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## Council Meeting Minutes

### Nov 20th, 2023 5pm

### Zoom

- 1) Call to Order: 5pm
- 2) Approval of minutes (Oct 23rd, 2023): Samuel | Shahin
- 3) Approval of agenda: Jamie | Lauren
- 4) Business arising from minutes: -
- 5) Updates:

#### HSGSA Multicultural Evening

**MOTION: BIRT the HSGSA Council approves moving \$546.60 from SOE1 (summer picnic) to SOE8 (multicultural event).**

**Yes: 13 | No: 0 | Abstain: -**

**HSGSA Parental Leave Bursary Application:** Was reintroduced and described in further detail by Jamie (VPE). Several questions were asked from councillors on clarity such as the requirements (Leave of Absence etc) and other criteria. It was made clear that the money for this bursary did not come from HSGSA/student funding but it came from Dr. Hope Anderson's office (Vice Dean - Research - RFHS). The funding available is \$1000 and most likely only able to help one student per year but we don't expect many applications/year.

#### 6) Exec Reports

- **President:** Attended UMGSA Exec and Council meetings | Chaired MHRE meeting with SSA | Attended and prepared for PTDL lecture | Conducted MHRE interviews on Nov 6th | helped planning the multicultural event | Emcee RFHS Open House on Nov 15 | Attended UMGSA Food insecurity ad-hoc committee | Hosted the HSGSA-SBRC Diwali Event
- **VP Internal:** Attended MHRE meeting with SSA | Attended and setup halloween event | Attended PTDL HSGSA Executive dinner with Dr. Nelson at Cibo | Attended and prepared for PTDL lecture | Got BMO bank card to monitor transactions | Did financing and budgeting for MHRE, Halloween, and PTDL | Conducted MHRE interviews on Nov 11 | Created budget for MHRE mingling and

awards ceremony coming up on Nov 24 | Created budget for multicultural event | Contacted aramark about paying lunch bill from PTDL (not heard back yet) | Working on invoice to RFHS for PTDL | Attended Open House on Nov 15 and helped setup registration desk, helped with the volunteers, helped with snack setup, and tear down | Attended UMGSA finance committee meeting | Multicultural event food planning, budgeting, financing.

- **VP External:** Missed meetings from 16-26 October as was on vacation outside of Canada. Chaired Food Insecurity Committee meeting. Spoke with Dr. Leslie Redmond about Green Investment Fund: Up to \$50,000 in funding available for sustainability projects - intend to develop an App for UofM students to notify them when there is free food available after UofM events - topic of reducing waste at the UofM. Attended UMGSA Council Meeting - October as proxy for HSGSA President. Conducted MHRE Interviews on Nov 10th | Helped with RFHS Open House Nov 15th, hosted Q&A etc | Attended HSGSA Exec Nov 5th | Got lots of email enquiries about Extended Education Bursary & Parental Leave Bursary.
- **VP Academic:** Attended the HSHSA executive meetings| Organizing the Patrick Choy distinguished Lecture October 31st| MHRE interviews with 4 instructors on November 8th and 11th| Helped with RFHS Open House on November 15.
- **VP Marketing and events:** Attended the HSGSA executive meetings | Attended and setup halloween event | Attended and prepared for PTDL lecture | Conducted MHRE interviews on Nov 11 | Attended Open House on Nov 15 and helped recruited volunteers and escorting the undergraduate students to FG campus | Attended UMGSA events committee meeting | Planned for the multicultural evening - managing emails, logistics and venue.
- **VP St. Boniface:** Attended the HSGSA executive meetings | Attended the halloween event | Attended Patrick Choy distinguished Lecture Executive dinner with Dr. Brad Nelson | Attended and prepared for Patrick Choy distinguished Lecture| Purchased the gifts for Dr. Brad Nelson for Patrick Choy distinguished Lecture | Attended MHRE meeting with SSA | Conducted MHRE interviews on Nov 11 | Attended UMGSA By-Laws meeting | Organized the HSGSA-SBRC Diwali Event | Planning for HSGSA Multicultural evening | Poster designing for SBRC Diwali event and HSGSA Multicultural evening
- **Senator (Proxy: UMGSA Pres - Chris):** *pending*

## 7) Department Reports

Department	Councilor	Updates
Oral Biology	Olubukola (Bukky)	The department of Oral Biology had a Site Review

	Olatosi	on the 7th of November. The reviewers consisted of Faculty from Universities outside Manitoba. Bukky represented the graduate student. Inputs were made to improve structure of the Oral Biology graduate program, support for students and course structure through the perspectives of students in the department.
Biochem & Med Gen	Wasif Mohd Khan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized the Halloween party on October 27th, 2023 and there was a good turnout.</li> <li>• We had general seminars on:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Clinical Laboratory and Career Opportunities for PhDs by Dr. Eleonora Petryayeva, PhD, FCACB (Shared Health)</li> <li>b. Student academic and non-academic misconduct at the University of Manitoba by Dr. Mark Nachtigal (Director, Advanced Degrees in Medicine).</li> </ol> </li> <li>• We will have a department council meeting after fall evaluations end to plan the Christmas party.</li> </ul>
Community Health Sciences	Shaikh Mehdi Hasan/Hassan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community Health Sciences (CHS) department is working to transform from a department to a college.</li> <li>• The CHS department is working to establish a micro-diploma program in applied health services research. The Senate Planning and Priorities Committee (SPPC) has endorsed the proposal.</li> <li>• We had a fundraising event for our department student council. We made a profit of about \$250 from selling sweaters to professors.</li> <li>• We plan to arrange a dinner for CHS students at the end of the term.</li> </ul>

Human Anatomy & Cell Science	Aurelien Caron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Had the Halloween event.</li> <li>● The department had a table at the Rady Faculty Gala.</li> <li>● 1 PhD student passed their PhD defense.</li> <li>● 1 PhD student will defend their PhD proposal on Monday (me).</li> <li>● The councilor recruited 8 students in their internal student committee (which is more than ever).</li> <li>● Started sessions for students to train for the 3 Minute Thesis and get feedback.</li> <li>● The councilor held interviews for the MHRE</li> </ul>
Immunology	Diane Tshikudi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Student of immunology satisfaction assessment             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We created and sent an Immunology Student satisfaction survey.</li> <li>○ So far, we have 11 students/28 students who responded.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Organization for the Immunology department retreat meeting             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We discuss the main point that will be discussed during the retreat.</li> <li>a) Admission process</li> <li>b) support to students</li> <li>c) The retreat will take place in February.</li> <li>d) discuss the survey of students' satisfaction in the department.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Workshops.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 20 Students responded to the survey we sent to select 4 workshops we will organize this year.</li> <li>○ From the students' responses, 4 workshops were selected, and we selected potential speakers that we are currently contacting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A) how to use GraphPad Prism for data analysis (statistical analysis of biological data).</p>

		<p>(Jan) B) what to do to improve your presentation skill (posters, JC, seminars, and conferences). (Feb) C) How to write successful scholarship and studentships (June) D) Career in industry (July).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Events in the department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ We have two more students that defended their thesis.</li> <li>❖ We had 2 baby showers organized in the department.</li> <li>❖ We participated in the RFHS open-House.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Med Micro	Erin Robert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Had their corn maze event with good attendance, had lots of fun, no-one fell in the mud</li> <li>● Had their Instagram contest which was pretty successful, gained over 10 new followers and gave a student a \$50 gift card</li> <li>● Had a few students defend and successfully graduate</li> <li>● Had their monthly meeting with the department head and planned out the department holiday/awards party and dates with him <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upcoming events include outreach fundraising event (organization to be determined) and a holiday party for students by student council (in addition to the awards ceremony, and department potluck)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Pathology	Harshal Senthil	<p>Couple students attended the CCRA Conference held in Halifax in early November. They had a couple oral and poster presentations.</p> <p>- The Dept. Pathology Research Days is coming in early December where the students of the dept will be presenting.</p>

		<p>- The lab is looking to recruit more students so hopefully will have more people in the department in the near future.</p>
Pharmacology and Therapeutics	Parisa Tabishmehr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Last month, the students and PIs participated in an "open house".</li> <li>● We had a couple of volunteers in MHRE and I myself helped the MHRE team in interviewing volunteers.</li> <li>● Last week, a group of our students participated in the annual SFN meeting, - Society of Neuroscience-, in Washington D.C and had a poster presentation.</li> <li>● We also had our weekly scientific seminars.</li> <li>● Our department is planning an award presentation and holiday potluck on Dec 8th.</li> </ul>
Physician Assistant	Sarah Zhu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Department bake sale plans</li> <li>● Christmas party/get together event.</li> </ul>
Physiology & Pathophysiology	Molly Crandall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● RFHS Open House: prepared the booth posters and presentation of the open house. Attended open house and had great interactions with prospective students. Presented an overview of our department and the degrees associated with it.</li> <li>● Fall Evaluation/Holiday Celebration Planning: Currently in contact with Rec Room to have a type of celebratory event for graduate students for completing their fall evaluation as well as celebrating the arrival of the holiday season. It will be similar to last time where students will be give a certain amount of points to play games and a food waiver</li> <li>● Departmental Holiday Party: Our department will be hosting a holiday party on December 12th.</li> <li>● Symposiums: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 25th Annual Naranjan Dhalla Cardiovascular Awards Day: had wonderful guest lecturers and a panel</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>surrounding Women' Heart Health as well as an trainee oral competition. Many of our students won ICS and oral competition awards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bowman Symposium: had visiting cardiopulmonary scientists come and present their work, as well had oral presentations from students who received feedback on their project and had the opportunity to discuss future work with these visiting scientists</li> </ul>
Nursing	Chloe Alby-Koop	<p>Dates have been chosen for two major events: Helen Glass Research Symposium - March 4 and 5, 2024; Advanced Practice Nursing Conference - March 20, 2024</p> <p>Otherwise, not much to report!</p>
Pharmacy	Meher Kantroo (proxy)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participated in the RFHS Open House on November 15, 2023</li> <li>2. Organizing an in-person meeting with all graduate students, the Dean of College of Pharmacy and the new Graduate student chair to open the floor to fruitful discussions and catch up with each other (November 23rd)</li> <li>3. Actively organizing departmental holiday party (to be held on 15th December 2023)</li> <li>4. Department has organized a two day Leadership Education Seminar. Encouraging graduate students to sign up for it and attend it.</li> </ol>
Occupational Therapy	-	
Masters of rehabilitation sciences	Lea Soliman	<p>Rehab sciences is running a donation drive in support of Main Street Walkers. The donation bins will be kept in the CORS office and items can be dropped off anytime within the CORS office hours from November 20th – December 8th, 2023. Main Street Walkers is a small grassroots organization that walks</p>

		<p>down Main Street every Tuesday and Thursday morning in hopes to connect with the community and provide items needed by the community. Winter is coming up and they will be in need of gently used and clean winter gear items and new underwear. Other items that are needed include; hygiene products, such as facial tissue pocket packs, lip balm, toothpaste, and soap bars. As well as many individually wrapped non-perishable snack items such as granola bars, puddings, fruit snacks (anything that is wrapped and can be eaten immediately without any preparation/ cooking involved). We greatly appreciate anything that you are able and willing to donate!</p> <p>As an additional note, the councilor had a college committee meeting yesterday and brought up the fact that the OT and PT rep positions for the HSGSA are empty, as mentioned by HSGSA. There were a few PT and OT students in attendance and they assured that they would bring this up to their classes, so there is hope that someone will reach out to fill those positions soon.</p>
Physical Therapy	-	

8) Adjournment: 6:20pm

Next Council Meeting: Jan 22nd, 5pm Zoom





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