

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 27th, 2021 - 5:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order (5:31)

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.

Mike/ Michael

Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes

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

Oluwakemi/ Ganesh

Carried

5. Committee Reports

5.1. August Committee Reports (Appendix II)

5.1.1. Executives discussed on the lab accessibility during the weekend and raised the concern to university administration.

5.1.2. The Bylaws and Policy Committee finished revising timelines for council membership, as well as the article on audits and transparency in the Governance and Operations Manual.

5.1.3. Mental Health survey will be sent out to grad students shortly.

5.1.4. Bill abstained from the vote (self declaration of mental health) because he has some concerns. Bill and Golnaz will attend a meeting to discuss the functionality of this policy.

5.2. August HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

5.2.1. Akshi was absent, and no questions were raised.

6. Senate Report

6.1. August Senate Reports (Appendix IV)

6.1.1. No Senate meetings were held in September, and no questions were raised.

7. Executive Reports

7.1. August Reports (Appendix V)

8. Departmental Reports

8.1. Kimia of Faculty of Science shared the Sprint to Innovate challenge:

<https://www.rrc.ca/informationssystem/2021/09/23/sprint-to-innovate-the-innovation-challenge/> (Online November 12-14, 2021)

8.2. Farinaz of Biomedical Engineering shared that this Friday (October 29, 2021) we have an in-person poster competition.

9. Unfinished Business

9.1. Sustainability Updates

9.1.1. If anyone has ideas regarding how to make the campus more sustainable, please email Bill (senator2@umgsa.org).

10. New Business

10.1. Bargaining Update

10.1.1 Recognized potential UMFA strike. Currently in mediation process.

Yet to discuss letter of solidarity.

10.1.2 Kimia brought up the concerns regarding the strike affecting international students' study permits, etc. The UMGSA will prioritize this issue if/ when the strike happens.

11. Announcements

11.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, November 24th, 2021 - 5:30PM – Zoom

11.2. Consent Culture Workshops: There is 1 workshop left. If you have yet to attend, please sign up here: www.umgsa.org/calendar/

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

Adjournment (6:15)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance

October 27, 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	Present
HSGSA President	Akshi Malik	Absent
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	Shubham Sharma (Co-Councillors) Shivam Tejaswi	Absent
Entomology	Joel Gardner	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Sciences	Thilini Dissanayake (FS) (Co-Councillors) Breanne Semenko (HNS)	Thilini Present
Plant Science	Jacob Kolody (Co-Councillors) Md. Ehsanul Haq	Md. Ehsanul Present
Soil Science	Claudia Quilesfogel-Esparza (Co-Councillors) Kody Oleson	Kody Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Benita Kliewer	Present
City Planning	Anna McKinnon (Co-Councillors) Colt Maddock	Anna Present
Interior Design	Sean Hewlett	Absent
Landscape Architecture	Christopher Speirs	Present
<i>Arts</i>		
Anthropology	Olajumoke Olalere	Absent
Economics	Michael Apata (Co - Councillors) Shantanu Debbarman	Both Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Amy-Leigh Gray	Present
History	Cara Ginter	Sent regards
Linguistics	Oluwakemi Kolapo	Present
Political Studies & Public Administration	Divya Negi	Absent
Psychology	Reegan McCheyne	Present

Sociology & Criminology	Avery Hallberg	Absent
Management		
Asper School - Master of Finance		
Management PhD & MSc	Jingnan Li (Co-Councillors) Zhe Shen	Both Present
Management – MBA Interdisciplinary	Meenakshi Sharma	Present
Education		
Education - PhD	Ahmad Zirak Ghazani	Rawia Present
Education - Administration	Abiola Olowolagba	Present
Education - Curriculum, Teaching & Learn		
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh (Co- Councillors) Mohammad Hodaei	Farinaz Present
Civil Engineering	Kadir Yanac	Absent
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Abolfazl Babaei (Co-Councillors) Amirmasoud Amirkabiri	Abolfazl Present
Mechanical Engineering	Osamudiamen Olaye (Co-Councillors) Behzad Fakour	Both Present
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Kiran Yendamuri (Co-Councillors) Zakhar Kazmiruk	Both Present
Geological Sciences	Adam Snyder	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Brendan Middel Sobiya Aziz Badat (Co-Councillors) Mike Bagamery	All Present
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier (Co-Councillors) Banke Oketola	Brenda Present
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Ganesh Tailor (Co-Councillors) Olivia Tefft	Both Present
Law		
Master of Human Rights	Diana Ubokudom	Present
Nursing		
Nursing	Suzaine Opena (Co-Councillors) Zi Zhang	Both Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Ashley Tripp	Present
Chemistry	Scott Legare	Present
Computer Science	Kimia Shadkami	Present
Mathematics	YG Liang	Present
Microbiology	Dustin Maydaniuk	Present

Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Present
CUPE3909		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	Absent
Indigenous Engagement		
Guests		