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Wednesday, January 29th, 2025 – 5:30 PM – Zoom

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UMGSA Council Meeting Agenda

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1. Traditional Territories Acknowledgement

The University of Manitoba campuses are located on original lands of Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anisininewuk, Dakota Oyate and Dene, and on the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. 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.

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the agenda for the January 29th, 2025, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the November 27th, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting were pre-circulated

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the November 27th, 2024, UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.

5. Committee Reports (Appendix I)

5.1. November and December Committee Reports

6. HSGSA Report (Appendix II)

7. Senate Report (Appendix III)

7.1. November and December Senate Report

8. Executive Reports (Appendix IV)

8.1. November and December Reports

9. Departmental Reports

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

12. Announcements

Next Council Meeting:

- i. Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 - 5:30PM – Zoom

Election for 2025 – 2026 UMGSA Executives:

- i. Nomination Period: February 3-14, 2025
- ii. Pre-Campaign Period: February 17-21, 2025
- iii. Campaign Prep Period: February 24- March 9, 2025

- iv. Campaign Period: March 10-16, 2025
- v. Voting Period: March 17-18, 2025

14. Adjournment

Appendix I :

UMGSA Committee Reports November 1st- November 30th, 2024

Executive Committee

Chair: C Yendt (UMGSA President)

Meeting Dates: October 8th, October 22nd, November 5th, November 12th, November 19th,
December 3rd, December 10th, 2024

- Executive discussed the job postings relating to the new positions and staff restructure.
- Emergency grant partnership to be explored and finalized with FGS.
- Partnership with the Better Together program.
- Applications for part-time student awards were re-opened following discussion.
- Discussion of potentially expanding legal aid access through the health and dental plan.
- Discussed potential sponsorship of the indigenous leader's gala.
- Discussion of legal updates regarding current situation.
- Discussion of partnership with FGS regarding conference grants.
- Updates on the interview process for new staff.
- Discussion on draft Bylaw amendments proposed for AGM
- Information regarding staff pathways and appropriate connections with staff moving forward once the ED is hired.
- Discussion of the potential for 24/hr study space available in December.

Governance & Strategy Committee

Chair: C Yendt (UMGSA President)

Meeting Dates:

- No meetings held in November 2024

Services & Support Committee

Chair: Timilehin Oluwajuyitan (UMGSA VPSS)

Meeting Dates:

- No meetings were held in November 2024

Finance Committee

Chair: Armin Aghajani (UMGSA VPFA)

Meeting Date:

- No meetings were held in November 2024

Academic Affairs Committee

Chair: Oyomikon Jakpa (UMGSA VPA)

Meeting Date:

- No meetings were held in November 2024

External Affairs Committee

Chair: Anh Pham (UMGSA VPE)

Meeting Date:

- Yet to be received

UMGSA Committee Reports

December 1st- December 31st, 2024

Executive Committee

Chair: C Yendt (UMGSA President)

Meeting Dates:

- See above

Governance & Strategy Committee

Chair: C Yendt (UMGSA President)

Meeting Dates:

- No meetings were held in December 2024

Services & Support Committee

Chair: Timilehin Oluwajuyitan (UMGSA VPSS)

Meeting Dates:

- No meetings were held in December 2024

Finance Committee

Chair: Armin Aghajani (UMGSA VPFA)

Meeting Date:

- No meetings were held in December 2024

Academic Affairs Committee

Chair: Oyomikon Jakpa (UMGSA VPA)

Meeting Date: December 10, 2024

- Selection was made for 210 Hamper Gift Card awards
- Plans for an in person gathering for the Winter term are in discussion

External Affairs Committee

Chair: Anh Pham (UMGSA VPE)

Meeting Date:

- Yet to be received

Appendix II :

HSGSA Report November 1st – November 30th 2024

In November, HSGSA planned and executed a multi-cultural event called “Culturo-Fest” celebrating the diverse graduate students at Bannatyne and Fort Garry Campus. This event led by the VPME had around 120 registrants and occurred at the Bannatyne campus. The event included an agenda of cultural performances and stalls hosted by graduate students. The event concluded with a grand multi-cuisine dinner. The event was well received and appreciated by the graduate students. A huge chunk of November was spent on organizing, planning and executing this massive event. HSGSA had standing committee meetings including Finance and Bylaws and Policy committees. HSGSA is launching its new initiative called “GradShare” where selected graduate students have an opportunity to present their research in an engaging and simplified manner to high school students. This initiative led by VPE and an RFHS graduate student, Molly Crandall had interviews to select graduate students for sharing their research.

HSGSA Report

December 1st – December 31st, 2024

HSGSA Executive Committee and Council

Chair: Sadhana R.N Sudhakar

In December, HSGSA had several standing committee meetings including Finance (reimbursements were approved), Bylaw (governing documents were reviewed and changes were approved), External (Travel award and Parental bursary applications for Fall were reviewed and successful candidates were selected), and Academic (Dr. Patrick Choy Lectureship Speaker selection discussions). VPE in collaboration with Molly Crandall, a HSGSA graduate student, has launched its first GradShare Workshop. The instructor and organizers visited Windsor Park School and introduced high school students to scientific disciplines. VPA organized the third Share Your Expertise workshop 2.0 and graduate students attended the workshop through Zoom. VPME in collaboration with HSGSA council members launched the social media initiative called HSGSA Bytes, highlighting the achievements of graduate students in Fall 2024 from various departments under RFHS. HSGSA also collaborated with UMGSA in distributing the Holiday Hampers (VPA) and planning for the TAX clinic (VPME). HSGSA has also begun discussions for the Winter Gala and is planning for an Ad-Hoc committee meeting soon. MHRE director has hosted three seminar sessions so far and is planning for a Meet and Greet at the Bannatyne Campus.

Appendix III :

November 2024 Senate Report

Meeting Date: November 6th, 2024

Meeting Minutes Link: <https://umanitoba.ca/governance/senate/minutes>

December 2024 Senate Report

Meeting Date: December 4th, 2024

Meeting Minutes Link: <https://umanitoba.ca/governance/senate/minutes>

Appendix IV :

UMGSA Executive Reports October 1st – December 31st, 2024

UMGSA President – C. Yendt
Executive Summary of Work: Oct 2024

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
October 1 st , 2024	Lunch with the Chancellor	1 hour
October 1 st , 2024	Meeting with Staff	1.5 hours
October 1 st , 2024	Student Senate Caucus	0.5 hours
October 2 nd , 2024	UM Senate	2 hours
October 8 th , 2024	UMGSA Executive Meeting	1 hour
October 8 th , 2024	Meeting with Kelley & Laurie	1 hour
October 10 th , 2024	Meeting with Council Representative	1 hour
October 10 th , 2024	UM Budget Advisory Meeting	1.5 hours
October 11 th , 2024	Manitoba Students	1 hour
October 15 th , 2024	UM Mental Health Task Force	1 hour
October 15 th , 2024	UM Board of Governors	3 hours
October 16 th , 2024	UM Budget Townhall	1.5 hours
October 18 th , 2024	Manitoba Students	1 hour
October 22 nd , 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee	1 hour
October 22 nd , 2024	Meeting with Kelley & Laurie	1 hour
October 23 rd , 2024	Meeting with VPE	0.5 hours
October 23 rd , 2024	UMGSA Council Meeting	1.5 hours
October 24 th , 2024	UM Senate Executive Meeting	1.5 hours
October 29 th , 2024	UMGSA Staff Meeting	1 hour
October 30 th , 2024	Governance & Office Operations Coordinator Interviews	8 hours

Meetings missed:

Date	Meeting

Time Spent in Meetings in October: 31.5 Hours

Office Hours: 4 hours

Working events attended:

Approximate time spent on other activities:

Activity	Hours
In-Office / Other	10 hours
Email / Correspondence / Online Activity	45 hours

Total hours spent on the UMGSA for October 2024: 92.5 Hours

UMGSA President – C. Yendt

Executive Summary of Work: Nov 2024

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
November 1 st , 2024	Manitoba Students	1 hour
November 5 th , 2024	UMGSA Executive Meeting	1 hour
November 5 th , 2024	UMGSA Staff Meeting	1 hour
November 5 th , 2024	Meeting with Kelley and Laurie	1 hour
November 5 th , 2024	UM GBD Committee	1.5 hours
November 6 th , 2024	Consultation	1 hour
November 6 th , 2024	UM Senate	2 hours
November 12 th , 2024	UMGSA Executive Meeting	1 hour
November 12 th , 2024	UMGSA Staff Meeting	1 hour
November 13 th , 2024	Marketing, Events & Communications Coordinator Interviews	2 hours
November 14 th , 2024	UM Chancellors Search Committee	1.5 hours
November 19 th , 2024	UMGSA Executive Meeting	1 hour
November 19 th , 2024	UMGSA Staff Meeting	1 hour
November 19 th , 2024	Meeting with Kelley and Laurie	1 hour
November 20 th , 2024	UM Senate Executive	1.5 hours
November 21 st , 2024	UM Rules and Procedures Committee	1 hour
November 21 st , 2024	UMGSA and HSGSA President Meeting	1 hour
November 21 st , 2024	UMGSA meeting with UM President	1 hour
November 22 nd , 2024	Manitoba Students	1 hour
November 24 th , 2024	Airport to Ottawa / Check-in / Prep Meetings	7 hours
November 25 th , 2024	CASA Day 1	8 hours
November 26 th , 2024	CASA Day 2	8 hours
November 27 th , 2024	Airport / Flight to Toronto	3 hours

Meetings missed:

Date	Meeting

Time Spent in Meetings in November: 48.5 Hours

Office Hours: 4 hours

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in November: 0 Hours

Working events attended:

Approximate time spent on other activities:

Activity	Hours
In-Office / Other	10 hours
Email / Correspondence / Online Activity	55 hours

Total hours spent on the UMGSA for November 2024: 117.5 Hours

Executive Summary of Work: Dec 2024

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
December 3 rd , 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1 hour
December 3 rd , 2024	UMGSA Staff Meeting	1 hour
December 3 rd , 2024	Meeting with Kelley and Laurie	1 hour
December 4 th , 2024	UM Senate	2 hours
December 4 th , 2024	Meeting with UMSU President	1 hour
December 5 th , 2024	UMSU Board Meeting	3 hours
December 6 th , 2024	Manitoba Students	1 hour
December 10 th , 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1 hour
December 10 th , 2024	UMGSA Staff Meeting	1 hour
December 10 th , 2024	Meeting with Student	0.5 hours
December 11 th , 2024	UM Board of Governors	1 hour
December 11 th , 2024	UM Senate Executive Committee	1.5 hours
December 12 th , 2024	UMGSA AGM	1.5 hours
December 13 th , 2024	Manitoba Students	1 hour
December 16 th , 2024	UMGSA ED Interview	2 hours
December 17 th , 2024	UM Mental Health Task Force	1 hour
December 17 th , 2024	Meeting with Kelley and Laurie	1 hour
December 18 th , 2024	UM Senate Ad-hoc Committee	1.5 hours
December 19 th , 2024	UM Board Governance and Development Committee	1 hour

Meetings missed:

Date	Meeting

Time Spent in Meetings in December: 24 Hours

Office Hours: 4 hours

Working events attended:

Approximate time spent on other activities:

Activity	Hours
In-Office / Other	10 hours
Email / Correspondence / Online Activity	40 hours

Total hours spent on the UMGSA for December 2024: 84 Hours

Vice-President Services and Support – Timilehin Oluwajuyitan

Executive Summary of Work:

- Attended UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
5 – November 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1.0
12 – November 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1.0
19 – November 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1.0

Meetings missed: 0

Date	Meeting

Time Spent in Meetings in November: 3 Hours

Office Hours:

Date	Hours
5 – November 2024	2.0
12 – November 2024	2.0
19 – November 2024	2.0
26 – November 2024	2.0

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in November: 8 Hours

Working events attended:

Approximate time spent on other activities:

Activity	Hours
Email corresponding	22 Hours

Total hours spent on the UMGSA for November 2024: 33 Hours

VP Service and Support – Timilehin Oluwajuyitan

Executive Summary of Work:

- Sharing UMGSA Gift Cards

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
03 – December 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1.0
10 – December 2024	UMGSA Executive Committee Meeting	1.0
11 – December 2024	UMGSA AGM Meeting	2.0
12 – December 2024	Sharing UMGSA Gift Cards	2.0
13 – December 2024	Sharing UMGSA Gift Cards	2.0

Meetings missed: 0

Date	Meeting

Time Spent in Meetings in December: 4 Hours

Office Hours:

Date	Hours
3 – December 2024	2.0
10 – December 2024	2.0
17 – December 2024	2.0

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in December: 6 Hours

Working events attended:

Approximate time spent on other activities:

Activity	Hours
Email corresponding	22 Hours

Total hours spent on the UMGSA for December 2024: 36 Hours

Vice-President Finance and Administration – Armin Aghajani

Executive Summary of Work: Yet to be received

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours

Meetings missed:

Time Spent in Meetings in November/December:

Office Hours:

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in November/December:

Working events attended:

Approximate time spent on other activities:

Activity	Hours

Total hours spent on the UMGSA for November/December 2024:

Vice-President Academic & Senator – Oyomikon Jakpa

Executive Summary of Work:

- Highlight was sharing the recipients of the parttime awards with the FGS.
- Also, the opportunity to lead the holiday hamper program, providing 210 students with aid.
- Support for student in need of advocacy.

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours
03/12/2024	UMGSA Executive Focus Meeting	1
09/12/2024	FGS Council Meeting	2
10/12/2024	Academic Affairs Committee Meeting	2
10/12/2024	Executive Meeting	1
11/12/2024	UMGSA AGM 2024	2
17/12/2024	Executive Meeting	1
17/12/2024	Senate Committee on Awards	2
18/12/2024	Sustainability Committee	2

Meetings missed:

Senate Meeting on 4th Dec. 2024 (Sent regrets)

Time Spent in Meetings in December: 13 Hours

Office Hours:

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in December: 6 Hours

Working events attended:

Approximate time spent on other activities:

Activity	Hours
Student Advocacy, Documentation, Writing and Responding to Emails	50
Impromptu Chats with Grad Students	4

Total hours spent on the UMGSA in December 2024: 73 Hours

Vice-President External & Senator – Anh Pham

Executive Summary of Work:

- Yet to be received.

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting	Hours

Meetings missed: 0

Time Spent in Meetings in November/December: Hours

Office Hours:

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in November/December: Hours

Approximate time spent on other activities:

Activity	Hours
	Hours
	Hours
	Hours

Total hours spent on the UMGSA for November/December 2024: Hours

Executive Report

From: Sadhana R.N. Sudhakar (HSGSA President)

To: UMGSA members

Re: November 1st - November 30th

Executive summary of work:

- Culturo-Fest planning and execution
- UMGSA executive and council meeting
- HSGSA executive and council meeting
- HSGSA merchandise enquiries
- Finance committee meeting
- Events committee meeting
- Meeting with UMGSA President
- MHRE monthly meeting
- Meeting with VP St.B
- Max Rady Executive meeting
- Office hours, general email and documentation

2024-11-05	UMGSA executive meeting	1.15hr
2024-11-06	Meeting with VPME reg Culturo-Fest planning	1.5hr
2024-11-07	Meeting with HSGSA executives reg Culturo-Fest planning	2.5hr
2024-11-07	Phone call enquiries for sourcing icecream (Culturo-Fest)	1hr
2024-11-08	HSGSA merchandise enquiries	2hr
2024-11-08	Meeting with VPI and VPME for culturo-fest discussion	3hr
2024-11-09	HSGSA executive reports review	1hr
2024-11-12	Visit to AV department with VPME	0.5hr
2024-11-12	UMGSA executive meeting	1hr
2024-11-13	Finance committee meeting	0.5hr
2024-11-14	Discussion with VPI and VPME regarding culturo-fest	1.5hr
2024-11-14	Events committee meeting	0.20hr
2024-11-14	HSGSA merchandise vendor call	1hr
2024-11-16	Rental car enquiry, booking and discussions	2hr
2024-11-17	Culturo-fest shopping	10hr
2024-11-20	Whatsapp call with executives for Culturo-Fest planning	1.15hr
2024-11-20	Visit to AV for confirmation	0.20hr
2024-11-21	Meeting with UMGSA President	1hr
2024-11-21	Culturo fest prep work	3.5hr
2024-11-22	CULTuro fest prep work	5hr
2024-11-23	Culturo fest execution	10hr
2024-11-25	Office hour	1hr
2024-11-25	HSGSA Council meeting	1.75hr

2024-11-26	Max Rady Executive meeting	1hr
2024-11-27	UMGSA council meeting	1hr
2024-11-28	Meeting with VP. St.B for Bylaws update	0.75hr
2024-11-29	MHRE director monthly update meeting	0.75hr
Email correspondence (IDRC documentation (executive reports and other relevant) to IDRC chair, emailing culturo-fest performance volunteers, emailing Culturo-Fest invites to UMGSA and UMSU executives, culturo-fest performance rehearsal emails, performance appraisal agreement review and motion, documentation emails for UMGSA councilor position, MHRE emails and general inquiries)		9 hr
Documents and record keeping (HSGSA report for UMGSA council meeting, updating performances information for culturo-fest, designing HSGSA merchandise designs, HSGSA council meeting document preparation, reimbursement forms, UMGSA council meeting - president and HSGSA report)		7 hr
Monthly Total		~ 71.95 hours

Time spent in meetings in November: 16 hours
Meetings missed: UMGSA exec meeting - regrets sent

Office hours: 1 hour
Usual office hours: Every Monday 4 to 5 pm
Total hours spent on HSGSA for November: 72 hours

Vice-President Health Sciences – Sadhana R.N. Sudhakar

Executive Report

From: Sadhana R.N. Sudhakar (HSGSA President)

To: UMGSA members

Re: December 1st - December 20th

Executive summary of work:

- HSGSA executive meeting
- UMGSA executive meeting and AGM
- HSGSA By-law committee meeting
- HSGSA External committee meeting
- FGS Faculty council meeting
- Office hours
- Gala related discussions

2024-12-02	Student Senate Caucus meeting	1 hr
2024-12-02	Office hours	1 hr
2024-12-03	UMGSA executive meeting	1 hr
2024-12-04	HSGSA executive meeting	1.15 hr
2024-12-09	FGS Faculty council meeting	2 hr
2024-12-09	Office hours	1 hr
2024-12-10	UMGSA executive meeting	1.15 hr
2024-12-11	UMGSA Annual General meeting	1.5 hr
2024-12-16	HSGSA By-law committee meeting	1 hr
2024-12-16	Office hours	1 hr
2024-12-17	HSGSA executive reports review	1 hr
2024-12-18	Travel award and parental bursary award application review	2 hr
2024-12-19	HSGSA external committee meeting	1 hr
2024-12-20	Gala related discussions - with HSGSA VPME and UMGSA VPSS	1.5 hr
Email correspondence (General enquiries, IDRC review emails, Scheduling term meeting with Dr. Anderson, UMGSA councilor required documentation updates, Student list update)		4 hr
Documents and record keeping (UMGSA AGM document preparation, HSGSA executive meeting document prep)		3 hr
Monthly Total		~ 24.3 hours

Time spent in meetings in December: 10 hours

Meetings missed: -

Office hours: 3 hour

Usual office hours: Every Monday 4 to 5 pm

Total hours spent on HSGSA for December: 24.3 hours