

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021 - 5:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order (5:32)

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 September 22, 2021 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

AMMEDMENT: BIRT The UMGSA Council add a discussion of the proposal from bylaws and policy that an Ad Hoc External Relations Fund be created.

Silvia/ Mike

Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the May 26, 2021 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Amy/ Nathalia

Carried

5. Committee Reports

5.1. August Committee Reports (Appendix II)

5.1.1. Discussed about student club membership at GSA (Context: Iranian Students' Association). A collaboration with UMSU is underway.

5.1.2. In the next council meeting, there will be a bylaw change needing approval by the council.

5.1.3. Successfully announced Awards Committee results through email and social media.

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. August HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

6.1.1. Bill asked about feedback from graduate students regarding submitting proof of vaccination. It was concluded that there have not been any concerns as of right now.

7. Senate Report

7.1. August Senate Reports (Appendix IV)

7.1.1. The University and The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation will offer events and resources to recognize this important day (September 30).

8. Executive Reports

8.1. August Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

9.1. No new news was shared.

10. Unfinished Business

10.1. Sustainability Updates

10.1.1. Bill will be attending a closed workshop tomorrow on the north campus lands. He will figure out what opportunities there are for student interests, suggestions are welcome. More updates to come.

11. New Business

11.1. Bringing in The Bystander Workshop

11.1.1. Ruth reminded everyone that BITB attendance is mandatory in order to receive department grants. If you have yet to do so please sign up here: [Events | UMGSA](#)

11.1.2. Divya and Mike raised the concern of having to retake BITB if you have already done so the previous year. It was concluded that it is not mandatory to take the workshop 2 years in a row.

12. Announcements

12.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 27th, 2021 - 5:30PM – Zoom

12.2. Committee Positions to be filled: See the list that was sent out with these council documents. Some committee positions for FGS still need to be filled and can be filled by councillors. If you are interested please contact Silvia at pres@umgsa.org

12.3. Consent Culture Workshops: Look out for an e-mail about these.

12.4. November Newsletter: If anyone has anything they want to share please e-mail gcc@umgsa.org

Adjournment (6:10)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance
September 22, 2021

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Silvia Sekander	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Nora Ampomah	Present
VP Academic	Rubel Chandra Talukder	Present
VP Services & Support	Golnaz Shirzadi	Absent
HSGSA President	Akshi Malik	Present
Senator1	AKM Monsurul Alam	Present
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>		
Agribusiness & Agric Economics	Damla Oz	Absent
Animal Science	Oluwakemi Omotosho	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Mujibur Rahman	Absent
Entomology	Joel Gardner	Present
Food Science	Susane Trevisan	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Luis Codero-Monroy	Present
Plant Science	Jacob Kolody (Co-Councillors) Sampa Sarker	Sampa Present
Soil Science	Claudia Quilesfogel-Esparza (Co-Councillors) Kody Oleson	Claudia Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Alix Lacerna	Present
City Planning	Jakub Marshall	Present
Interior Design	Sean Hewlett	Present
Landscape Architecture	Christopher Speirs	Present
<i>Arts</i>		
Anthropology	Olajumoke Olalere	Absent
Economics	Michael Apata (Co - Councillors) Shantanu Debbarmar	Absent
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Amy-Leigh Gray	Present
History	Cara Ginter	Present
Linguistics	Oluwakemi Kolapo	Present
Political Studies & Public Administration	Divya Negi	Present
Psychology	Reegan McCheyne	Present
Sociology & Criminology	Avery Hallberg	Present
<i>Management</i>		

Asper School - Master of Finance	Evelyn Zhang	Absent
Management PhD & MSc	Jingnan Li (Co-Councillors) Zhe Shen	Both Present
Management – MBA Interdisciplinary	Abhinandan Khansali	Absent
Education		
Education - PhD	Ahmad Zirak Ghazani	Absent
Education - Administration	Abiola Olowolagba	Present
Education - Curriculum, Teaching & Learn	Mousume Akhter Flora	Present
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh (Co- Councillors) Mohammad Hodaei	Absent
Civil Engineering	Parvin Berenjkari	Absent
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Abolfazl Babaei (Co-Councillors) Amirmasoud AmirKabiri	Abolfazl Present
Mechanical Engineering	Osamudiamen Olaye (Co-Councillors) Behzad Fakour	
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Kiran Yendamuri (Co-Councillors) Zakhar Kazmiruk	Both Present
Geological Sciences	Aaron Kilmury	Absent
Natural Resources Institute	Michael Bagamery Brendan Middel (Co-Councillors)	Brendan Present
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier (Co-Councillors) Banke Oketola	Brenda Present
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.		
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Law		
Master of Human Rights	Diana Ubokudom	Present
Nursing		
Nursing	Jessica Meilleur Brittany Silverstein (Co-Councillors)	Jessica Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Ashley Tripp	Present
Chemistry	Scott Legare	Absent
Computer Science	Kimia Shadkani	Absent
Mathematics	YG Liang	Present
Microbiology	Dustin Maydaniuk	Absent
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Present
CUPE3909		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	Absent

<i>Indigenous Engagement</i>		
<i>Guests</i>		