
HSGSA Council Meeting Minutes November 28th, 2022 5pm Zoom

- 1) Call to Order: 5.05pm
- 2) Approval of minutes (October 24th, 2022): Mojtaba | Leo
- 3) Approval of agenda: Mojtaba | Akshi
- 4) Business arising from minutes: none
- 5) New business
 - a. Vacant spot on election committee: Quinn has agreed to move to elections from bylaws committee; Samuel is moving to by-laws committee meeting
 - b. Holiday event
 - i. Dec. 16th event at 4:30 PM
 - ii. It's a gingerbread house design contest. Starts around 4:45.
 1. \$25 gift card for each member of the winning team
 2. 4-people per team
 - iii. At Buhler Atrium, in Brodie. Same location of Halloween event.
 - iv. After contest, there will be pizza and snacks
 - v. After that, there will be a Holiday movie in Apotex (Downstairs) @ 6-7 PM, depending on how long the contest takes
 - vi. Please tell people that registration ends Dec. 8th at 5PM. It is no cost! Free!
 1. We currently have ~20. We want ~same as the Halloween event (~40-50).
 - c. Manitoba Research Days
 - i. Essentially, we no longer have the big CSHRF (national) event. It's now provincial. It's now local.
 - ii. We will still have posters and the Patrick Choi lecture.
 - iii. Might have career fair / workshops. Still a work in progress.

- iv. We will still have a big social event, but not a super fancy gala... more like a Tavern United, smaller scale sort of deal.
 - v. HSGSA Execs met with Hope Anderson and Samantha Pauls to have a program that is useful for the grad students at the U of M. We are thinking of the distinguished lectureship to be paired with Research Days. There will be a poster competition and leadership awards. Samantha also discussed a networking event with different industries. Also invite Dr. Nana Lee from the U of Toronto to assist with this.
 - vi. Please email us HSGSA execs with feedback and suggestions! What would you want from the new Research Days?
- d. HSGSA representation on UMGSA Council
- i. PPT we'll present to the UMGSA exec members is shown.
 - 1. A review of the structure/hierarchy of UMGSA and HSGSA. The HSGSA president is ONE of the members of the UMGSA executive committee.
 - 2. There is also the UMGSA standing committee. Each of these committees has one HSGSA representative (one of the HSGSA execs).
 - 3. We review the HSGSA structure / hierarchy.
 - 4. Big point shown: **HSGSA is 16% (students) of UMGSA**
 - a. The HSGSA is underrepresented. The executive committee has 14% representation. **The UMGSA council has 2% HSGSA representation.** The Awards Committee has 7% representation. These two bodies lack an effective HSGSA voice, meaning that our needs aren't represented.
 - 5. Why have HSGSA?
 - a. Geography. Bannatyne students need representation for their unique issues.
 - b. UMGSA agendas differ from ours, but they still affect us. And we only have one vote in their decisions that affect us
 - 6. Basically, we should have more representation in the UMGSA council.
 - 7. Also, HSGSA membership isn't recognized in their bylaws. We are not in their bylaws. So that's another issue.

8. HSGSA's role in the UMGSA council is literally one person (HSGSA president). Thus, the UMGSA budget, donations, election processes, etc... none of that has much HSGSA representation (1 vote / 42 members). These are big issues, and we don't have enough say at the council.
 9. The solution: Moving forward, if we want to amend these documents, the different bylaws committees need to sit together and work on it.
 10. We should have more of a say in what happens to our graduate students.
 11. **Solution may be to have all of the HSGSA execs attend the UMGSA council meetings, which would bring us close to 16% representation in the UMGSA council.**
- ii. This is very important. Please pay attention to this point. We need to be unified in our support of this to the UMGSA council.
 - iii. Mojtaba asks a question about the initiative and steps we'll take
 1. Akshi answers - we will be meeting with the UMGSA execs and work things out. Then the bylaws committee members will meet and figure out how to solidify it.
 - a. Mojtaba suggests making it clear that different campuses/departments have different needs to help justify increasing our voice.
 - b. Mojtaba brings up the point about parking being subsidized at the Fort Garry campus (\$10) while we pay \$120 at Bannatyne. Staff pays \$75, also subsidized (by HSC admin, probably not UMGSA)**
- e. Student lounge for StB campus
- i. We have about 20 students at St. B. That's departments from both Bannatyne and Fort Garry. There are student rooms with desks, but a few students have said that they don't have a place to relax / nap. There is no comfortable place to take even a phone call / have privacy.
 - ii. Dr. Michael Czubryt is on board with the idea, but the primary issue is that there is limited space. The expansion of space is not possible, so we

- need to use our space in a better manner. So maybe we can refurnish the student lounge to make it feel more welcoming.
- iii. We can maybe use the HSGSA budget for this, but we need to discuss this more. It's ongoing, but just know that we're discussing this.
- f. GNSA moving to HSGSA
- i. GNSA (graduate nursing student association) is at Fort Garry, but they're more health science focused. They want to join the HSGSA (They're at the UMGSA). We execs support that motion. Our lectures, events, etc. are more relevant to them. They want to be with us. We engaged with them (HSGSA execs and GNSA execs) and agreed. GNSA has voted to join HSGSA, so most of their students want to join us.
 - ii. So, does the HSGSA council support this? We will bring a motion to the council.
 - iii. With the motion approved by the HSGSA council, we have a stronger case to move forward with the process of bringing the GNSA into the HSGSA umbrella.
 - iv. Only reason GNSA is in UMGSA is due to being located at the Fort Garry campus. GNSA understands that most things will still occur at Bannatyne. Had a candid conversation over the pros and cons with the GNSA execs, and they've made their decision.

MOTION: BIRT HSGSA Council approves the intent of Graduate Nursing Student Association to move to HSGSA Council committee meeting.

Mojtaba approves, Harshal seconded

YES : 8

6) Other business

- MHRE Updates
 - Alekhya updates us. Not too much for updates. Last thing was interviews and funding. So still working on funding.
 - Lectures haven't started yet. Have just selected the lecturers.

7) Exec Reports

President:

- Been to UMGSA exec meetings
- Met with Dr. Anderson and Dean Nickerson
 - Updates on how things are going with HSGSA
 - Brought up parking
 - Astrid brought up a list of workshops for and at Bannatyne campus (rather than having most workshops at Fort Garry)
- Talking with family centre to see if we can get a designated location for breast feeding and other family-centric activities
- Survey for multifaith centre has been sent out and completed by students - now in review by Edgar French
- FGS meeting attended
- Internal development review meeting will review the HSGSA execs soon

VP Internal:

- FGS council
- UMGSA Finance committee meeting
- Met with Hope and Nickerson
- Personal development meeting with Dr. Anderson and Dr. Pauls
- Outside of meetings, involved in usual financial activities
- Helped plan holiday party (booking event location, etc.)

VP External: -

corresponding with Leah Deane to discuss ways to access services | HSGSA exec meeting to discuss winter activities and next year's events | met RFHS Dean Nickerson | grad student experience committee meeting to talk about challenges faced by grad students | BITB workshop | Met Hope and Samantha to discuss GPD program

VP Academic:

- Took part in HSGSA exec meeting
- FGS student experience committee meeting
- Bioethics committee meeting
- Professional development meeting with Hope
- Met with Dean Nickerson about current issues with students
- Preparing for a meeting with the distinguished lectureship committee

VP Marketing and events:

- Met with Dr. Hope and Dr. Nickerson to address issues and things to have at Bannatyne (events)
- HSGSA exec meeting
- Working on planning the Holiday event
- Working on planning for the winter gala - checking venues, catering, etc.
- Attended the UMGSA events committee meeting

VP St. Boniface:

attended HSGSA exec meeting | UMGSA by-laws meeting (discussed HSGSA representation and made teh powerpoint shown today| conversed with HSGSA St. B students to discuss the student lounge | Attended Council meeting | Met with Dr. Pauls to discuss MB Research Days

Senator:

- Driving (noisy)
- Attended committees
- UMGSA council meeting
- Forestry initiative project
- Most important: Tree planting initiative is underway. Met with the director of Trees Winnipeg and discussed the project
- Brought an issue to the UMGSA council - the issue of food. Food is too expensive, maybe(?). Healthy food is too expensive. All the food vendors are overpriced vs outside of campus. That's wrong. Students should have a LOWER cost. Mensa card lets you buy food at a cheaper price... same at the cafeteria... this is true elsewhere, but not at the U of M. We should have some sort of similar program. UMSU president meeting is in the works. They are in control of the largest population of students, so they should be involved with resolving this issue. Maybe it's the cost of the stalls that lead to the high prices... not sure, so we'll have to do meetings to figure out a solution. 2014/2016 study showed that 35% of graduate students met the level of food insecurity. So at the next time we meet, we'll have decided on what to do about this.

8) Department Reports:

| Department | Councilor | Updates |
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| Immunology | Xinyun Liu | Thanks Jamie. Just had wisdom teeth removed. Had a good Halloween party. Student research seminars just started. Senior students go first. Now working with office assistants to plan a holiday party on the 30th this week. Actual part will be Dec. 16th with a potluck, gingerbread decorating, ugly sweater, gift exchange, and charades. |
| Biochem and Med Gen | Ghanan Bin Akhtar | Mic check. Halloween part was really good. Most students were anxious regarding the party, but many came and they had a quiz and gift distribution. Will meet to plan a holiday party soon. Will meet with department members soon to plan the party. Regarding departmental progress, same as with Leo, it's time for student seminars with senior students presenting first. Departmental poster competition may occur. |
| Oral Biology | Olubukola (Bukky) Olatosi | Good evening. Two new students joined - 8 in total now. Attended the BITB (bringing in the bystander) workshop. Will have a welcome party for the new students with the holiday party. The department had one member receive the UM graduate student award scholarship. Thank you. |
| Med Micro | Ryan Ha | Hello. Last month had a Halloween party. One department wide and one student. Friesen lecture hosted with Immunology. Had a coffee party for the students. Organizing a drive for the holidays. |
| Physician Assistant | Daniella Castro/Sarah | Yup, hi everyone. For the PAs, had a bowling night using wellness fund. Was very nice after antibiotics exam. National physician assistant day yesterday - went to a spin class. Second years had a paint night to fundraise. Turnout was very good. |
| Physiology and Pathophysiology | S.Mojtaba Hosseini | Thank you so much. Most seminars are ongoing in November. There are internal and external speakers and students. Edge of Science for the department - 4-5 students received departmental awards to present their research in the Edge of Science seminars. Holiday party on December 16th. Nice gathering at St. B and Bannatyne after their evaluations. Had pizza with students. First gathering in the department. Another gathering (Scientific Cafe) on December 8th. Idea is to invite a new PI who is successful to discuss with the students and do an open Q/A. In terms of the IDRC, is working on the forms and will meet this week or early next week. One other thing, we are going to have a poster for our scientific cafe event. May we promote this on the HSGSA social media? Our speaker is Christ Pasko(?name). Jamie says to forward the details to Astrid to circulate it. Department council meeting on Dec. 12th. |
| Pharmacology and Therapeutics | Manik Chhabra | Not here. No regrets. Living best life. |
| Community health Sciences | Shamsia Sobhan | Students made books. Committee met with department head to discuss issues. Bonfire recently. Another social event planned - maybe go to a rec room... voting in progress. And monthly |

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| | | seminars are happening. |
| Physical Therapy | | |
| Occupational Therapy | Katrina Holzhaeuer | sent regrets |
| Pharmacy – Primary | Samuel Akinola | Very good potluck. Super fun! Good conversations. Organizing a Christmas event on Dec. 22nd. Karaoke, board games, etc. Everything is progressing well. |
| Human Anatomy - cell science | Courtney Clark | proxy : Gideon Ong Major event - student council has been formed. Was mostly Courtney presenting the department. Gideon is the new student VP. This will help with event planning. Recent event is an outing to the Across the Board (Love it!). Good turnout. Major update is that. |
| Pathology | Harshal Senthil | Had a pizza event with department. Allowed labs to meet each other. Pathology poster day in a couple weeks. Zoom presentations. |
| Masters of rehabilitation sciences | Quinn Taylor | Hi, Quinn here. No too much to report. Attended IDRC initial meeting. No events for Halloween/holiday. Planning research sharing event in new year. Excited to share HSGSA holiday plans. |

Uche says Jamie is invited to a party - African Graduate Student potluck on Dec. 17th.

9) Adjournment: 6:14

10) Next Council Meeting: January 30th, 2023 @5pm

Executive Report

From: Jamie Sookhoo (HSGSA President)
To: HSGSA Members
Re: October 1st – October 31st

Executive Summary of Work:

- HSGSA September and October Council Meetings
- UMGSA Executive and Council Meetings
- FGS Exec and Council Meetings
- MHRE Updates
- Bringing in the Bystander workshop
- CSHRF/ICAM transition meeting
- GNSA-HSGSA transfer meeting

Executive Summary of Hours:

| Date | Event | # Hours |
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| 3 rd October | HSGSA September Council Meeting | 2 |
| 4 th October | UMGSA Exec Meeting | 1 |
| 14 th October | FGS Executive Meeting | 1 |
| 17 th October | HSGSA Exec Meetings | 1.5 |
| 18 th October | UMGSA Exec Meeting | 1.5 |
| 18 th October | MHRE Updates | 1 |
| 24 th October | HSGSA Council Meeting | 2 |
| 26 th October | UMGSA Council Meeting | 2 |
| 31 st October | CSHRF/ICAM Transition Meeting | 1 |
| 31 st October | GNSA-HSGSA meeting | 1 |
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| Documents and record keeping | | 10hr |
| Monthly Total | | 27.5hr |

Time spent in meetings in October: 14hrs

Meetings missed: none

Office hours: 0 hours

All Executive hours were suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 17th, 2020

Total hours spent on HSGSA for October: 27.5hours

Executive Report

From: Alekhya Lavu (HSGSA VPA)

To: HSGSA Members

Re: October 1st – October 31st

Executive Summary of Work:

- HSGSA September and October Council Meetings
- MHRE Updates
- GNSA-HSGSA transfer meeting

Executive Summary of Hours:

| Date | Event | # Hours |
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| 3 rd October | HSGSA September Council Meeting | 2 |
| 17 th October | HSGSA Exec Meetings | 1.5 |
| 18 th October | UMGSA Exec Meeting | 1.5 |
| 18 th October | MHRE Updates | 1 |
| 24 th October | HSGSA Council Meeting | 2 |
| 31 st October | GNSA-HSGSA meeting | 1 |
| 24 th October | MHRE Interview | 8 |
| 20 th October | Biosafety Committee | 2 |
| 28 th October | Halloween | 6 |
| October | GSA Awards assessment | 10 |
| Documents and record keeping | | 3.5hr |
| Monthly Total | | 38hr |

Time spent in meetings in September: 38hrs

Meetings missed: none

Office hours: 0 hours

All Executive hours were suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 17th, 2020

Total hours spent on HSGSA for October: 38 hours

Vice-President External – Morgan Taverner

Executive Summary of Work: Attend HSGSA Meetings + Follow ups | Duties Related to MHRE's Development and Funding | Prepared Overview of Ed Kroeger Committee Duties | HSGSA Halloween Event Setup and Running | Ongoing Communication with Heads of Student Services for Meeting with Councillors

Executive Summary of Hours:

| Date | Work | Hours |
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| 20221003 | HSGSA Council Meeting + PPT Prep | 2.0 |
| 20221017 | HSGSA Exec Meeting | 1.5 |
| 20221018 | Met with Toby to Discuss Student Service Leader Meeting | 1.5 |
| 20221018 | MHRE Committee Meeting | 1.5 |
| 20221021 | MHRE Interviews | 2.0 |
| 20221022 | MHRE Interviews | 2.0 |
| 20221024 | HSGSA Council Meeting | 1.5 |
| 20221025 | Correspondence with Leah About Student Service Meeting | 1.0 |
| 20221028 | HSGSA Halloween/Fall Event | 4.5 |
| 202209XX | Misc. Correspondence | 6.5 |

Meetings Missed:

| Date | Meeting Missed | Reason for Missing |
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| 20221003 | Services and Supports Committee - Marzieh | HSGSA Council Meeting Held Concurrently |

Office Hours:

All Executive Office Hours were suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 17th, 2020.

Time Spent in Official Office Hours in October: 0 Hours

Total Hours Spent on the HSGSA in October, 2022: 24 Hours

Executive Report

From: Astrid Bravo (HSGSA VPME)

To: HSGSA Members

Re: October 1st – October 31st

Executive Summary of Work:

- **HSGSA September and October Council Meetings**
- **UMGSA Executive and Council Meetings**
- **CSHRF/ICAM transition meeting**
- **GNSA-HSGSA transfer meeting**

Executive Summary of Hours:

| Date | Event | # Hours |
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| 3 rd October | HSGSA September Council Meeting | 2 |
| 4 th October | UMGSA Exec Meeting | 1 |
| 17 th October | HSGSA Exec Meetings | 1.5 |
| 18 th October | UMGSA Exec Meeting | 1.5 |
| 24 th October | HSGSA Council Meeting | 2 |
| 26 th October | UMGSA Council Meeting | 2 |
| 28 th October | HSGSA Halloween Social | 3.5 |
| 31 st October | CSHRF/ICAM Transition Meeting | 1 |
| 31 st October | GNSA-HSGSA meeting | 1 |
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| Documents and record keeping, social media | 3 hr | |
| HSGSA Halloween Social planning | 4.5 | |
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| Monthly Total | | 22hr |
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Time spent in meetings in October: 22hrs

Meetings missed: none

Office hours: 0 hours

All Executive hours were suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 17th, 2020

Total hours spent on HSGSA for October: 22 hours

Executive Report

From: Akshi Malik (HSGSA VP St Boniface)

To: HSGSA Members

Re: October 1st – October 31st

Executive Summary of Work:

- Follow up on UMGSA By-laws meetings minutes
- Follow up on MHRE updates through whatsapp chat group
- GNSA-HSGSA transfer meeting

Executive Summary of Hours:

| Date | Event | # Hours |
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| 31 st October | GNSA-HSGSA meeting | 1 |
| | Documents and record keeping | 2hr |
| Monthly Total | | 3hr |

Time spent in meetings in October: 3hrs

Meetings missed:

HSGSA Exec Meeting, HSGSA Council Meeting, UMGSA By-laws meeting : Due to time difference in the country of residence at the time of meetings.

Office hours: 0 hours

All Executive hours were suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 17th, 2020

Total hours spent on HSGSA for October: 3 hours

Executive Report

From: Kayla Kostal (HSGSA Vice-president internal)
To: HSGSA and UMGSA Members
Re: October 1st – October 31th

Executive Summary of Work:

- HSGSA executive meetings
- MHRE meetings
- UMGSA Finance meeting
- Halloween
- Financing

Executive Summary of Hours:

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| October 3 | HSGSA Council meeting | 2hr |
| October 17 | HSGSA executive meeting | 1.5hr |
| October 18 | MHRE meeting | 1hr |
| October 24 | HSGSA Council meeting | 2hr |
| October 28 | UMGSA finance meeting | 1hr |
| October 28 | Halloween event & planning | 7hr |
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| | Working on financing & documentation & dropping off cheques | 5hr |
| | Email correspondence and housekeeping (including banks & payments) | 2hr |
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| | Monthly Total | 21.5hrs |

Time spent in meetings in October: 7.5 hours

Meetings missed: GNSA-HSGSA meeting

Office hours: 0 hours

All Executive hours were suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 17th, 2020

Total hours spent on HSGSA for October: 21.5h