

Motion # 3 – External Delegation Selection Amendment

Whereas, after consulting with the outgoing and incoming USC Presidents and VP Externals, there has been an expressed interest in increasing Council involvement in external delegations;

Whereas, OUSA is for student representatives from member universities across Ontario to meet and set policies and, advocacy priorities for the provincial level;

Whereas, currently Western USC has a low level of direct Council external delegation involvement ;

Whereas, traditionally the Chair of the Western Student Senators has been offered a spot on advocacy delegations;

Be it resolved that, the number Councilors elected for external delegations be increased from three to four;

Be it further resolved that, the Provincial and Federal Affairs Standing Committee Chair be an ex-officio member of the OUSA Delegation;

Be it further resolved that, the Local and Campus Affairs Standing Committee Chair be an ex-officio member of the Local Advocacy Week Conference Delegation;

Be it further resolved that, the Chair of the Western Student Senators be an ex-officio member of the OUSA Delegation and Local Advocacy Week Conference Delegation.

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(Refer to Motion # 1 Appendix 1 for amendments to By-Law # 3, and Motion # 1 Appendix 2 for further explanation on delegation format changes.)

Motion # 1 – Appendix 1 By-Law # 3 Amendments

4.02 *The President and Vice-President External will act as representatives for the USC at any external organization conferences or official meetings, or will select a designate to act in their absence. This includes OUSA conferences, CASA conferences, and the USC Local Advocacy Week conference.*

(1) Selection of ~~three~~-four of the representatives for a general assembly will be elected from voting council members using the following process:

i. *Voting shall take place by secret ballot.*

ii. *Each Voting Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote per ballot for any given position.*

iii. *No Voting Member shall cast more than one (1) ballot for each position.*

iv. *Ballots: Preferential voting will proceed by a numbered ballot such that on the preferential ballot for each position, each voter must indicate the order in which she prefers the candidates by placing a numeral "1" beside her first preference, a numeral "2" beside her second preference, in numerical order up to and including the final candidate.*

v. *Counting Ballots: The counting of the ballots shall take place according to the following:*

a. *Each candidate may designate an agent to act as her scrutineer during the counting of the*

ballots;

b. In the first count, first preference votes for each candidate are counted;

c. If a candidate receives 50% + 1 of the eligible votes cast, that candidate shall be elected.

d. Where the top place candidate fails to achieve 50% + 1, the second choice votes of the candidate finishing last in that round of ballot counting shall be reassigned accordingly. This process is repeated until one candidate receives the majority of the highest preferences remaining on the ballots;

e. If two (2) or more candidates are tied for the least popular position, those candidates shall be redistributed accordingly;

f. Failure to select a preference in any round of voting shall result in that ballot being spoiled for that and all subsequent rounds of balloting. A ballot shall not be deemed spoiled so long as the voter's intentions can be reasonably ascertained from the ballot;

g. If more than one person is to be elected the voters can indicate their order of preference among the names just as if only one was to be elected. The counting procedure is the same as described above, except that it is continued until all but the necessary number of candidates has been eliminated.

h. Tie Result – In the event of a tie, whenever possible, tie shall be resolved in favour of the candidate with the most first place votes. Where not possible, the tie shall be resolved by a coin toss.

(2) The following members shall act as the USC's voting ex-officio delegate for the following external organizations or select a delegate to act in her absence:

i. The Provincial and Federal Affairs Standing Committee Chair shall be an ex-officio member of the OUSA Delegation;

ii. The Local and Campus Affairs Standing Committee Chair shall be an ex-officio member of the Local Advocacy Week Conference Delegation;

iii. The Chair of the Western Student Senators shall be an ex-officio member of the OUSA Delegation and the Local Advocacy Week Conference Delegation.

~~(2)~~ (3) Selection for other representatives will be conducted by the Vice-President External and be ratified by the Executive group, with priority being given to members of the External portfolio.

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Motion # 1 – Appendix 2 Further Explanation

Current OUSA Delegation Format:

- 3 Council Members (Elected by Council)
- 1 President (exofficio)
- 1 Vice President, External (exofficio)
- 1 Provincial and Federal Affairs Coordinator (exofficio)
- 1 Western Student Senators Chair or designate (ex-officio)
- 5 Experts/Coordinators/AVPs (through the VPX)

New OUSA Delegation Format:

- 4 Council Members (Elected by Council)
- 1 President (ex-officio)
- 1 Vice President, External (exofficio)
- 1 Provincial and Federal Affairs Coordinator (exofficio)
- 1 Western Student Senators Chair or designate (exofficio)
- 3 Experts/Coordinators/AVPs (through the VPX)
- 1 Provincial and Federal Affairs Standing Committee Chair (ex-officio)