

## UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 - 5:30 PM – Zoom

### 1. Call to Order (5:34)

### 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 August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Brenda/ Sasha*  
*Carried*

### 4. Approval of the Minutes

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Sara/ Sasha*  
*Carried*

### 5. Committee Reports

#### 5.1. May, June & July Committee Reports (Appendix II)

- i. Chris noted the internal progress work the organization is undergoing regarding a staff restructure. Also mentioning the work going towards policy pieces such as executive performance appraisal & evaluation.
- ii. In July, the events committee approved the following clubs to be recognized under the UMGSA:
  - Filipinos Advancing Research in the Health Sciences
  - Queer & Trans Health Sciences Graduate Student Group
- iii. Brenda (*Applied Health Sciences*) asked about the dates of our orientation sessions. Timi confirmed that the Fort Garry event is August 31<sup>st</sup> and Bannatyne is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- iv. Hanieh explained there were no Awards & Academic Affairs committee meetings in May & June due to the search for membership/ forming of the

committee. The committee met July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, where Hanieh explained the review process which the committee initiated shortly after.

## **6. HSGSA Report**

### **6.1. May, June & July HSGSA Report (Appendix III)**

- i. Akshi shared that in May, the HSGSA executives transitioned smoothly into their respective roles. Over the summer months, HSGSA organized and executed the Annual Manitoba Student Health Research Forum, as well as planned for orientation.

## **7. Senate Report**

### **7.1. May, June & July Senate Reports (Appendix IV)**

- i. There were no senate reports submitted by either Senator. Armin apologized and explained that due to a lack of transition guidance (which has now been fulfilled by Chris) he was unaware of the report process. Armin ensured the council will be thoroughly informed of his activities as UMGSA Senator next meeting.

## **8. Executive Reports**

### **8.1. May, June & July Reports (Appendix V)**

## **9. Departmental Reports**

## **10. Unfinished Business**

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

## **11. New Business**

### **11.1 Generative Governance Introduction**

- i. Chris invited councillors to submit topics they'd like to discuss (at least 1 week in advance to the meeting) to our Governance & Communications Coordinator at [gcc@umgsa.org](mailto:gcc@umgsa.org). This will give council the chance to address specific concerns, provide the GSA Executive with feedback and more.

### **11.2 Ad-Hoc Committee on Food Insecurity**

- i. There are 2 UMGSA Council member positions left to be filled.
- ii. If interested or need more information, please email [gcc@umgsa.org](mailto:gcc@umgsa.org).

## **12. Post Agenda Discussion**

- i. Maha (*Peace & Conflict Studies*) asked if there are confidential ways students can report sexual harassment other than the Human Rights Office & Student Advocacy Office.

The following options were recommended:

- Student Support Services
- [Sexual Violence Resource Centre](#)
- Laurie M. Schnarr (Vice Provost – Students) [Laurie.Schnarr@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Laurie.Schnarr@umanitoba.ca)

### 13. Announcements

**12.1 Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 5:30PM – Zoom

**12.2 September Newsletter:** If anyone has anything they want to share please e-mail [gcc@umgsa.org](mailto:gcc@umgsa.org)

### Adjournment (6:18)

<b>UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance</b>		<b>August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023</b>
<i><b>Position/Department</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Signature</b></i>
President	Christopher Yendt	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Julie Xue	<b>Sent Regrets</b>
VP Academic	Hanieh Rezasoltani	Present
VP Services & Support	Timilehin Oluwajuyitan	Present
HSGSA President	Akshi Malik	Present
Senator1	Uche Nwankwo	<b>Sent Regrets</b>
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
<b><i>Agric &amp; Food Science</i></b>		
Animal Science	Breanna Zwick	Present
Entomology	Sara LaValley	Present
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	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Architecture</i></b>		
Architecture	Paige Coleman	<b>Absent</b>
City Planning	Oluwasegun (Isaac) Omonaiye (Co-Councilors) Julian Loutsik	Julian Present
Interior Design	Juliana Anderson	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Arts</i></b>		
Economics	Michael Apata (Co - Councillors) Shantanu Debbarmann	<b>Absent</b>
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Sakshi Tyagi	Present
History	Cara Ginter	<b>Absent</b>
Linguistics	Mohadeseh Rostami Samak (Co-Councillors) Ashkan Ghaemmaghami	<b>Absent</b>
Political Studies & Public Administration	Jessica Drakul (Co-Councillors) Md. Azizul Hakim	<b>Absent</b>

Psychology	Cici Guo (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	<b>Absent</b>
Sociology & Criminology	Mehraz Sarker	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Management</b>		
Management - MBA/MFin/MSCM	Kalyn Maskiw-Connelly (MBA) (3x Co- Councillors) Sheena Gee Tony Wu	Kalyn Present
<b>Education</b>		
Education - PhD		
Education - CTL	Minhee Kim	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Engineering</b>		
Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh	Present
Civil Engineering	Tara Seidi	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</b>		
Environment & Geography	Fowzia Ahmed (Co-Councillors) Nicole Loeb	Fowzia Present
Geological Sciences	Tekla Cunningham	<b>Absent</b>
Natural Resources Institute	Alejandra Diabb Sanchez (Co-Councillors) Sobiya Aziz Badat	Alejandra Present
<b>Graduate Studies</b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier (Co-Councillors) Banke Oketola	Brenda Present
Peace & Conflict Studies	Maha Mehanna	Present
<b>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</b>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Mudra Dave (Co-Councillors) Sasha Kullman	Both Present
<b>Science</b>		
Biological Sciences	Krista Shofstall	<b>Absent</b>
Chemistry	Bahareh Taghavi Shahraki	Present
Mathematics	Ian Thompson	Present
Microbiology	Dustin Maydaniuk	<b>Absent</b>
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Present
<b>CUPE3909</b>		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	
<b>Indigenous Engagement</b>		
<b>Guests</b>		
Economics	Oghenyoma Oyibo	Present