenda.

7. Health Sciences Graduate Students' Association Report

7.1. Annual General Meeting HSGSA Report: This report is included as Appendix IV to this meeting agenda.

8. Senate Report

8.1. Annual General Meeting Senate Report: This report is included as Appendix V to this meeting agenda.

9. New Business

9.1. External Organization Affiliations: The UMGSA Bylaws stipulate that our affiliations with external organizations shall be discussed at every General Meeting.

- i. Chris (President) stated that the legal status between the UMGSA and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is unchanged from the previous fiscal year. Chris affirmed that the UMGSA are not a members of CFS at the national level neither at the provincial level.
- ii. The Manitoba Alliance of Post-Secondary Students (MAPSS) currently consists of 6 student associations, UMGSA included. Chris is presently the Vice-Chair of MAPSS. Currently, there is no financial cost to the association or its membership to maintain this relationship.
- iii. There have been conversations regarding partnering with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). There are no solid plans today, but an opportunity to explore in the future when we have more capacity.
- iv. There is potential for the UMGSA to start representing Postdoctoral fellows at the University of Manitoba.

MOTION: BIRT UMGSA Reaffirm the position on external organizations stipulated in the UMGSA bylaws.

Uche Nwankwo/ Chamali Kodikara

Carried

9.2 Approval of Bylaws Manual Amendments

- i. The recommended changes are listed as appendix XII to the meeting's agenda.

MOTION: BIRT The UMGSA membership approve the recommended amendments to the Bylaws manual as presented.

Uche Nwankwo/ Brenda Tittlemier

Carried

10. Announcements

10.1. UMGSA General Election: The UMGSA General Election is held each year in the Winter Term to select the UMGSA Executives for the coming academic year. All current graduate students at the University of Manitoba have the right to vote and to run for any UMGSA Executive role. Further details will be sent out by the UMGSA Chief Returning Officer (CRO) directly to all graduate students before the start of the nomination period.

11. Adjournment (6:46)

UMGSA Annual General Meeting Attendance

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Position/Department	Name	Signature
President, Education	Christopher Yendt	Present
VPFA, Business Administration	Julie Xue	Present
VPA, Chemistry	Hanieh Rezasoltani	Present
VPSS, Food & Human Nutritional Sciences	Timilehin Oluwajuyitan	Present
Senator 1, Natural Resource Management	Uche Nwankwo	Present
Senator 2, Electrical & Computer Engineering	Armin Aghajani	Present
HSGSA President, Physiology & Pathophysiology	Akshi Malik	Sent regrets
Chairperson (No Vote)	Kavisha Manoj Mehta	Present
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present <i>Left at 6:15</i>
Gov & Comm Coordinator, Minute Taker (No Vote)	Willow Josephson	Present
Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Sunday Olakanmi	Present
Chemistry	Bahareh Taghavi Shahraki	Present
City Planning	Noah Penney	Present
Civil Engineering	Homa Motavallian	Present
Computer Science	Atiquer Rahman Sarker	Present
Computer Science	Poupak Azad	Present
Computer Science	Fatima Jahan Sarmin	Present
Education	Salmah Quadri	Present
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Bitra Esmaeili	Present
Entomology	Sara LaValley	Present
Environment & Geography	Tyler Langos	Present
Environment & Geography	Bill Dowie	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Sciences	Chamali Kodikara	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Sciences	Ravinder Singh	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Sciences	Anuruddika Hewage	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Sciences	Thilini Dissanayake	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Sciences	Nnedinso Aguwa	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Sciences	Tahmina Rahman	Present

Food & Human Nutritional Sciences	Helen Agunbiade	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Sciences	Amanjeet Singh	Present
Geography	Debangshu Banerjee	Present
Immunology	Jamie Sookhoo	Present
Interior Design	Tessa Horn	Present
Kinesiology & Recreation Management	Sasha Kullman	Present
Linguistics	Mohadeseh Rostami Samak	Present
Microbiology	Fabian Rohden	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Alejandra Diabb Sanchez	Present
Natural Resources Institute	A. K. Azad	Present
Peace & Conflict Studies	Maha Mehanna	Present
Pharmacy	Samuel Akinola	Present
Philosophy	Emmanuel Uzoh	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Present
Physiology & Pathophysiology	Mary Obiechina	Present
Physiology & Pathophysiology	Leena Saleth	Present
Plant Science	Laetitia Mukungu	Present
Plant Science	Rajbir Kaur	Present
Supply Chain Management & Logistics	Chidinma Onyedum	Present

Total Number of Graduate Students as per OIA - Official Fall Term 2023 = 3970
Total Number of Graduate Students Needed to Make Quorum is 1% = 40
Total Number of Voting Attendees = 45