

UCGS Minutes September 1, 2023

April 2023 minutes were approved.

Roll Call: Deb took attendance by going over the UCGS 23-24 council membership. Names are missing from minutes.

GS Exploration Night was announced, and flyer distributed. It will be a great opportunity to showcase to domestic students our graduate programs. We need to check next year and make sure there are no religious holidays.

Staffing Changes were announced to the group as Todd Deese and Mar Newell have accepted other opportunities. Searches for both positions taking place currently.

Student Health Insurance: The subsidy will not happen this year due to budget. Possibly when the SRI is fully implemented. When we move to Wellfleet, the student will have to show coverage and ACA compliance. Family coverage is offered in the new plan for international students only.

Curriculum Processes: Many low impact changes can come to Deb and Registrar and do not need to go through the full process and council. For new programs, contact Deb so the GS can check this out with AA before launching any process. We need to rethink graduate certificates. They need to be thought of regarding how to help employability or recruit to a full program.

GA Contracts: Please note you need to put forward a GA contract if you hire students to do anything for you in your classroom. Access to canvas cannot happen on a scholarship contract only.

Admissions Updates: Please make sure your departmental admission websites are up to date to keep The UofM in compliance.

SpanTran is now being used. The cost is less than WES and still a useful tool for evaluations. If we have more students and departments using SpanTran then the cost could go down even more from \$150 to \$125 possibly. Please consider using SpanTran for international evaluations.

Minimum master's degree Requirements: How best to meet the Comp exam issue. As a minimum degree requirement, you do not have to do or have a comp exam. Your department may require one, but the GS will not.

Divisive Contact Training for GA's: We need to ask the provosts about this.