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UMGSA Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 31st, 2021 - 5:30 PM - Zoom

1. **Call to Order** *(5:31pm)*

2. **Traditional Territories Acknowledgement**
The University of Manitoba campuses are located on original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. 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 March 31, 2021 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.
UMGSA President / NRI
Carried

4. **Approval of the Minutes**
The minutes of the February 24th, 2021 UMGSA Council Meeting are included as Appendix I to this Council meeting agenda.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the minutes of the February 24, 2021 UMGSA Council Meeting as presented.
Linguistics / Sociology & Criminology
Carried

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**
9.1. None.

10. **Unfinished Business**

10.1. Sustainability Updates

11. New Business

11.1. Proposal to Move Investments: The UMGSA currently has a Capital Investment and an External Relations Fund with National Bank Financial (NBF). The External Relations Fund has an amount of about $580,000, with approximately $650,000 in the Capital Fund. The UMGSA was tasked with reducing the number of accounts they have and with transitioning to ethical investments. Towards both of these goals, the UMGSA Finance Committee and Executive propose moving all of the UMGSA's money from NBF to RBC.

Reasons for considering the transfer from National Bank to RBC

1. Recommendation from our auditors to reduce the number of banks we are dealing with – we have three (3) portfolios managers, as such we are paying more than needed in management fees
2. Council's mandate to have the UMGSA invest in socially responsible/ethical investments and RBC's fantastic ethical investment proposal.
3. Generally, the COVID-19 pandemic has opened up opportunities to see better efficiencies with money and services with other financial services.

MOTION: BIRT that the UMGSA move all their investments from National Bank Financial to Royal Bank of Canada and close their account with National Bank Financial.
UMGSA Executive Committee
Carried
Abstains from: Environment & Geography, Applied Health Sciences, NRI (Carried)

11.2. Revision of 'Article XIII.I: Conference Grants' in the Governance and Operations Manual: In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, some of the regulations surrounding conference grants had to be changed. Clauses regarding virtual conferences and virtual conferences during the pandemic were added.

The proposed wording is included – with highlights emphasizing the changes – as Appendix VI of these Council Documents.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the proposed wording of Article XIII.I: Conference Grants of the Governance and Operations Manual.
UMGSA Bylaws and Policy Committee
Carried

11.3. Executive Review Committee Report II: The UMGSA's Executive Review Committee (ERC) compiles two major reports to Council per executive term. This is the first report for this term's executive team, covering the months of November 2020 to February 2021. The ERC Report is included as Appendix VII to this Council meeting agenda. This item is for information only.

11.4. Ratification of the Results of the 2021/22 UMGSA Election: The results of the

2021 UMGSA General Election must be ratified by the UMGSA Council. The election results are included as Appendix VI to the council agenda. In summary:

Final Results

Number of voters who cast votes for all positions: 540
Number of voters who cast votes for at least one position: 679

President *(total votes cast: 577)*
Silvia Sekander (Slate: Together) – 516 Yes

Vice-President Academic *(total votes cast: 563)*
Rubel Chandra Talukder (Slate: Together) - 485 Yes

Vice-President Services and Support *(total votes cast: 584)*
Golnaz Shirzadi (Slate: Together) - 517 Yes

Vice-President Finance and Administration *(total votes cast: 573)*
Nora Ampomah (Slate: Together) – 394
Violeta Bekovcki - 179

Senator *(total votes cast - Senator 1: 561, Senator 2: 602)*
AKM Monsurul Alam (Slate: Together) - 483 Yes
William Dowie (Slate: Together) - 539 Yes

There were no appeals.

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council ratifies the results of the 2021 UMGSA General Election as presented in the Final CRO Report (Appendix VI of the council agenda, summarized above) - UMGSA General Election.
Environment & Geography / NRI
Carried
Abstains from: VPFA, UMGSA President, VPA, Senator 2, Education-PhD

11.5. Formation of an Ad-Hoc Selections Committee for the Selection of a Governance and Communications Coordinator: The current Governance and Communications Coordinator Julia Minarik is leaving the UMGSA. A replacement Coordinator is needed. Sine this is a permanent paid position, a Selections Committee must be formed. We need 3 volunteers from council to sit on the committee. The time requirement will be approximately 1.5 months over April/May

The Committee Membership per the Governance and Operations Manual is as follows:
1. UMGSA President
2. UMGSA VPFA
3. One HSGSA Designate

4. Amy-Leigh Gray
5. Mike Bagamery – NRI
6. UMGSA Member TBD

MOTION: BIRT the UMGSA Council approves the formation of an Ad Hoc Selections Committee for the Selection of a new UMGSA Governance and Communications Coordinator with the above committee membership.
Linguistics / Environment & Geography
Carried

12. Announcements

12.1. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 - 5:30PM – Zoom

12.2. Department Grant: Due Tomorrow, April 1st, 2021 by 4:00PM CT to gsa@umgsa.org

Adjournment *(6:43pm)*

UMGSA Council Meeting Attendance **March 31, 2021**

Position/Department	***Name***	***Signature***
President	Silvia Sekander	Present
VP Finance & Administration	Nora Ampomah	Present
VP Academic	Rubel Chandra Talukder	Present
VP Services & Support	Etinosa Osemwota	Present
HSGSA President	Akshi Malik	Present
Senator1	Akeem Azeez	Present
Senator2	Bill Dowie	Present
Chairperson (No Vote)	Kavisha Manoj Mehta	Present
Office Manager (No Vote)	Ruth Prokesch	Present
Gov & Comm Coordinator, Minute Taker (No Vote)	Julia Minarik	Present
Agric & Food Science		
Agribusiness & Agric Economics	Damla Oz	**Absent**
Animal Science	Daphne McKnight	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Mujibur Rahman (Co-Councillors) Olayinka Folorunsho	Both Present
Entomology	Joel Gardner	Present
Food Science	Susane Trevisan	Present
Human Nutritional Sciences	Luis Codero-Monroy	Present
Plant Science	Jacob Kolody (Co-Councillors) Sampa Sarker	Sampa Present
Soil Science	Claudia Quilesfogel-Esparza (Co-Councillors) Kody Oleson	Claudia Present
Architecture		

Architecture	Zahra Sharifi (Co-Councillors) Alixa Lacerna	Alixa Present
City Planning	Jakub Marshall (Co-Councillors) Dom Camps	Dom Present
Interior Design	Symrath Bali	Present
Landscape Architecture	Christopher Speirs	Present
Arts		
Anthropology	Olajumoke Olalere	**Absent**
Economics	Michael Apata (Co - Councillors) Shantanu Debbarman	Both Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	Amy-Leigh Gray	Present
History	Cara Ginter	**Absent**
Linguistics	Oluwakemi Kolapo	Present
Political Studies & Public Administration	Divya Negi	Present
Psychology	Nicolas Brais (Co-Councillors) Reegan McCheyne	Reegan Present
Sociology & Criminology	Jihad (Rosty) Othman	Present
Management		
Asper School - Master of Finance	Evelyn Zhang	**Absent**
Management – MBA Interdisciplinary	Abhinandan Khansali	**Tyler Phill Proxy**
Education		
Education - PhD	Golnaz Shirzadi	Present
Education - Curriculum, Teaching & Learn	Mousume Akhter Flora	Present
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Debarati Nath	Present
Civil Engineering	Parvin Berenjkar	**Absent**
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Abolfazl Babaei (Co-Councillors) Amirmasoud Amirkabiri	Amir Present
Environment, Earth & Resources		
Environment & Geography	Agoston (Ago) Fischer (Co-Councillors) Patricia Montalvo-Rodriguez	Ago Present
Geological Sciences	Aaron Kilmury	**Sent Regrets**
Natural Resources Institute	Michael Bagamery & Brendan Middel (Co-Councillors)	Both Present
Graduate Studies		
Applied Health Sciences	Kevin Boreskie (Co-Councillors) Zach Henderson	Zach Present
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Ganesh Tailor (Co-Councillors) Olivia Tefft	Both Present *Ganesh Late: 5:47pm*
Law		

Nursing		
Nursing	Jessica Meilleur & Brittany Silverstein (Co-Councillors)	Jessica Present
Science		
Biological Sciences	Emma Rempel	Present
Chemistry	Scott Legare	Present
Computer Science	Kimia Shadkami	**Absent**
Mathematics	YG Liang	Present
Microbiology	Dustin Maydaniuk	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Kyle Monkman	Present
CUPE3909		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)	Garett Williams	**Absent**
Indigenous Engagement		
Guests		