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**UMGPS Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 5:30 PM – Zoom**

**1. Call to Order (5:34PM)**

**2. Traditional Territories Acknowledgement**

The University of Manitoba campuses are located on the 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.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGPS Council approves the agenda for the November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, UMGPS Council Meeting as presented.**

*Sasha/Mary*  
*Carried*

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION: BIRT the UMGPS Council approves the minutes of the April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, UMGPS Council Meeting as presented.**

*N/A*

**5. Committee Reports**

**5.1 May-October Reports**

**President Timilehin Oluwajuyitan**

- Executives meet bi-weekly.
- Advocacy with university leadership & external partners ongoing.
- Focus on restructuring, student welfare, and postdoctoral integration.

**6. Senate Report**

**6.1 May-November Senate Report**

- UMGPS has 3 Senate representatives.
- Structural changes underway; reports circulated in advance.

## 7. HSGSA Report

### 7.1 May-November Report

- Hosted academic events (MHSRF, Meet the Professionals, PC).
- Coordinated social events and launched mentorship program (36 participants)
- Recent Cultural Fest hosted 150+ attendees.

## 8. Postdoctoral Affairs Fellows

### 8.1 May-November Reports

#### Dr. Nazanin Vafaei

- PDFFA joined the UMGPS in May 2025
- Hosted successful Postdoctoral and Graduate Research showcase.
  - Saw around 86 attendees and twenty oral presentations and twenty-one poster presentations.

## 9. Executive Reports

### 9.1 May-November Reports

#### VP Events & Clubs – Diwan Oulai

- Delivered various events from May-November focusing on wellness, engagement, and community.
- The Committee membership has been updated.
- Councillor Amalia S posed question regarding food security initiatives, Diwan, Timi and Armin all agree supported idea; budget constraints noted.
  - Diwan invited Amalia to email him for further discussion.

#### VP External Affairs & Senate – Armin A.

- Participated in several senate and university committees.
- Implemented legal care program via referendum.
- Continuing advocacy for free student health insurance.
- Meeting with Ministry in the coming weeks, December 11<sup>th</sup>, invited councillors to join.

#### VP Equity, Inclusion & Diversity

- Participated in many Indigenous run events
- Participated in Pride, Orientation events, and Equity programming.

## 10. Financial Clarification

### 10.1 Presenter: Pat (Plain Edge Financial Manager)

- Student fees increased from \$102.68 → \$103.92 (≈1.1% CPI-based cap).
- Increase due to referendum-approved legal care program.
- Enrollment decline (3,910 → 3,771 students) reduces revenue.

- Fee allocations outlined (Operating Budget, Endowment, External Relations, passthrough fees).
- Councillor Kaitlyn P. Requested special meetings with Plains Edge for deeper financial discussion. Timi stated that she can email him, and a meeting can be arranged.

## 11. Announcements

### 12.1 Next Council Meeting:

- TBD.

### 12.2 Annual General Meeting

- January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5:30PM Zoom
- Timi reminded that venue changes require proper notice and adherence to governance policy.
- Alora emphasized need for respectful communication with emailing office staff.
- Future Meeting Format: A survey/Doodle poll will be sent regarding preference for online vs. in-person meetings.

## 12. Adjournment (6:27PM)

### UMGPS Council Meeting Attendance

November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

<i>Position/Department</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President and Senator	Timilehin (Timi) Oluwajuyitan	Present
VP Academic and Senator	Lamia Mahzibin	<b>Absent</b>
VP External and Senator	Armin Aghajani - 2025/2026	Present
VP Events & Clubs	Diwan Oulai	Present
VP Equity & Inclusion	Peggy Wu	Present
VP HSGSA	Ashraf Kadar Shahibf	Present
VP Postdoctoral Affairs Association	Nazanin	Present
Executive Director	Willow Josephson	<b>Sent Regrets</b>
Marketing & Communications Coordinator	Thalia Vu	Present
Governance & Office Operations Coordinator - Takes minutes	Alora Hayward	Present
<b><i>Agric &amp; Food Science</i></b>		
Agribusiness & Agricultural Economics	None	

Animal Science	Tsiamaidy Tolojanahary	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Khang Duong / Faisal Ahmed	<b>Both Absent</b>
Entomology	Emmelyn Cullen	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Science	NONE	
Plant Science	None	
Soil Science	Aishika Dissanayake / Anushika Rathnayake	Anushika Present
<b>Architecture</b>		
City Planning - UMAPS	Mitch Sorenson / Matt Kozicki	Mitch Present
Interior Design	VACANT	
Landscape Architecture	Michael Rados	Present
<b>Arts</b>		
Economics	Oluwafemi Awopegba	Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	NONE	
Linguistics	Mohadeseh Rostami	Present
History	Brie Willoughby	Present
Political Studies	VACANT	
Psychology	Dallas Murphy	Present
Sociology & Criminology	Peace Ifeanyi	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Management</b>		
Management - MBA/MFin/MSCM	Pengyuan Tao / D Islam	Pengyuan Present
<b>Education</b>		
Education - PhD	VACANT	
Education – Admin, Foundations & Psychology	VACANT	
Education – Curriculum, Teaching & Learning	VACANT	
<b>Engineering</b>		
Biomedical Engineering	Khang Duong / Faisal Ahmed	Faisal Present
Civil Engineering	VACANT	
Electrical & Computer Engineering	VACANT	
Mechanical Engineering	VACANT	

<b><i>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</i></b>		
Environment & Geography	Rei Shibue	Sent Regards
Earth Sciences	Djelika Sogoba	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Kaitlyn Plastino / Robin Blott	<b>Both Present</b>
<b><i>Graduate Studies</i></b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Andrea Mandzuk	Present
Peace & Conflict Studies	Jalal Rhaman / Sharin Fatema	Both Present
<b><i>Kinesiology &amp; Recreation Mgmt.</i></b>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Emma Heath / Jamie Alxiuk	Both Present
<b><i>Science</i></b>		
Biological Sciences	Ni Ann	<b>Absent</b>
Chemistry	Danyel Ramirez	Present
Mathematics	Berkant Cunnuk	<b>Sent Regrets</b>
Microbiology	Badriya	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Katarina Hein	Present
Statistics	Mary Taiwo	Present
<b><i>HSGSA Departments</i></b>		
Oral Biology	Manikanta Kella	Present
Biochemistry & Medical Genetics	Marton Rohaly	Present
Community Health Sciences	Amalia Santiago	Present
Human Anatomy & Cell Science	Taylor Orchard	Present
Immunology	Ahmed Zhonia	Present
Medical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases	Clarissa Klenke	Present
Pathology	Akaljot Grewal	Present
Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Afroza Parvin / Khushali Trivedi	<b>Both Absent</b>
Physician Assistant Program	Kaitlyn MacGregor	<b>Absent</b>

Physiology & Pathophysiology	VACANT	
Nursing	Daniel Rose	Present
Pharmacy	Sasha Kullman	Present
Rehabilitation Sciences	Mary Osunlusi	Present
<b>CUPE3909</b>		
CUPE3909 (No Vote)		
<b>Indigenous Engagement</b>		
<b>Guests</b>		
Chief Returning Officer		