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UMGSA Council Meeting Agenda

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1. Call to Order

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 3rd, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the February 28th, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the February 28th, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

5. Committee Reports

5.1. February Committee Reports (Appendix II)

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. February HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

7. Senate Report

7.1. February Senate Report (Appendix IV)

8. Executive Reports

8.1. February Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.1 Ratification of the 2024/25 UMGSA Election Results

- i. The Chief Returning Officer's (CRO) Final Report was pre-circulated via email attachment.
- ii. Chamali Kodikara (*Deputy Returning Officer*) is present to answer any questions.

President (*total votes cast: 587*)

- Christopher Yendt (*Experience*) – **502 Elected**

Vice-President Academic & Senator (*total votes cast: 638*)

- Oyomikon Jakpa (*Synergy*) – **269 Elected**
- Harshani Nadeeshani Vidana Hewage (*Experience*) – **240**
- Ritesh Kumar Yadav – **129**

Vice-President External & Senator (*total votes cast: 589*)

- Anh Pham (*Synergy*) – **312 Elected**
- Albert Boakye (*Experience*) – **277**

Vice-President Finance and Administration (*total votes cast: 612*)

- Armin Aghajani (*Experience*) – **544 Elected**

Vice-President Services and Support (*total votes cast – 613*)

- Timilehin Oluwajuyitan (*Experience*) – **547 Elected**

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

11.2 HSGSA Election Update

- i. C. Yendt is the lead.
- ii. Email Willow at gcc@umgsa.org if interested in Election & Referendum Committee membership. 5 members needed.

13. Announcements

13.1. Next Council Meeting:

- i. Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 - 5:30PM – Zoom.

13.2. April Newsletter:

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

14. Adjournment

Appendix II :

UMGSA Committee Reports February 1st- February 29th, 2024

Executive Committee

Chair: Christopher Yendt (UMGSA President)

Meeting Dates: February

- Yet to be received.

Finance Committee

Chair: Julie Xue (UMGSA VPFA)

Meeting Dates: February 12th, 2024

- The Committee reviewed and processed all conference grants applications up to date.

Bylaws and Policy Committee

Chair: Julie Xue (UMGSA VPFA)

Meeting Dates:

- There was no meeting in February because there was no specific topic for discussion.

Events Committee

Chair: Timilehin Oluwajuyitan (UMGSA VPSS)

Meeting Dates: February 1st, 2024

- Tax filing workshop (April 10 - 12th 2024)

Services and Support Committee

Chair: Timilehin Oluwajuyitan (UMGSA VPSS)

Meeting Dates:

- There were no meetings in February 2024.

Awards and Academic Affairs Committee

Chair: Hanieh Rezasoltani (UMGSA VPA)

Meeting Dates:

- There were no meetings held in February 2024.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Food Insecurity

Chair: Jamie Sookhoo (vpexternal@hsgsa.org)

Meeting Dates: February 16th & March 4th, 2024.

February 16th:

Five questions were suggested to be removed from the previous survey to make the survey a little shorter as the questions were deemed redundant or unnecessary. The questions are: 12, 17, 20, 28 & 31. An email will be shared to the FIC for their opinion, in particular those who were not in attendance at this meeting. Regarding demographics, we should add a question of which campus the students are from i.e Fort Garry, St. Boniface or Bannatyne.

March 4th:

Met with students of the Campus Food Strategy Group, Hiwot Jonk and Elena Rempel who are just as enthusiastic as the FIC about curbing the food insecurity issues on campus. They have secured garden spaces where food crops can be grown. Their faculty (Food and Human Nutritional Sciences) has approved a \$2500 annual budget for the next two years specifically to be used on these garden spaces. They have developed a relationship with the garden steward and they will pay him to work on these garden spaces. Their suggestion to UMGSA/FIC is for us to hire a garden project manager who can also oversee managing these garden spaces, what to plant, how to plant, maintain care of crops etc. Their garden steward will be attending the next meeting on March 25th. This is an excellent collaboration we have built here.

FIC has also gotten in contact with the Food Bank to offer support in some way aside from simply donating. Jane Lastra, the liaison for the food bank has said that she will be focussing on the current structure and needs of the food bank in May and will get back to the FIC on how we can help. Helping the food bank improve their shortcomings will directly benefit students who rely on it.

Appendix III :

HSGSA Report February 1st – February 29th, 2024

HSGSA Executive Committee and Council

Chair: Akshi Malik

In February, HSGSA held their Annual General Meeting 2023-24 in-person at the Bannatyne campus. We had over 45 students who attended the meeting and we had a lot of good discussions during the open session.

HSGSA VP-Academic organised omics workshop by Dr. Aliani via zoom and over 50 students attended the workshop. Since we had such amazing attendance, we are planning to have another workshop in March.

HSGSA executives have been busy planning and organising the HSGSA x UMGSA Winter Gala with support from UMGSA Pres - Chris. We negotiated prices with the Fort Garry Hotel, DJ, flowers and photobooth. HSGSA took care of the registration, planning, and we are now fully sold out (before the early bird deadline). We will have 280 students and their guests attending the event on March 30th at the Grand Ballroom Fort Garry Hotel. Chris extended the invite to PostDoc fellows and is now working towards getting more sponsors for the event.

Akshi Malik

HSGSA President (2023-24)

Appendix IV :

February Senate Report

Meeting Date: February 7th, 2024

Meeting Link: https://umanitoba.ca/governance/sites/governance/files/2024-02/2024_02_07_Senate_minutes.pdf.

The following report was submitted by Armin Aghajani (*Senator 2*).

- The provincial budget allocation to the university has not been received yet.
- The admission of international students should be decreased by 40%.
- It is planned not to increase the tuition fees by the usual 2.5% yearly. However, it all depends on the provincial budget and the number of new students registered.

Appendix V :

**UMGSA Executive Reports
February 1st – February 29th, 2024**

UMGSA President – C. Yendt

Executive Summary of Work:

- Yet to be received.

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours

Meetings missed:

Date	Meeting

Time Spent in Meetings in February: Hours

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in February: Hours

Working events attended:

Approximate time spent on other activities:

Activity	Hours
In-Office / Other	Hours
Email / Correspondence/ Manual Development	Hours

Total hours spent on the UMGSA for February 2024: Hours

Vice-President Finance and Administration- Julie Xue

Executive Summary of Work:

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
February 12 th , 2024	Finance Meeting	1 Hour
February 16 th , 2024	FGS Council Meeting	2 Hours
February 29 th , 2024	Executive Meeting	2 Hours

Meetings Missed: 0

Date	Meeting

Time Spent in Meetings in February: 5 Hours

Office Hours:

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in February: 0 Hours

Working Events Attended: None

Time Spent at Working Events in February: 0 Hours

Approximate Time Spent on Other Activities:

Activity	Hours
Replying emails, scheduling meetings	25 Hours

Total Hours Spent on the UMGSA in February 2024: 30 Hours

Vice-President Services and Support – Timilehin Oluwajuyitan

Executive Summary of Work:

- Attended UMGSA Events Committee Meeting
- Attended UMGSA Finance Committee Meeting
- Attended UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting
- Attended UMGSA Council Meeting

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
February 1 st , 2024	UMGSA Event Committee Meeting	1 Hour
February 8 th , 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1 Hour
February 12 th , 2024	UMGSA Finance Committee Meeting	1.5 Hours
February 28 th , 2024	UMGSA Council Meeting	1 Hour
February 29 th , 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1 Hour

Meetings missed: None

Date	Meeting
None	None

Time Spent in Meetings in February: 5.5 Hours

Office Hours:

Date	Hours
February 6 th , 2024	2 Hours
February 13 th , 2024	2 Hours
February 20 th , 2024	2 Hours
February 27 th , 2024	2 Hours

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in February: 8 Hours

Working events attended:

Approximate time spent on other activities:

Activity	Hours
Preparation for UMGSA Tax clinic	2 Hours
Email corresponding	20 Hours

Total hours spent on the UMGSA for February 2024: 35.5 Hours

VP Academic – Hanieh Rezasoltani

Executive Summary of Work:

- Attending to UM Senate meeting.
- Attending to UMGSA Executive meeting.
- Attending to FGS Councillors meeting.
- Attending to Award Senate Committee meeting.
- Attending to FGS Executive meeting.
- Attending to UMGSA Councillors meeting.
- Follow up the process of pick-up Holiday Hamper gift cards

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
February 7 th , 2024	UM Senate Meeting	1 Hour
February 8 th , 2024	UMGSA Executive Meeting	2 Hours
February 16 th , 2024	FGS Councilors Meeting	1 Hour
February 20 th , 2024	Award Senate Committee Meeting	1 Hour
February 27 th , 2024	FGS Executive Meeting	1 Hour
February 28 th , 2024	UMGSA Council Meeting	2 Hours
February 29 th , 2024	UMGSA Executive Meeting	1.5 Hours

Time Spent in Meetings in February: 9.5 Hours

Missed meeting:

Office Hours:

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in February: 6 Hours

2 Hours- 7 Feb 2024– location: UMGSA office

2 Hours- 14 Feb 2024– location: UMGSA office

2 Hours- 28 Feb 2024– location: UMGSA office

(Pick up of Holiday Hamper Gift cards was available at VPA office hours)

Working events attended:

Approximate time spent on other activities: 30 Hours

Activity	Hours
Responding to emails, approving cheques and payments, Emergency grants, and signing them, preparation for meetings and reading agendas, last follow up for Holiday Hamper	30 Hours

Total hours spent on the UMGSA for February 2024: 45.5 Hours

HSGSA President – Akshi Malik

Executive Summary of Work:

- Attended UMGSA Exec and Council meetings
- Chaired HSGSA Exec meeting and Annual General Meeting 2023-24
- Negotiated prices for Gala venue, DJ, flowers and photographer
- Attended UMGSA FIC meetings
- Attended FGS Exec and Council meetings

Meetings Attended:

February 1 st , 2024	IDEA start meeting	1 Hour
February 8 th , 2024	UMGSA Exec Meeting	1.5 Hours
February 5 th , 2024	HSGSA Exec Meeting	1.5 Hours
February 12 th , 2024	UMGSA FIC Meeting	1 Hour
February 16 th , 2024	FGS Council Meeting	1 Hour
February 16 th , 2024	UMGSA FIC Meeting	1 Hour
February 26 th , 2024	HSGSA Omics Workshop	1 Hour
February 27 th , 2024	FGS Exec Meeting	1 Hour
February 28 th , 2024	UMGSA Council Meeting	1 Hour
February 29 th , 2024	UMGSA Exec Meeting	1.5 Hours
	HSGSA AGM 2023-24	5 Hours
	Gala Planning	10 Hours
	Email Correspondence	20 Hours
	Documents & Record Keeping	5 Hours

Time spent in meetings in February 2024: 11.5 Hours

Meetings missed: none

Office hours: 0 hours

Total hours spent on HSGSA & UMGSA for February 2024: 51.5 Hours

Senator 1 – Uche Nwankwo

Executive Summary of Work:

- Executive

Note: The summary here is not exhaustive but rather a synopsis of the activities I engaged myself during the reporting period.

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours

Time Spent in Meetings in February: Hours

Office Hours:

Working Events Attended: None

Approximate Time Spent on Other Activities:

Activity	Hours
Communications (Support duties as Senator 1), emails, phone calls, and WhatsApp chat 1.5 hours per week	Hours
Preparing and reviewing documents before meetings driving to meeting venue, and writing reports	Hours
Approximate time spent on coordinating UMAGSA activities	Hours

Total Hours Spent on the UMGSA in February 2024: Hours

Senator 2 – Armin Aghajani

Executive Summary of Work:

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
February 8 th , 2024	Executive Meeting	1.5 Hours

Meetings missed:

Time Spent in Meetings in February: 1.5 Hours

Office Hours:

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in February: 8 Hours

Working events attended:

Approximate time spent on other activities:

Activity	Hours
Documents and record keeping, answering the emails	1 Hour
Answering students' issues through email/phone/social media/in-person	5 Hours

Total hours spent on the UMGSA for February 2024: 15.5 Hours