

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION: BIRT The UMGSA General Council approves of Christopher Yendt accepting the role of Chair for the February 28th, 2024, Council Meeting in Kavisha's absence.

Akshi/ Breanna

Carried

1. Call to Order (5:33)

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 acknowledge that our water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, and our hydro from the hydro dams located in Treaty 5. 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 February 28th, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Hanieh/ Sara

Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the January 31st, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Ian/ Akshi

Carried

5. Committee Reports

5.1. January Committee Reports (Appendix II)

- i. Chris announced that the post-docs have finalized their elections for the coming year. We are looking forward to working together in partnership with their executive team.
- ii. Timi announced that the Free Tax Clinic is scheduled to take place early April 2024. The sign-up forms will be distributed through our March newsletter via

student email. For the first time, we are offering this opportunity at the Bannatyne campus as well.

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. January HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

- i. In January Akshi presented on behalf of HSGSA at the Graduate Student Orientation.
- ii. Minor changes were approved for the Finance Policy Manual (updated language regarding awards).
- iii. Applications for the Graduate Student Excellence award is currently OPEN.

7. Senate Report

7.1. January Senate Reports (Appendix IV)

- i. Uche mentioned that the final draft for the strategic plan will be circulated to the appropriate members for approval.

8. Executive Reports

8.1. January Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

- i. Cici (*Psychology*) shared information regarding the Graduate Association for Students in Psychology's Annual Winter Research Colloquium on March 19th, 2024. Dr. Zach Walsh, a clinical psychologist and substance use researcher at the University of British Columbia, will be presenting his talk is titled: Macro dosing, Micro dosing and Ketamine Assisted Psychotherapy: Tracking New Developments in the Psychedelic Renaissance. The Zoom link will be sent out through the Governance & Communications Coordinator.

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

12.1 Executive Review Committee (ERC) Report Update

- i. Chris gave an update regarding the conversations they've had with the executive team following the first semi-annual executive review report.
- ii. In conclusion, modifications to this process will need to be implemented to be 1. More forthright, and 2. More of a proactive piece as opposed to reacting behind the eight ball.

13. Announcements

13.1 Election Forum:

- i. Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 – 5:00PM – Zoom

13.2 Next Council Meeting:

- i. Wednesday, March 27th, 2024 - 5:30PM – Zoom.

13.3 March Newsletter:

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

Adjournment (6:00)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance
February 28th, 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	Sent Regrets
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	Both Present
Entomology	Sara LaValley	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Science	Ravinder Singh (Co-Councillors) Joanna Candas	Both Present
Plant Science	Laetitia Mukungu (Co-Councillors) Rajbir Kaur	Laetitia Present
Soil Science	Sithabile (Star) Nyathi (Co-Councillors) Jing Hou	Both Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Maryam Behzadmehr	Absent
City Planning	Jessica Miranda (Co-Councillors) Noah Penney	Absent
Interior Design	Tessa Horn	Present
Landscape Architecture	Nazy Yaghoobian	Present
<i>Arts</i>		
Economics	Michael Apata	Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Sakshi Tyagi	Absent
Linguistics	Mohadeseh Rostami Samak	Present
Psychology	Cici Guo (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	Cici Present
Sociology & Criminology	Sara Fehr	Absent
<i>Management</i>		
Management - MBA/MFin/MSCM	Helena Goldman (3x Co-Councillors) Omeje Sabastine Nnaemeka Chidinma Onyedum	Helena & Chidinma Present
<i>Education</i>		
Education - PhD	Salmah Quadri	Present
<i>Engineering</i>		

Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh	Present
Civil Engineering	Homa Motavallian Naeini	Absent
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Ali Nasr Esfahani (Co-Councillors) Bita Esmaeili Jamakani	Bita Present
Mechanical Engineering	Rasool Mokhtari Homami	Present
<i>Environment, Earth & Resources</i>		
Environment & Geography	Debangshu Banerjee (Co-Councillors) Tyler Langos	Tyler Present
Geological Sciences	Tekla Cunningham	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Alejandra Diabb Sanchez (Co-Councillors) Kaitlyn Plastino	Both Present
<i>Graduate Studies</i>		
Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier (Co-Councillors) Banke Oketola	Brenda 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	Present
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>		