

UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes

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

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 April 24th, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Sara/ Michael
Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the April 3rd, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

Chidinma/ Ian
Carried

5. Committee Reports

5.1. March Committee Reports (Appendix II)

6. HSGSA Report

6.1. March & April HSGSA Report (Appendix III)

- i. HSGSA & UMGSA successfully hosted over 280 people at the 2024 Winter Gala. Feedback from students has been positive.
- ii. Multicultural events are regularly hosted at the St. Boniface Research Centre in collaboration with HSGSA. [Follow HSGSA on social media](#) to receive updates.
- iii. Evaluations for the Graduate Student Excellence Award will be complete by the end of April.

7. Senate Report

7.1. March Senate Reports (Appendix IV)

- i. There were discussions around the 5-year University budget plan.
- ii. Fewer international students are permitted to enroll due to new federal government policies. The University plans to negotiate this.

8. Executive Reports

8.1. March Reports (Appendix V)

9. Departmental Reports

- i. Bahareh (*Chemistry*) shared that the President of the Chemistry GSA has offered to share fundraising ideas with departmental groups who are interested.
Contact: gussakod@myumanitoba.ca

10. Unfinished Business

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

11. New Business

11.1 Executive Review Committee (ERC) Final Report

- i. The report was pre-circulated via email.
- ii. Chamali & Thilini (*ERC Co-Chairs*) are present to answer questions.

11.2 Ratification of HSGSA Special Election Results

- i. The voting period ended April 23rd at 5:00PM.
- ii. Chamali (*Chief Returning Officer*) is present to answer questions.

HSGSA President (total votes cast: 182)

Sadhana R.N. Sudhakar – IGNATE – **101 Votes (55%) – Elected**

Sanjana Chauhan – ROOTS – 81 Votes (45%)

Vice-President Academic (total votes cast: 193)

Md. Abdul Aziz – IGNATE – **107 Votes (55%) – Elected**

Yeshika Bhatia – ROOTS – 86 Votes (45%)

Vice-President Marketing & Events (total votes cast: 199)

Ashraf Kadar Shahib – IGNATE – **106 Votes (53%) – Elected**

Sadaf Asfa – ROOTS – 93 Votes (47%)

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

Timi/ Sakshi

Akshi Malik Abstained

Carried

Announcements

13.1 Next Council Meeting:

- i. Wednesday, May 29th, 2024 - 5:30PM – Zoom.

13.2 May Newsletter:

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

Adjournment (6:06)

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance

April 24th, 2024

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Christopher Yendt	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Julie Xue	Absent
VP Academic	Hanieh Rezasoltani	Present
VP Services & Support	Timilehin Oluwajuyitan	Present (<i>Late</i>) <i>Joined at 5:44</i>
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	Absent
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 (Co-Councillors) Jing Hou	Absent
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Maryam Behzadmehr	Absent
City Planning	Jessica Miranda (Co-Councillors) Noah Penney	Noah Present
Interior Design	Tessa Horn	Absent
Landscape Architecture	Nazy Yaghoobian	Absent
<i>Arts</i>		
Economics	Michael Apata	Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Sakshi Tyagi	Present
Linguistics	Mohadeseh Rostami Samak	Present

Psychology	Cici Guo (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	Absent
Sociology & Criminology	Sara Fehr	Absent
Management		
Management - MBA/MFin/MSCM	Helena Goldman (3x Co-Councillors) Omeje Sabastine Nnaemeka Chidinma Onyedum	Helena & Chidinma Present
Education		
Education - PhD	Salmah Quadri	Present
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Farinaz Jonidi Shariatzadeh	Rashmita Chatterjee as proxy
Civil Engineering	Homa Motavallian Naeini	Absent
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Ali Nasr Esfahani (Co-Councillors) Bitra Esmaeili Jamakani	Absent
Mechanical Engineering	Rasool Mokhtari Homami	Present
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Debangshu Banerjee (Co-Councillors) Tyler Langos	Absent
Geological Sciences	Tekla Cunningham	Absent
Natural Resources Institute	Alejandra Diabb Sanchez (Co-Councillors) Kaitlyn Plastino	Alejandra Present
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier (Co-Councillors) Banke Oketola	Brenda Present
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Mudra Dave (Co-Councillors) Sasha Kullman	Sasha Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Reemana Fatema	Present
Chemistry	Bahareh Taghavi Shahraki	Present
Mathematics	Ian Thompson	Present
Microbiology	Fabian Rohden	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Present
CUPE3909		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	
Indigenous Engagement		
Guests		
Chief Returning Officer, Executive Review Committee Co-Chair	Chamali Kodikara	Present
Incoming Vice-President Academic & Senator	Oyomikon Jakpa	Present

Incoming Vice-President External & Senator	Anh Pham	Present
---	----------	---------