

## **UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 - 5:30 PM – Zoom**

#### **1. Call to Order (5:30)**

#### **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 April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Michael/ Tekla*

*Carried*

#### **4. Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Michael/ Brenda*

*Carried*

#### **5. Committee Reports**

##### **5.1. February Committee Reports (Appendix II)**

- i. The free tax clinic in collaboration with the Chartered Professional Accountants of Manitoba will be held April 10-12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at both Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses.

#### **6. HSGSA Report**

##### **6.1. February HSGSA Report (Appendix III)**

#### **7. Senate Report**

##### **7.1. February Senate Reports (Appendix IV)**

- i. In February, Senate discussed not increasing the tuition fees but due to added pressure from a 40% decrease of international students entering the university, the tuition increase will remain at 2.5%. Today it was announced that the

tuition increase will be 2.75%.

- ii. Uche added that the strategic planning committee lunch will begin at 10:00am tomorrow, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **8. Executive Reports**

### **8.1. February Reports (Appendix V)**

## **9. Departmental Reports**

## **10. Unfinished Business**

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

## **11. New Business**

### **11.1 Ratification of the 2024/25 UMGSA Election Results**

- i. The Final Chief Returning Officer Report was pre-circulated via email. Chamali Kodikara (*Deputy Returning Officer*) was present to answer questions.

**MOTION: BIRT The UMGSA General Council ratifies the results of the 2024/25 UMGSA General Election as presented.**

*Uche/ Hanieh*

*Carried*

### **11.2 Health Sciences Graduate Students' Association Election Update**

- i. Chris explained the events that lead to the decision to hold a special election for the HSGSA (re-election of 3 executive positions).
- ii. A new Election & Referendum Committee will be appointed promptly. Please email Willow at [gcc@umgsa.org](mailto:gcc@umgsa.org) if interested in committee membership.
- iii. Chamali left the meeting before the following motion was proposed.

**MOTION: BIRT The UMGSA General Council appoints Chamali Kodikara as Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for the 2024/25 HSGSA Special Election.**

*Breanne/ Uche*

*Carried*

## **Announcements**

### **13.1 African Graduate Students' Association**

- i. Students with African heritage are invited to join the AGSA. Contact Uche Nwankwo at 204 451 9600 or [nwankwo@myumanitoba.ca](mailto:nwankwo@myumanitoba.ca) to learn more.

### **13.2 Next Council Meeting:**

- i. Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 5:30PM – Zoom.

### **13.2 April Newsletter:**

- i. If anyone has anything they want to share, please e-mail [gcc@umgsa.org](mailto:gcc@umgsa.org).

**Adjournment (6:03)**

**UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance**
**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Christopher Yendt	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Julie Xue	<b>Absent</b>
VP Academic	Hanieh Rezasoltani	Present
VP Services & Support	Timilehin Oluwajuyitan	Present
HSGSA President	Akshi Malik	<b>Absent</b>
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
<b><i>Agric &amp; Food Science</i></b>		
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
<b><i>Architecture</i></b>		
Architecture	Maryam Behzadmehr	<b>Absent</b>
City Planning	Jessica Miranda (Co-Councillors) Noah Penney	<b>Absent</b>
Interior Design	Tessa Horn	Present
Landscape Architecture	Nazy Yaghoobian	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Arts</i></b>		
Economics	Michael Apata	Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Sakshi Tyagi	Present
Linguistics	Mohadeseh Rostami Samak	<b>Absent</b>
Psychology	Cici Guo (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	Cici Present
Sociology & Criminology	Sara Fehr	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Management</i></b>		
Management - MBA/MFin/MSCM	Helena Goldman (3x Co-Councillors) Omeje Sabastine Nnaemeka Chidinma Onyedum	All Present
<b><i>Education</i></b>		
Education - PhD	Salmah Quadri	Present
<b><i>Engineering</i></b>		

Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh	Maria Anabel Uehara as proxy
Civil Engineering	Homa Motavallian Naeini	Tara Saeidi as proxy
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Ali Nasr Esfahani (Co-Councillors) Bita Esmaeili Jamakani	Bitá Present
Mechanical Engineering	Rasool Mokhtari Homami	Present
<b><i>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</i></b>		
Environment & Geography	Debangshu Banerjee (Co-Councillors) Tyler Langos	<b>Absent</b>
Geological Sciences	Tekla Cunningham	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Alejandra Diabb Sanchez (Co-Councillors) Kaitlyn Plastino	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Graduate Studies</i></b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier (Co-Councillors) Banke Oketola	Brenda Present
<b><i>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</i></b>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Mudra Dave (Co-Councillors) Sasha Kullman	Mudra Present
<b><i>Science</i></b>		
Biological Sciences	Reemana Fatema	<b>Absent</b>
Chemistry	Bahareh Taghavi Shahraki	Present
Mathematics	Ian Thompson	Present
Microbiology	Fabian Rohden	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>CUPE3909</i></b>		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	
<b><i>Indigenous Engagement</i></b>		
<b><i>Guests</i></b>		
Food & Human Nutritional Sciences, Deputy Returning Officer	Chamali Kodikara	Present