

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 31st, 2023 - 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 May 31st, 2023, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Michael/ Brenda
Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the April 26th, 2023, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Uche/ Breanna
Carried

5. Committee Reports

5.1. April Committee Reports (Appendix II)

- i. The previous executives were not present to deliver oral reports, but written reports were provided. No council members had questions regarding these reports.

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. April HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

- i. Akshi (previous VPSB, current President) was present to answer any questions regarding Jamie's final report. No concerns were brought up.

7. Senate Report

7.1. April Senate Reports (Appendix IV)

- i. Uche was present to answer any questions. No questions were raised.

8. Executive Reports

8.1. April Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

- i. Hanieh (VPA) noted that an invitation to join the Awards & Academic Affairs committee will be sent out shortly and encouraged council members to consider volunteering to sit on this committee.

10. Unfinished Business

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

11. New Business

11.1 UMGSA Budget 2023/24: Each year the UMGSA's budget is approved by Council at the start of each new Executive term. The proposed budget for 2023-2024 is included as an email attachment with these council documents.

- i. C. Yendt (President) presented all notable budget changes.
- ii. Akshi inquired about section: *Grants*, line item (*Special Projects (including MHRE)*). Chris clarified why MHRE (Multidisciplinary Health Research Experience Program) is included under this item and that they are considering re-evaluating the monetary capacity on special project grants.
- iii. Michael Apata (Economics) asked about a stale date department grant (unable to cash). Chris explained that unfortunately UMGSA cannot make any adjustments regarding a stale dated cheque due to its reference to a previous fiscal year that has already been closed and audited.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the UMGSA Budget for 2023-2024 as presented.

*Uche/Minhee
Carried*

11.2 Approval of revisions to the Governance & Operations Manual

- i. Proposed changes were attached via email to all council members.

MOTION: BIRT The Bylaws and Policy Committee of UMGSA unanimously recommend the following changes to the Governance and Operations Manual for approval by UMGSA Council.

*Bylaws & Policy Committee/ Akshi
Carried*

12. Announcements

12.1 Executive Review Committee: Commitment = May 2023 – April 2024

- i. If interested in joining, please email Willow at gcc@umgsa.org.

12.2 Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023 - 5:30PM – Zoom

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

Adjournment (6:12)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance		May 31st, 2023
<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Christopher Yendt	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Julie Xue	Present
VP Academic	Hanieh Rezasoltani	Present
VP Services & Support	Timilehin Oluwajuyitan	Absent
HSGSA President	Akshi Malik	Present
Senator1	Uche Nwankwo	Present
Senator2	Armin Aghajani	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	Absent
Food & Human Nutritional Science	Anashwar Mullankuzhiyil Valsalan (Co-Councillors) Breanne Semenko	Anashwar Present
Plant Science	Laetitia Mukungu (Co-Councillors) Md. Ehsanul Haq	Laetitia 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	Absent
<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	Absent
Psychology	Cici Guo (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	Cici Present
Sociology & Criminology	Mehraz Sarker	Absent
<i>Management</i>		

Management - MBA/MFin/MSCM	Kalyn Maskiw-Connelly (MBA) (3x Co-Councillors) Sheena Gee Tony Wu	Kalyn Present
Education		
Education - PhD		
Education - CTL	Minhee Kim	Present
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh	Present
Civil Engineering	Tara Seidi	Absent
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Fowzia Ahmed (Co-Councillors) Nicole Loeb	Blake Hunnie as proxy
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.		
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Science		
Biological Sciences	Krista Shofstall	Present
Chemistry	Bahareh Taghavi Shahraki	Present
Mathematics	Ian Thompson	Present
Microbiology	Dustin Maydaniuk	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Present
CUPE3909		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	
Indigenous Engagement		
Guests		
Economics	Ogheneyoma Oyibo	Present