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- 1. Call to Order (5:37pm)**
  - 2. Land Acknowledgement**
  - 3. Approval of the Agenda**  
**BIRT The UMGPS Council approves the agenda for the April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, Council Meeting as presented.**  
*Ashraf/Alkajot*  
*Carried*
  - 4. Approval of the Minutes**  
**BIRT The UMGPS Council approves the minutes for the previous March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council Meeting as presented.**  
*Diwan/Sasha*  
*Carried*
  - 5. Committee Reports**
    - i. Ongoing transition work across executive portfolios.
    - ii. Winter Gala successfully hosted (sold out event).
    - iii. Senate meetings held; discussions summarized in pre-circulated report.
    - iv. Governance and Strategy Committee working on bylaw updates and changes.
    - v. Nine new clubs registered under UMGPS.
    - vi. Club funding successfully disbursed.
    - vii. Tax Clinic was a success.
    - viii. Governance and Strategy Committee meeting chaired.
    - ix. Transition meetings conducted with incoming Executives.
  - 6. Postdoctoral Committee Report**
    - i. Transition underway due to departure of current representative.
    - ii. New representative being engaged for continuity and upcoming elections.
    - iii. Support provided for research showcase award distribution.
    - iv. UMGPS continues to provide administrative support (non-financial).
  - 7. Senate Report (distributed prior to meeting)**
  - 8. HSGSA Report**
    - i. Winter Gala co-hosted with UMGPS; 310–315 attendees; successful event.
    - ii. Graduate Student Excellence and Merit Awards evaluation completed; winners to be announced
    - iii. Ongoing collaboration with UMGPS, HSGSA, and Faculty of Graduate Studies.
  - 9. Executive Reports**
    - i. Participated in Winter Gala (volunteer support).
    - ii. Attended Governance and Strategy Committee meetings.
    - iii. Completed transition with incoming Executives.
    - iv. Raised concerns regarding fairness of international graduate scholarships
    - v. Advocated for expanded travel funding (including competitions); ongoing discussions with Graduate Studies and faculties.

- vi. Engagement with Manitoba Minister of Advanced Education.
- vii. Advocacy efforts on healthcare provisions and IRCC policy impacts.
- viii. Recommendation for continued engagement by incoming executive.

## **10. Departmental Reports**

## **11. End-Of-Term-Reports (Appendix VII)**

## **12. Unfinished Business**

None

## **13. New Business: Board of Directors Alumni Discussion**

**13.1** In-coming President Emma Heath discussed the potential of adding alumni to Board of Directors for UMGPS and sought Council advice; more to come at next Council meeting.

- i. Benefits: experience, expertise, governance knowledge.
- ii. Concerns: reduced student representative.
- iii. Possible options discussed:
- iv. Limit percentage of alumni (e.g., 30%).
- v. Restrict eligibility to recent graduates (e.g., within 6–10 years).
- vi. Additional issue: requirement under Manitoba Corporations Act that at least 25% of Board members be Canadian residents
- vii. Clarification on residency definition pending legal consultation.
- viii. Members encouraged to submit feedback in writing for further consideration.

## **14. Announcements**

### **14.1 Next Council Meeting**

- i. Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 5:30PM – Online Zoom

### **14.2 Newsletter**

- i. Members invited to submit content for the May newsletter to [marketing@umgps.org](mailto:marketing@umgps.org)

## **15. Adjournment (6:32pm)**

**UMGPS Council Meeting Attendance March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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

Animal Science	Tsiamaidy Tolojanahary	<b>Absent</b>
Biosystems Engineering	Khang Duong / Faisal Ahmed	<b>Both Absent</b>
Entomology	Emmelyn Cullen	<b>Sent Regrets</b>
Food & Human Nutritional Science	VACANT	
Plant Science	VACANT	
Soil Science	Aishika Dissanayake / Anushika Rathnayake	Aishika Present
<b>Architecture</b>		
City Planning - UMAPS	Mitch Sorenson / Matt Kozicki	<b>Both Absent</b>
Interior Design	VACANT	
Landscape Architecture	Michael Rados	<b>Sent Regrets</b>
<b>Arts</b>		
Economics	Oluwafemi (Femi) Awopegba	Present
English, Theatre, Film & Media	VACANT	
Linguistics	VACANT	
History	Brie Willoughby	<b>Sent Regrets</b>
Political Studies	VACANT	
Psychology	Dallas Murphy ( <i>Nisali Muthumuni Proxy</i> )	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	<b>Both Absent</b>
Civil Engineering	VACANT	
Electrical & Computer Engineering	VACANT	
Mechanical Engineering	AHM Nazmush Sakib	Present

<b><i>Environment, Earth &amp; Resources</i></b>		
Environment & Geography	Rei Shibue	<b>Sent Regrets</b>
Earth Sciences	Djelika Sogoba	Present
Natural Resources Institute	Kaitlyn Plastino / Robin Blott	Both Present
<b><i>Graduate Studies</i></b>		
Applied Health Sciences	Andrea Mandzuk	Present
Peace & Conflict Studies	Jalal Rhaman / Sharin Fatema	Sharin 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	Elizabeth Patterson (BSGSA President)	<b>Absent</b>
Chemistry	Danyel Ramirez	Present
Mathematics	Berkant Cunnuk	<b>Absent</b>
Microbiology	Badriya	<b>Absent</b>
Physics & Astronomy	Katarina Hein	<b>Absent</b>
Statistics	Mary Taiwo	Present
<b><i>HSGSA Departments</i></b>		
HSGSA President & Senator	Ashraf Shahib	Present
HSGSA VP Internal	Deanne Nixie Miao	Present
Oral Biology	Manikanta Kella	<b>Absent</b>
Biochemistry & Medical Genetics	Marton Rohaly	<b>Sent Regrets</b>
Community Health Sciences	Amalia Santiago	<b>Sent Regrets</b>
Human Anatomy & Cell Science	Taylor Orchard	<b>Absent</b>
Immunology	Rowan Schulk	Present
Medical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases	Clarissa Klenke	Present
Pathology	Akaljot Grewal	Present

Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Afroza Parvin / Khushali Trivedi	Afroza Present
Physician Assistant Program	Kaitlyn MacGregor	<b>Absent</b>
Physiology & Pathophysiology	VACANT	
Nursing	Daniel Rose	Present
Pharmacy	Sasha Kullman	Present
Rehabilitation Sciences	Mary Osunlusi / Chiemelie Onah	Chiemelie Present
<b>Guests</b>		

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.*