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- 1. Call to Order (5:31pm)**
 - 2. Land Acknowledgement**
 - 3. Approval of the Agenda**
BIRT The UMGPS Council approves the agenda for the March 25th, 2026, Council Meeting as presented.
Shasha/Diwan
Carried
 - 4. Approval of the Minutes**
BIRT The UMGPS Council approves the minutes for the previous Council Meeting as presented.
Diwan/Danyel
Carried
 - 5. Committee Reports**
 - 5.1 Vice President Events & Clubs (Diwan Oulai)**
 - i. No events have been held since the last Council meeting.
 - ii. Club funding applications and resolutions completed; funding to be disbursed this week.
 - iii. Approximately 8 new clubs registered under UMGPS (official communication pending).
 - iv. Tax Clinic scheduled for the week at both Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses.
 - v. Governance and Strategy Committee meeting was hosted on February 19th.
 - 6. Postdoctoral Fee Committee Report**
 - i. Report pre-circulated; no discussion or questions raised.
 - 7. Senate Report**
 - 8. HSGSA Report**

Hosted informal pickleball tournament.

 - i. Conducted a Scientific Communication (SciComm) event, including presentations and a guest talk from Oral Biology.
 - ii. Planning a Financial Literacy Workshop for April.
 - iii. Collaborating with UMGPS on Tax Clinic.
 - iv. Joint planning underway for upcoming Winter Gala.
 - v. Governance and Strategy Committee meeting chaired.
 - 9. Executive Reports**
 - 10. Departmental Reports**
 - i. Departmental update (Amalia Santiago): Departmental leadership elections (Chair/Co-Chair) will be held in April instead of September to allow for improved transition.
 - 11. Unfinished Business**
 - 12. New Business Ratification of 2026–2027 UMGPS Executive Election Results**
 - i. Chief Returning Officer confirmed election was successfully conducted.
 - ii. No complaints or appeals received; results finalized and presented to Council.

MOTION: BIRT The UMGPS Council ratifies the 2026–2027 UMGPS Executive Election results as presented.

Dallas/Pengyuan

Carried

12.2 Meeting Format Discussion (Hybrid vs Online)

- i. Concern raised regarding low in-person attendance and high operational burden of hybrid meetings.
- ii. Council discussed maintaining hybrid versus transitioning to fully online meetings.
- iii. Staff noted logistical challenges and resource demands of hybrid setup.
- iv. Members emphasized importance of accessibility and inclusivity of both formats.

MOTION: BIRT The UMGPS Council adopts an online-only meeting format for upcoming Council meetings.

Vote conducted via chat:

Online: 17 voted

Hybrid: 13 voted

Abstentions: 4 voted

Carried

13. Announcements

13.1 Next Council Meeting

- i. Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026 – 5:30PM – Online (Zoom)

13.2 Newsletter

- i. Members are invited to submit content for the April newsletter to marketing@umgps.org

14. Adjournment (6:00pm)

UMGPS Council Meeting Attendance March 25th, 2026

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

Animal Science	Tsiamaidy Tolojanahary	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Khang Duong / Faisal Ahmed	Khang Present
Entomology	Emmelyn Cullen	Present
Food & Human Nutritional Science	VACANT	
Plant Science	VACANT	
Soil Science	Aishika Dissanayake / Anushika Rathnayake	Aishika Present
Architecture		
City Planning - UMAPS	Mitch Sorenson / Matt Kozicki	Matt Sent Regrets
Interior Design	VACANT	
Landscape Architecture	Michael Rados	Present
Arts		
Economics	Oluwafemi (Femi) Awopegba	Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	VACANT	
Linguistics	VACANT	
History	Brie Willoughby	Present
Political Studies	VACANT	
Psychology	Dallas Murphy	Present
Sociology & Criminology	Peace Ifeanyi	Absent
Management		
Management - MBA/MFin/MSCM	Pengyuan Tao / D Islam	Pengyuan Present
Education		
Education - PhD	VACANT	
Education – Admin, Foundations & Psychology	VACANT	
Education – Curriculum, Teaching & Learning	VACANT	
Engineering		
Biomedical Engineering	Khang Duong / Faisal Ahmed	Khang Present
Civil Engineering	VACANT	
Electrical & Computer Engineering	VACANT	
Mechanical Engineering	AHM Nazmush Sakib	Present

<i>Environment, Earth & Resources</i>		
Environment & Geography	Rei Shibue	Present
Earth Sciences	Djelika Sogoba	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Kaitlyn Plastino / Robin Blott	Both Present
<i>Graduate Studies</i>		
Applied Health Sciences	Andrea Mandzuk	Sent Regrets
Peace & Conflict Studies	Jalal Rhaman / Sharin Fatema	Jalal Present
<i>Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.</i>		
Kinesiology & Recreation Mgmt.	Emma Heath / Jamie Alxiuk	Both Present
<i>Science</i>		
Biological Sciences	Elizabeth Patterson (BSGSA President)	Absent
Chemistry	Danyel Ramirez	Present
Mathematics	Berkant Cunnuk	Absent
Microbiology	Badriya	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Katarina Hein	Present
Statistics	Mary Taiwo	Present
<i>HSGSA Departments</i>		
HSGSA President & Senator	Ashraf Shahib	Present
HSGSA VP Internal	Deanne Nixie Miao	Present
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	Rowan Schulk	Present
Medical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases	Clarissa Klenke	Present
Pathology	Akaljot Grewal	Present
Pharmacology &	Afroza Parvin / Khushali Trivedi	Afroza Present

Therapeutics		
Physician Assistant Program	Kaitlyn MacGregor	Absent

Physiology & Pathophysiology	VACANT	
Nursing	Daniel Rose	Present
Pharmacy	Sasha Kullman	Present
Rehabilitation Sciences	Mary Osunlusi / Chiemelie Onah	Chiemelie Present
Guests		

Minute-Taker _____ Date _____

President _____ Date _____

The above is a true and accurate account of the proceedings of the committee. Please inform the Governance and Office Operations Coordinator of any errors and/or omissions.