

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 - 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 April 26th, 2023, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Krista/ Christopher
Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the March 29th, 2023, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Christopher/ Uche
Carried

5. Committee Reports

5.1. March Committee Reports (Appendix II)

- i. Due to time constraints, agenda items 5, 6 & 7 were not presented. The information is provided in the council package. No questions regarding these items were brought up during the meeting.

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. March HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

7. Senate Report

7.1. March Senate Reports (Appendix IV)

8. Executive Reports

8.1. March Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

10. Unfinished Business

- i. There was no unfinished business to be discussed.

11. New Business

11.1 Graduate Nursing Students Association (GNSA) Transfer Approval

- i. Letter of intent from GNSA is attached via email.
- ii. The following motion has been passed by the UMGSA Bylaws & Policy Committee.
- iii. Rubel elaborated on the reasoning for this decision being that the nursing students requested this change due to their academic similarities with HSGSA.

MOTION: BIRT Graduate Nursing Students' Association (GNSA) be transferred under the umbrella of HSGSA from UMGSA effective upon approval of UMGSA Council.

Bylaws & Policy Committee/ UMGSA Council

Carried

11.2 GSA Forestry/ Tree Planting Initiative

- i. Uche gave a PowerPoint presentation on the topic to make everyone informed before moving forward with the motion.
- ii. There were many discussions regarding the monetary amount indicated in the following motion. Some attendees (council members & guests) voiced their thoughts regarding wishing to see the money spent in other ways (to alleviate financial stress of graduate students, etc.).
- iii. The motion was unsuccessful with 9 votes in favor, 13 against, and 5 abstained.
- iv. Christopher Yendt (Education, incoming President) put forward a revised motion (see below) which was then approved.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA provide up to \$25,000 seed money be deposited into UM donor deposit account dedicated to a forestry/tree planting initiative before end of 2022/23 term (April 30th, 2023) upon contingency that withdrawal can be made if matching funds do not occur.

UMGSA Executive/

Unapproved

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA continue to explore opportunities around a prospective forestry/tree planting initiative over the course of the 2023/24 term and report developments back to Council.

Chris/ Brenda

Carried

12. Announcements

12.1 Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, May 31st, 2023 - 5:30PM – Zoom

12.2 May Newsletter: If anyone has anything they want to share please e-mail

Adjournment (7:48)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance

April 26th, 2023

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Silvia Sekander	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Rubel Chandra Talukder	Present
VP Academic		
VP Services & Support	Marianne (Marzieh) Hajiloo	Present
HSGSA President	Jamie Sookhoo	Present
Senator1	Uche Nwankwo	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>		
Animal Science	Breanna Zwick	Present
Entomology	Danie Wood	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Science	Anashwar Mullankuzhiyil Valsalan (Co-Councillors) Breanne Semenko	Anashwar Present
Plant Science	Laetitia Mukungu (Co-Councillors) Md. Ehsanul Haq	Md. Present
Soil Science	Charitha Hansima (Co-Councilors) Jose Almodovar	Charitha Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Paige Coleman	Absent
City Planning	Oluwasegun (Isaac) Omonaiye (Co-Councilors) Julian Loutsik	Absent
Interior Design	Juliana Anderson	Carmen Huang as proxy
<i>Arts</i>		
Economics	Michael Apata (Co - Councillors) Shantanu Debbarman	Michael Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Sakshi Tyagi	Absent
History	Cara Ginter	Absent
Linguistics	Mohadeseh Rostami Samak (Co-Councillors) Ashkan Ghaemmaghami	Mohadeseh Present
Political Studies & Public Administration	Jessica Drakul (Co-Councillors) Md. Azizul Hakim	Jessica Present
Psychology	Cici Guo (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	Absent

Sociology & Criminology	Mehraz Sarker	Absent
Management		
Management - MBA/MFin/MSCM	Kalyn Maskiw-Connelly (MBA) (3x Co-Councillors) Sheena Gee Tony Wu	Kalyn & Sheena Present
Education		
Education - PhD	Christopher Yendt	Present
Education - CTL	Minhee Kim	Present
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh	Absent
Civil Engineering	Tara Seidi	Present
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Fowzia Ahmed (Co-Councillors) Nicole Loeb	Fowzia Present
Geological Sciences	Tekla Cunningham	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Alejandra Diabb Sanchez (Co-Councillors) Sobiya Aziz Badat	Both Present
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier (Co-Councillors) Banke Oketola	Brenda Present
Peace & Conflict Studies	Maha Mehanna	Present
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Mudra Dave (Co-Councillors) Sasha Kullman	Both Present
Nursing		
Nursing	Trinh Nguyen-Lu (Co-Councillors) Hannah Mohammed	Hannah Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Krista Shofstall	Present
Chemistry	Hanieh Rezasoltani	Present
Mathematics	Ian Thompson	Present
Microbiology	Dustin Maydaniuk	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Present
CUPE3909		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	
Indigenous Engagement		
Guests		
Incoming VPFA	Julie Xue	Present
Incoming VPSS	Timilehin Oluwajuyitan	Present
Incoming Senator	Armin Aghajani	Present
HSGSA VPSB	Akshi Malik	Present
Incoming HSGSA VPSB	Leena Regi Saleth	Present
HSGSA VPA	Alekhya Lavu	Present

Incoming HSGSA VPA	Shahin Shabanipour	Present
HSGSA VPI	Kayla Kostal	Present
Incoming HSGSA VPI	Lauren MacGowan	Present
HSGSA VPME	Astrid Bravo	Present
Incoming HSGSA VPME	Samuel Akinola	Present
Physiology	Seyed Mojtaba Hossseini	Present