

## UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 - 5:30 PM - UMGSA Lounge

### 1. Call to Order (5:30pm).

### 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

#### **Note: Agenda Items for Concurrence Without Debate**

Any item that has a  beside it denotes an item intended for Concurrence Without Debate. These items include reports and other routine matters, and are considered accepted or adopted by the UMGSA Council without debate or a vote. Any Council Member who wishes to remove any item so-noted from the list of items for Concurrence Without Debate may do so by contacting the Council Chairperson prior to the meeting, or by requesting that it be removed when the Chair asks if there is any opposition to accepting these items for Concurrence Without Debate, immediately prior to the motion to approve the agenda as presented or as amended.

Council agrees to a friendly amendment, with the following item added to the agenda and all following items renumbered accordingly:

#### **11.1: Ratification of the Email Vote to Approve the Membership of the Selection Committee for the Position of Office Assistant (Temporary).**

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the agenda for the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, UMGSA Council Meeting as amended.**

*English, Theatre, Film & Media/Applied Health Sciences (Carried).*

### 4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes from the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Entomology/Architecture (Carried).*

### 5. Committee Reports

5.1.  March Committee Reports (Appendix II)

### Indigenous Ad-Hoc Committee Report

- In March there was over 48 Indigenous events on campus but the UMGSA only participated in one.
- The only concrete action the UMGSA has taken towards reconciliation since founding the Indigenous Ad-Hoc Committee two years ago is including the territorial acknowledgement at the beginning of Council meetings.
- Laura was absent for an Indigenous Ad-Hoc Committee meeting, and the chair chosen in her absence was a white male.
- The Indigenous Ad-Hoc Committee was formed with the goal of taking necessary steps towards signing Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord, but the current chair does not believe that we are in a place to sign this year.
- Laura is the only Indigenous person in the room at this Council meeting, and all other Indigenous representatives on the UMGSA Council have chosen not to attend.

## 6. HSGSA Report

- 6.1.  March HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

## 7. Senate Report

- 7.1.  March Senate Report (Appendix IV)

## 8. Executive Reports

- 8.1.  March Executive Reports (Appendix V)

## 9. Departmental Reports

## 10. Unfinished Business

None.

## 11. New Business

- 11.1. Ratification of the Email Vote to form the Selection Committee for the position of Office Assistant (Temporary):** The following members of the Selection Committee were selected via email vote by Council on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019:

- Carl Neumann (UMGSA President)
- Cody Ross (UMGSA VP Internal)
- Felix Chidiebere Nwaiwu (UMGSA Senator)
- Sanjana Syeda (HSGSA Representative)
- MD Shayeekh-us Saleheen (UMGSA Representative)
- Udit Khanna (UMGSA Representative)
- Nathaniel Ort (UMGSA Representative).

The motion read as follows: "BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the formation of the selection committee for the UMGSA Office Assistant (Temporary) position as outlined above." 24 members voted in favour and one abstained.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council ratifies the result of the above email vote.**  
*English, Theatre, Film & Media/Physics & Astronomy (Carried).*

- 11.2. UMGSA Office Assistant Position:** A job posting was circulated to the graduate student body on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The Selection Committee received over 25 applications and interviewed shortlisted candidates for the part-time, temporary

position of Office Assistant to cover the current Office Assistant's maternity leave. The selected candidate will train in May, begin regular hours the first week of June, and the position will last until early March 2020.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the hiring of Colin Ijebor for the position of UMGSA Office Assistant (Temporary).**

*Political Studies & Public Administration/English, Theatre, Film & Media (Carried).*

**11.3. Ratification of the 2019 UMGSA General Election Results:** The final results of the UMGSA General Election must be ratified by the UMGSA Council. The final election results are included as Appendix VI to this Council document package, and the Election Committee Review of Appeals and Complaints in the 2019 UMGSA General Election is included as Appendix VII.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council moves to closed session, excluding any participants in the 2019 UMGSA General Election.**

*Senator 2/Nursing (Carried with 1 opposed).*

All parties affiliated with the 2019 UMGSA Election leave the room.

The following motions resulted from discussion in the closed session:

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council ratifies the final results of the 2019 UMGSA General Election as presented.**

*Architecture/Natural Resources Institute (Unanimously opposed).*

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council takes a five-minute recess.**

*English, Theatre, Film & Media/Architecture (Carried).*

The UMGSA Council took a brief recess at 6:45pm and returned at 6:51pm.

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council ends recess.**

*Psychology/Landscape Architecture (Carried).*

**MOTION: BIRT the existing UMGSA Election and Referendum Committee be dissolved.**

*Architecture/Management MBA (Carried).*

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council appoints the following individuals as members of the new UMGSA Election and Referendum Committee:**

- **Kasey Morgan**
- **Jessica Piper**
- **MD Shayeekh-us Saleheen**
- **Alexandra Schoen**
- **Hrishekesh Banik.**

*Natural Resources Institute/Physics & Astronomy (Carried).*

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council appoints the following five resource advisors to the UMGSA Election and Referendum Committee. The UMGSA Election and Referendum Committee members must communicate with these**

**advisors through official UMGSA email.**

- **Sakib Rahman**
- **Laura Forsythe**
- **Carmine Slipski**
- **Felix Chidiebere Nwaiwu**
- **Silvia Araujo**

*Natural Resources Institute/Architecture (Carried).*

The Office Assistant will create official UMGSA emails for the above members of the Election and Referendum Committee.

**MOTION: BIRT the following councillors call for a Special Meeting of the UMGSA Council on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm:**

- **English, Theatre, Film & Media**
- **Linguistics**
- **Biomedical Engineering**
- **Food Science**
- **Nursing.**

*Architecture/Kinesiology (Carried).*

A signed written request for the Special Meeting will be submitted to the Council Chair immediately after this meeting. The Office Assistant will then send out official notice of the Special Meeting to all UMGSA councillors.

**MOTION: BIRT the following people are invited to attend the next Council meeting as guests:**

- **Sakib Rahman**
- **Laura Forsythe**
- **Carmine Slipski**
- **Felix Chidiebere Nwaiwu**
- **Silvia Araujo.**

*Linguistics/Landscape Architecture (Carried).*

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves current signing authorities to post-date and sign up to three months of cheques for office staff salaries; CRO, DRO, and HSGSA honorariums; and utilities for the UMGSA. All non-essential expenses will be postponed until new signing authorities are appointed. Conference grant applications will not be penalized, but will be paid out as appropriate once new signing authorities are appointed.**

*English, Theatre, Film & Media/Linguistics (Carried).*

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council mandates the full payment of the former CRO and DRO of the spring 2019 UMGSA General Election.**

*Architecture/English, Theatre, Film & Media (Carried with Linguistics abstaining).*

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council ratifies Jayne Hammond as chair for the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Special Council meeting.**

*Nursing/Biomedical Engineering (Carried with Senator 1 abstaining).*

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council mandates the UMGSA Bylaws & Policy Committee to review to what extent the Election and Referendum Committee is accountable to Council.**

*Biomedical Engineering/Physics & Astronomy (Carried).*

**MOTION: BIRT the regular May Council meeting be scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.**

*English, Theatre, Film & Media/Architecture (Carried).*

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA ends its closed session.**

*Senator 1/English, Theatre, Film & Media (Carried).*

Parties affiliated with the 2019 UMGSA General Election re-enter the room.

## 12. Announcements

**12.1. Special Council Meeting:** Wednesday, May 8, 2019 – 5:30PM – UMGSA Lounge

**12.2. May Council Meeting:** Wednesday, May 22, 2019 - 5:30PM - UMGSA Lounge

## 13. Adjournment (7:54pm).

### UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance

April 24, 2019

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Carl Neumann	Present
VP Internal	Cody Ross	Present
VP Academic	Silvia Araujo	Present
VP External	D Skye Kushner	Present
VP Marketing & Events	Sakib Rahman	Present
VP Health Science	Carmine Slipski	Present
Senator1	Chidiebere (Felix) Nwaiwu	Present
Senator2	Laura Forsythe	Present
HSGSA Senator	Prajwal Raghunatha	<b>Will Attend HSGSA Council Mtgs</b>
Chairperson	Karalyn Dokurno	Present
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Office Assistant (No Vote)	Jayne Hammond (Minute Taker)	Present
<b><i>Agric &amp; Food Science</i></b>		
Animal Science	Junfei Guo (Co-Councillors) Paul Tamayao	Qianru Hui - Proxy
Biosystems Engineering	Hrishekesh Banik (Co-Councillors) Navjot Kaur Brar	Hrishekesh Present
Entomology	Lavanya Ganesan	Present <b>LE-7:37pm</b>
Food Science	Xiang Li	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Roxie Koohgoli (Co-Councillors) Luis Codero-Monroy	Both Present
Plant Science	Nathaniel (Nate) Ort (Co-Councillors) Myra Van Die	Myra Present

Soil Science	Lanny Gardiner (Co-Councillors) Megan Bourns	Megan Present
<b><i>Architecture</i></b>		
Architecture	Matthew Rajfur (Co-Councillors) Jessica Piper	Jessica Present
City Planning	Angie Mojica (Co-Councillors) Isaac Laapah	Isaac Present
Interior Design	Marlene Jankowski	<b>Absent</b>
Landscape Architecture	Alyssa Magas	Present
<b><i>Arts</i></b>		
Economics	Francis Dzikpe (Co-Councillors) Siavash Taheri	<b>Both Absent</b>
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Kasey Morgan (Co-Councillors) Ademola Adesola	Both Present
Linguistics	Iuliia Rezvukhina (Co-Councillors) Tasheney Holness	Tasheney Present
Native Studies	Naithan Lagace (Co-Councillors) Angelina McLeod	<b>Both Absent</b>
Political Studies & Public Administration	Eric Gagnon (Co-Councillors) Colin Ijebor	Eric Present
Psychology	Michelle Ward (Co-Councillors) Brenna Henrikson	Michelle Present <b>LE-7:10pm</b>
Sociology & Criminology	Laura Funk	Present
<b><i>Management</i></b>		
Asper - Master of Finance	Longwei Yang	<b>Regrets</b>
Management - PhD & MSc	Chantale Dornez	Present
Management – MBA	Udit Khanna	Shakti Vyjayanthi - Proxy
<b><i>Education</i></b>		
Education – PhD	Md. Shayeekh-Us Saleheen	Present
Educ - Curric. Teaching & Learning	Weipeng Wang	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Engineering</i></b>		
Biomedical Engineering	Ahmed Elwali (Co-Councillors) Mehrangiz Ashiri	Ahmed Present
Civil Engineering	Ahmed Gaber Bediwy	<b>Absent</b>
Electrical/Computer Engineering	Nozhan Bayat (Co-Councillors) Ehsan Tahmasabian	Present
<b><i>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</i></b>		
Environment & Geography	Maddie Harasyn (Co-Councillors) Lisa Matthes	Nolan Snyder - Proxy <b>LE-6:50pm</b>
Geological Sciences	Max Day (Co-Councillors) Derek Drayson	Max Present <b>LE-6:23pm</b>

Natural Resources Institute	Zachary Rempel (Co-Councillors) Kaitlyn Duthie-Kamikkatt	Zachary Present
<b><i>Graduate Studies</i></b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Kevin Boreskie	Present
Peace and Conflict Studies	Mathias Ateng (Co-Councillors) Calum Dean	<b>Both Absent</b>
<b><i>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</i></b>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Carrie Peters (Co-Councillors) Nika Korpesho	Carrie Present
<b><i>Law</i></b>		
Law	Mert Ozgur	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Nursing</i></b>		
Nursing	Luisa Nicholson (Co-Councillors) Janaya Palsson	Janaya Present
<b><i>Science</i></b>		
Biological Sciences	Nasibeh Daneshvar	Alexandra Schoen - <b>Proxy LE-7:10pm</b>
Mathematics	Adriana-Stefania Ciupeanu	<b>Absent</b>
Microbiology	Haben Tesfu	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Darren Flynn	Present
Statistics	Pramoda Jayasinghe (Co-Councillors) Nirodha E. Dona	Pramoda Present
<b><i>CUPE3909</i></b>		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Indigenous Engagement</i></b>		
Indigenous Engagement (No Vote)	Christy Anderson	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Guests</i></b>		
Incoming Senator	Julia Minarik	Present

There was a Closed Session from 5:45pm until 7:50pm, where the election candidates, the CRO, and any non-voting were asked to leave the room.

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**Minute-Taker**

**Date**

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**President**

**Date**