

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 31st, 2024 - 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, Ojibwe-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 January 31st, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Brenda/ Mudra
Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the November 22nd, 2023, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Sara/ Alejandra
Carried

5. Committee Reports

5.1. November & December Committee Reports (Appendix II)

- i. Hanieh noted that 342 students applied for the holiday hamper program and 215 were approved. There was a delay in distribution of the hampers, which was resolved during the first week of January.

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. November & December HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

- i. On November 25th HSGSA hosted their first Multicultural Evening. The event was very well attended.
- ii. The Multidisciplinary Health Research Experience (MHRE) hosted their first meet and greet event at the Fort Garry Campus to award the best presenters of 2023 as well as introduced the new instructors for the coming year.

- iii. HSGSA council approved the first parental leave bursary application to provide support of \$1000 to a student who had to take a leave of absence in their program and does not have any other monetary support.

7. Senate Report

7.1. November & December Senate Reports (Appendix IV)

8. Executive Reports

8.1. November & December Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

- i. Cici (*Psychology*) announced that researcher Zach Walsh (*University of British Columbia*) will be giving a talk on March 19th, 2024. Once details are finalized the event information will be circulated.
- ii. Hanieh encouraged students to email her at vpa@umgsa.org if something is unclear or if they have suggestions to improve the progress report form.
- iii. Reemana (*Biological Sciences*) asked when departmental grants can be received. Ruth explained that the first disbursement was completed, but there are still some departments outstanding. Reemana was advised to contact Ruth if their department has not yet picked up their grant.

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Semi-Annual Approval of UMGSA Financial Budget

- i. The budget was pre-circulated via email. Chris gave a brief overview of the important changes.

MOTION: BIRT The UMGSA General Council approves of the UMGSA financial budget for the 2023/24 fiscal year.

Uche/ Breanna

Carried

11. New Business

11.1 Executive & Officers Policy Manual Approval

- i. The manual was pre-circulated via email and unanimously approved by the bylaws & policy committee.
- ii. The purpose of the manual is to house all pieces directly related to executive job functions. Every piece of the manual (except Article X, which will come into effect immediately) will come into effect May 1st, 2024.

MOTION: BIRT The UMGSA General Council approves of the Executive & Officers Policy Manual.

Uche/ Noah

Akshi Abstained

Carried

11.2 Amendment to the Governance & Operations Manual

- i. Removal of Articles V, & VII.
- ii. Article XII adjustment: Senators > VP External.

MOTION: BIRT The UMGSA General Council approves the amendment made to the Governance & Operations Manual.

Hanieh/ Salmah

Carried

13. Announcements

13.1 Next Council Meeting:

- i. Wednesday, February 28th, 2024 - 5:30PM – Zoom.

13.2 February Newsletter:

- i. If anyone has anything they want to share, please e-mail gcc@umgsa.org.

Adjournment (6:15)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance
January 31st, 2024

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Christopher Yendt	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Julie Xue	Sent Regrets
VP Academic	Hanieh Rezasoltani	Present
VP Services & Support	Timilehin Oluwajuyitan	Present
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
Biosystems Engineering	Sunday Olakanmi (Co-Councillors) Mahmuda Parvin	Absent
Entomology	Sara LaValley	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Science	Ravinder Singh (Co-Councillors) Joanna Candas	Ravinder Present
Plant Science	Laetitia Mukungu (Co-Councillors) Rajbir Kaur	Both Present
Soil Science	Sithabile (Star) Nyathi	Absent
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Maryam Behzadmehr	Present
City Planning	Jessica Miranda (Co-Councillors) Noah Penney	Noah Present
Interior Design	Tessa Horn	Present
Landscape Architecture	Nazy Yaghoobian	Present
<i>Arts</i>		
Economics	Michael Apata	Absent
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Sakshi Tyagi	Present
Linguistics	Mohadeseh Rostami Samak	Absent
Psychology	Cici Guo (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	Cici Present
Sociology & Criminology	Sara Fehr	Present
<i>Management</i>		
Management - MBA/MFin/MSCM	Helena Goldman (3x Co-Councillors) Omeje Sabastine Nnaemeka Chidinma Onyedum	All Present
<i>Education</i>		
Education - PhD	Salmah Quadri	Present
Education - CTL	Minhee Kim	Absent
<i>Engineering</i>		

Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh	Absent
Civil Engineering	Homa Motavallian Naeini	Present
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Ali Nasr Esfahani (Co-Councillors) Bita Esmaeili Jamakani	Both Present
<i>Environment, Earth & Resources</i>		
Environment & Geography	Debangshu Banerjed (Co-Councillors) Tyler Langos	Tyler Present
Geological Sciences	Tekla Cunningham	Sent regrets
Natural Resources Institute	Alejandra Diabb Sanchez (Co-Councillors) Kaitlyn Plastino	Alejandra Present
<i>Graduate Studies</i>		
Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier (Co-Councillors) Banke Oketola	Brenda Present
Peace & Conflict Studies	Maha Mehanna	Present
<i>Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.</i>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Mudra Dave (Co-Councillors) Sasha Kullman	Both Present
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Reemana Fatema	Present
Chemistry	Bahareh Taghavi Shahraki	Amelia Kacperkiewicz as Proxy
Mathematics	Ian Thompson	Present
Microbiology	Fabian Rohden	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Present
<i>CUPE3909</i>		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	
<i>Indigenous Engagement</i>		
<i>Guests</i>		