

## **UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 present, 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 August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Alejandra/ Bita*

*Carried*

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

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.**

*Sadhana/ Sakshi*

*Carried*

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

**5.1. May, June & July Committee Reports (Appendix II)**

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

**6.1. May, June & July HSGSA Report (Appendix III)**

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

**7.1. May, June & July Senate Reports (Appendix IV)**

#### **8. Executive Reports**

**8.1. May, June & July Reports (Appendix V)**

#### **9. Departmental Reports**

## 10. Unfinished Business

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

## 11. New Business

### 11.1 Special Project Grant Approval

- i. The Finance Committee was unable to meet quorum in July. VPFA (*Armin Aghajani*) presented the outstanding grants for approval.

**MOTION: BIRT The UMGSA General Council approves the July 2024 special project grants on behalf of the Finance Committee as presented.**

*C/ Armin*

*Carried*

### 11.2 Club Fund Approval

- i. President (*C Yendt*) presented the newly developed club funding structure and answered council's questions about same.

**BIRT – The UMGSA Council approves the establishment of a dedicated fund for registered graduate student clubs, hereinafter to be referred to as ‘Club Funding’. This funding shall come from the amalgamation of the existing Departmental Grant and Special Project Grant and their funding allocations. The redesign of this program will be supported by a redeveloped club ratification/registration process and additional policies/processes where/when required.**

**BIFRT – The development of a dedicated ‘Club Fund’ will be undertaken by the UMGSA Executive and led by the UMGSA President throughout the fall Academic term (September-December 2024). With an effective implementation date of January 1st, 2025.**

**BIRFT – The existing processes for both the Departmental Grant and Special Projects Grant will remain in place, and active until December 31st, 2024.**

**BIFRT – The UMGSA Council tasks the UMGSA Executive, led by the UMGSA President, to explore additional opportunities to further supplement this funding and growth the overall club fund.**

*Sadhana/ Fabian*

*Carried*

## Announcements

### 13.1 Next Council Meeting:

- i. Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 5:30PM – Zoom.

### 13.2 September Newsletter:

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

## Adjournment (6:15)

**UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance**
**August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

<b><i>Position/Department</i></b>	<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Signature</i></b>
President & Senator	Christopher Yendt	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Armin Aghajani	Present
VP Academic & Senator	Oyomikon Jakpa	Present
VP External & Senator	Anh Pham	Present
VP Services & Support	Timilehin Oluwajuyitan	Present ( <i>Joined at 5:49</i> )
VP Health Sciences	Sadhana R.N Sudhakar	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	<b>Absent</b>
Biosystems Engineering	Sunday Olakanmi (Co-Councillors) Mahmuda Parvin	<b>Absent</b>
Entomology	Sara LaValley	Madeleine Milne as proxy
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	Jing 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	<b>Absent</b>
Landscape Architecture	Nazy Yaghoobian	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Arts</i></b>		
Economics	Michael Apata	<b>Absent</b>
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Sakshi Tyagi	Present
Linguistics	Mohadeseh Rostami Samak	Present
Psychology	Cici Guo (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	<b>Absent</b>
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	Omeje & Chidinma 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	<b>Absent</b>
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Ali Nasr Esfahani (Co-Councillors) Bita Esmaeili Jamakani	Bitia Present
Mechanical Engineering	Rasool Mokhtari Homami	Present
<b><i>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</i></b>		
Environment & Geography	Debangshu Banerjee (Co-Councillors) Tyler Langos	Debangshu Present
Geological Sciences	Tekla Cunningham	Jack Mulcahy as proxy
Natural Resources Institute	Alejandra Diabb Sanchez (Co-Councillors) Kaitlyn Plastino	Alejandra Present
<b><i>Graduate Studies</i></b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Brenda Tittlemier (Co-Councillors) Banke Oketola	Saba Mohammadalinezhad Kolahdouz as proxy
<b><i>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</i></b>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Mudra Dave (Co-Councillors) Sasha Kullman	Faith Olarinde as proxy
<b><i>Science</i></b>		
Biological Sciences	Reemana Fatema	<b>Absent</b>
Chemistry	Bahareh Taghavi Shahraki	Rajat Arora as proxy
Mathematics	Ian Thompson	Homer Franz De Vera as proxy
Microbiology	Fabian Rohden	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Brydyn Mac Intyre	Present
<b><i>CUPE3909</i></b>		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	
<b><i>Indigenous Engagement</i></b>		
<b><i>Guests</i></b>		