

Council Meeting Minutes
April 23rd, 2014, 5:00pm
GSA Lounge

APPROVED
June 18/14

1. Call to order.

Meeting called to order at 5:09pm.

2. Announcement from CUPE 3909

2.1. Will be negotiating the 3 year contract with the University. In order to go into negotiations, they need to have a meeting with union members. The meeting is on May 1st between 12:00pm and 2:00pm; lunch will be served. An email invitation will be sent to everyone on the CUPE mailing list. They need input from members in all departments.

3. Approval of the agenda for the April 23rd, 2014 GSA Council Meeting.

MOTION: BIRT the agenda for the April 23rd, 2014 GSA Council meeting be approved.

Vikram Banthia/Pouria Jabari Barjestah

Carried

4. Approval of the minutes from March 26th, 2014 GSA Council Meeting.

MOTION: BIRT the minutes from the March 26th, 2014 UMGSA Council Meeting be approved.

Daniel Levin/Yunqiao Wang

Carried

5. Unanimous consent agenda.

5.1. Any item that has a beside it denotes unanimous consent agenda

Any member who wishes to debate an item that is listed below may have it removed from the consent agenda by contacting the Chair prior to the meeting or by asking that it be removed before the Chair calls for a mover and seconder for the following motions.

MOTION: BIRT all executive reports and the GU15 report be accepted omnibus.

Hayla Petzold/Julie Hyde

Carried

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA reimburse Jennifer Chen \$3303.54, Mike Cardillo \$821.98, and Laura Rempel \$1096.66 for costs associated with travel to the GU15 conference.

Carried



5.2. There is no senate report for this month, as both the February and March Senate reports were submitted in March. Senators are appointed to senate from April to March; therefore, the incoming senators attended the April Senate meeting and will provide a report at their first council meeting in May.

6. Transition Period

6.1. Whether your transition is in May or September, please ensure you update Ruth (gsa@umgsa.org) with any changes to your department councilor's name, e-mail, and phone number.

6.2. *On behalf of the 2013/14 Executive Committee we would like to thank you!
Draw for the first Door Prize*

7. Travel Reimbursement Update (see Appendix A)

MOTION: BIRT the Financial Policy Manual be amended to include the following regulations for travel expenses in Article VIII: "Executive members who are travelling between Fort Garry and Bannatyne Campus, as well as between the Association offices to external meetings may claim reimbursement for travel costs, including mileage and parking. Costs will not be reimbursed if the Executive member is traveling from home to the University of Manitoba campus and its affiliate campuses."

*Farhoud Delijani/Mario Solis Nepote
Carried*

8. Verbal Committee Reports

8.1. Executive Committee Report

- The Executive have been active the transition process and wrapping things up for the year.
- The Executive is looking into new investment managers for our funds (approx. \$1.5 million). We were approached by BMO Nesbitt Burns, who presented at the last executive committee meeting. BMO and RBC will be coming to the next council meeting so they can present their investment strategies to council.
- Incoming executives may consider approaching other financial institutions to present their investment portfolios as well.

8.2. Finance Committee Report

- The Finance Committee had 260 conference grant applications to process, with 30 applications this month. \$123,000.00 was distributed through conference grants, special project grants, and donations. Another \$10,000.00 will be given to students for April for conference grants. In total, \$130,000.00 was returned to students from the UMGSA.
- The GSA had a healthy budget at the end of December; by the end of the year we were under budget by \$140,000.00.
 - We were under budget on office expenses and Executive honorariums, as we didn't have a VPME for half of the year.
 - Money was moved from these budget lines to conference grant line, as we had higher total amounts available to students to attend conferences. The

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updated budget will help the incoming executive to set the budget for the 2014/2015 year.

8.3. Bylaws Committee Report

- The Bylaws Committee met eight times throughout the year, and spent approximately 13 hours working on the documents.
- Major highlights are:
 - The Finance Policy Manual was reviewed, the grammar was corrected, and provisions for funding for students attending e-conferences were included.
 - The Policy and Procedure Manual was reviewed, but more work needs to be done on the document. All recommendations the committee had will be transferred to the committee for 2014/2015 year.

8.4. Awards Committee Report

- Awards applications are now open. The announcement was sent in the April 16 newsletter.
- Last year, the GSA awarded one PhD, two Masters and two part-time student awards. One teaching award was awarded, and a scroll was presented to the recipient at the October convocation. There were 58 award applications received.
- The Awards luncheon was under budget.
- The committee reviewed the awards documents and terms of reference and made suggestions for changes. The changes have been incorporated and sent to the Senate Committee on Awards for approval.

8.5. Campaigns Committee Report

- All of the department website links have been posted on our website.
- The committee is still looking into the UPass and waiting for information on that.

8.6. Events Committee Report

- Socials were held for Orientation, Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and the end of the year. The socials were successful, and Mike encourages the incoming executive to hold the same socials next year.
- The GSA held a Round Table Event that was also successful. The Round Table got University administration to start taking graduate student concerns seriously.
 - Next year the round table can investigate areas of concern to determine if there has been progress.

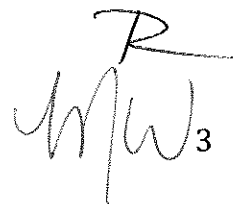
8.7. Internal Development and Review Sub-Committee Report (see Appendix H)

- The IDRC made a suggestion on increasing the honorarium. They reviewed the executive twice throughout the year, the reports are attached.
- Thank you to Karalyn and the entire IDRCS team. They have done a lot of work this year, Karalyn went above and beyond, so the GSA awarded her with a \$50 gift card.

9. Executive Members' Reports:

9.1. President

9.2. Vice President Internal



- 9.3. Vice President Academic
- 9.4. Vice President External
- 9.5. Vice President Health Sciences
- 9.6. Vice President Marketing and Events
- 9.7. Senator Ekenna
- 9.8. Senator Mejicanos
- 9.9. Senator Okeke

10. GU15 report

11. Department Reports

- None

12. Other Business

- None

13. Announcements

- 13.1. The GSA End of the Year Social will take place RIGHT NOW following the Council meeting at the HUB to celebrate the 2013/14 year and welcome new executive members.
- 13.2. Come join HSGSA April 25th, 2014 for their Spring Social.
- 13.3. Next Meeting date will take place May 28th, 2014, this meeting will be important for ensuring the approval of next year's budget and filling internal committees for the summer (though members are supposed to stay on until August 2014).
- 13.4. GSA has approved joining UMSU in displaying our crests (Laser Carved into Cherry wood, highlighted and preserved with a lacquer finish) on a feature wall in The HUB for all students to view.
- 13.5. Department Grant cheques are available. Please pick them up and cash them prior to April 30, 2014.

14. Adjournment

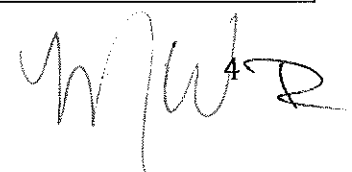
MOTION: BIRT the GSA Council meeting be adjourned.

Joey Lussier/Sebastien Kerherve

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Monika Wetzel	present
VP Internal	Farhoud Delijani	present
VP Academic	Mehdi Rahimian	present
VP External	Crystal Cook	absent



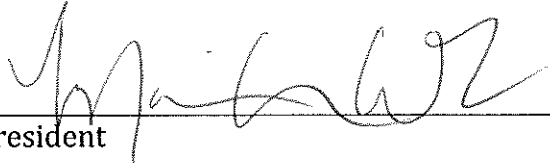
VP Health Sciences	Melissa Rabb	present
Senator 1	Calistus Ekenna	present
Senator 2	Gustavo Mejicanos	present
Senator 3	Emeka Okeke	present
Exec-At-Large (Non-voting)	Jennifer Chen	Present
Office Manager (Non-voting)	Ruth Prokesch	present
Office Assistant (Non-voting)	Trish Kelley	present
<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Jereme Keren Biney Proxy: Changhee Choi	present Regrets
Animal Science	Kristine Blair Atta Kofi Ayekum	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Charles Nwaizu	absent
Entomology	Andres Fabian Herrera	present
Food Science	Yuming Chen	present
Plant Science	Chami Amarasinghe	Present
Soil Science	Nicholson Jeke	Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Gordon Yiu	Present
City Planning	Krista Rogness Proxy: Ryan Litovitch	present Regrets
Interior Design	Jaymie Borchardt	regrets
Landscape Architecture	Britney Bell	Present
<i>Arts</i>		
Anthropology	Anu Lotay	Present
Economics	Musah Khalid Urmee Dasgupta	present
English, Film & Theatre	Kendra Magnus-Johnston Karalyn Dakurno	present
History	Nicole Courier Danielle Dubois	Present
Linguistics	Anna Parenteau Kathleen Strader	regrets
Native Studies	Ryan Duplassie Proxy: Joseph Dipple	present Regrets
Political Studies and Public Administration	Alexander Salt	absent
Psychology	Yunqiao Wang Hayley Chartrand (co-	present

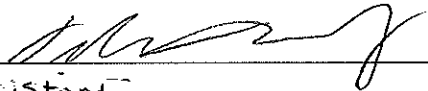
	councillors) Proxy: Matthew Quesnel	Present
Sociology	Daniel Levin Matthew Sanscartier	Present
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Navjot Pachu Scott Kehler	Present
Peace and Conflict Studies	Julie Hyde Saad Khan	present
Biomedical Engineering	Mario Solis Nepote	Present
Management		
Management - PhD and MSc	Ji Zhou	present
Management 2 - MBA	Amanda Gebhardt	Present
Education		
Curr: Hum. & Soc. Sc.		
Curr: Math & Nat Sc		
Curr: Teaching & Learning		
Educ. Admin & Foundations		
Educational Psychology		
Educ. Adm. Fnd. & Psy	Barbara Borgs	absent
Faculty based PhD		
Educ. St. Boniface		
Engineering		
Civil	Pouria Jabari Barjesteh Proxy: Sam Esfandien	Present Regrets
Electrical & Computer	Ahmed Byagowi (co-councillors) Dan Lockery	present
Mechanical and Manufacturing	Vikram Banthia	Present
Environment		
Geography & Environment	Darcy McDougall	present
Geological Sciences	Halya Petzold	present
Nat Resources Institute	Bridget Antze	Present
Human Ecology		



Family Social Sciences	Morgan Stirling	absent
Human Nutritional Sciences	Mohammad Abdullah Proxy: Jaime Clark	Regrets present
<i>Nursing</i>		
Nursing	Jill Norminton	present
<i>Phys Ed & Rec Studies</i>		
Recreation Management & Kinesiology	Soyun Chapman	Present
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Shuo Huang	present
Chemistry	Joey Lussier	Present – arrived at 5:25pm
Microbiology	Mac Kohlmeier	present
Physics & Astronomy	Sebastien Kerherve	Present
Statistics	Monsur Ahmed Chowdry	absent
<i>Social Work</i>		
Social Work	Nabieu Musa Sesay	absent
<i>UMSU (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Christian Pierce	absent
<i>CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)</i>		
President or Designate	Ana Vialard Hart	present
<i>FGS Rep (Non-Voting)</i>		
Dean or Designate	Jay Doering	absent
<i>Student Life (Non-Voting)</i>		
	Brendan Hughes	present
<i>Guests</i>		
Incoming President	Laura Rempel	present
Incoming Senator	Richard From	present
Incoming Senator	Chido Uchime	present
Incoming VPI	Valery Agbor	Present
Incoming VPE	Faizan Khan	Present
Incoming VPME	Beibei Lu	Present

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President  Date JUNE 16, 2014

Assistant  Date JUNE 18/2014