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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Speaker of Council called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. O CANADA

The Speaker led Council in the singing of O Canada.

3. WESTERN SCHOOL SONG

The Speaker led Council in the singing of the Western School Song.

4. LAND RECOGNITION

Western University is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Sunapee and Attawandaron peoples, who have longstanding relationships to the land and region of southwestern Ontario and the City of London. The local First Nation communities of this area include Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee Delaware Nation. In the region, there are eleven First Nation communities and a growing Indigenous urban population. Western values the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original peoples of Turtle Island (North America).

5. ROLL CALL

Speaker: Madison Ing

Deputy Speaker: Corrine Codina

Recording Secretary: Coordinator, Council Services

6. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was passed as presented.

JUSZK/Moran/Carried. (Unanimous)

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were passed as presented.

9. PRESENTATIONS

i. Gazette Information Session (15 minutes, 5 minutes Q&A) – A. O'Kruk, Editor-in-Chief

10. FOR ACTION

i. Standing Resolutions of Council: Executive Appointments Amendments

Motion 1

Standing Resolutions of Council: Executive Appointments Amendments

Be it resolved that, Council approve the amendments to the Standing Resolutions of Council pertaining to Executive Appointments.

JUHASZ/Forman/Carried. (For 97%, Against 3%)

[C16/S.3](#)

Effective Date: 30 November 2016

Expiry Date: in perpetuity

Whereas; the nature of executive appointments are problematic for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to a lack of transparency, accountability, and a fair process;

Whereas; executive appointments are usually to committees of large significance, are presently not public, and often outlast the terms of the executive who appointed them, more structure and oversight is needed;

Let it be resolved; Council adopt the following as a Standing Resolution:

"Any committee position within Western University that handles academic or campus affairs, where the USC Executive would have previously appointed a student who is not an executive member, to be subject to an open call for nominations and/or applications;

The USC Executive will select the top five (5) applicants, or top three (3) if fewer than five apply, in accordance with standing Human Resource policies and will forward their names as candidates to Council.

Each candidate will have three minutes to highlight their credentials after which the USC Council shall make the appointment(s) by a preferential ballot election. Council elections will have a 2 minute question and answer period allotted to each candidate to field questions from Council, wherein all candidates answer the same question.

Prior to each election outlined above, the USC Executive (or their designate) shall present information to Council on the role and responsibilities of the position being elected."

Let it be further resolved; That the USC Representative to the Student Services Committee be selected by a hiring panel consisting of the USC President, Vice President and 1 Councillor to ensure proper skill alignment with the role, and this selection be ratified by Council.

The mover and seconder of the motion spoke in favour of the motion.

Question Period

Councillor Olsen questioned whether the position should be appointed versus elected. Mr. Olsen noted that Council would not want to prevent interested members of Council from running for positions, if they are qualified and enthusiastic.

Debate Period

President Solebo spoke in favor of the motion, noting that the appointment would assist with the end of term transition and place member on the SSC committee in April at the beginning of the Committees' planning cycle.

MOTION: Call the Question

PRATT/Smart/Carried. (Unanimous)

Main Motion: JUHASZ/Forman/Carried. (For 97%, Against 3%)

ii. Ratification of the 2017-2018 USC Policy Paper Proposals

Motion 2

Ratification of the 2017-2018 USC Policy Paper Proposals

Whereas, the University's Students Council exists as organization that serves as the representative body for Western's undergraduate students, it is incumbent upon the USC to convey principles, concerns, and recommendations (PCR's) to the University's administration, staff, and faculty;

Whereas, every year the USC writes three Advocacy Policy Papers (Purple Papers). After consultation of the USC and the Advocacy Standing Committee, the topics of interest to our students are the following: Affordability, Student Employment and Equity & Diversity;

Whereas, the Advocacy Standing Committee has amended, made necessary recommendations and approved the written submissions of the Advocacy Policy Paper Proposals for this year. (Appendix 2)

Be it resolved, that the 2017/18 USC approve these written proposal submissions so the writing process may continue.

ZONTA/Tulk/Carried. (Unanimous)

Councillor Zonta spoke in favour of the motion. She noted that the policy paper process had been collaborative, and that the Advocacy Standing Committee would welcome and encourage the feedback of Councillors at-large on the policy papers going forward.

Vice-President Tulk spoke in favour of the motion. He further noted that the Advocacy Standing Committee had been provided training related to policy writing at the monthly meeting.

Question Period

No question from Council to note.

Debate Period

No items for debate from Council to note.

MOTION: Call the Question

PRATT/Griffith/Carried. (Unanimous)

Main Motion: ZONTA/Tulk/Carried. (Unanimous)

iii. Motion to Create the Ad-hoc Bus Pass Review Subcommittee of the Student Experience Standing Committee

Motion 3

Motion to Create the Ad-hoc Bus Pass Review Subcommittee of the Governance and Finance Standing Committee

Whereas, Bylaw 1 states that Council holds jurisdiction over policies and positions related to the student interest;

Whereas, Council has the means and democratic legitimacy to both properly review and emphatically recommend the adoption of a position on this matter that best reflects the student interest;

Whereas, the USC Bus Pass levy is standing at \$227.88, and cannot be opted out of by any student regardless of use;

Whereas, the utility of the USC Bus Pass has gone unreviewed for many years;

Be it resolved that, Council pass the Ad-hoc Bus Pass Review Subcommittee of the Governance and Finance Standing Committee Terms of Reference (Appendix 1), sending the Terms of Reference to the Governance and Finance Standing Committee to be struck at their next meeting;

Be it further resolved that, Council recognizes it cannot change the levying of the Bus Pass on its own, but it does call on the Board of Directors and Executive to assist with moving forward any changes passed by resolution through Council concerning this matter, recognizing that Council represents the will of the students.

OLSEN/Griffith/Carried. (For 62%, Against 35%, Abstention 2%)

Councillor Olsen and Councillor Griffith both spoke in favour of the motion.

Question Period

Councillors noted questions with respect to the current cost of the bus pass and discussed whether there were any contractual obligations that ought to be brought to their attention.

Councillor Griffith noted that many of these concerns could be further detailed if the sub-committee is struck.

Debate Period

President Solebo noted to Council that a three year contract had recently been signed between the USC and LTC.

Point of Information: Why is the Student Experience Standing Committee being tasked with this work and not Governance and Finance?

Councillor Olsen noted that review of services fell to the purview of the Student Experience Committee of Council.

Councillor Pratt brought forward a motion to amend the motion to include that the date of the review should be completed by the end of the 2017-2018 Council term.

MOTION: Amendment to the Motion (2017-2018)

PRATT/Olsen/Carried.

Councillor Ye brought forward a motion to amend the motion to create the subcommittee under the Governance and Finance Standing Committee of Council.

MOTION: Amend the Motion (Governance and Finance Standing Committee)

MIDDLE/Syed/Carried.)

Councillor Caracciolo called the motion to question

MOTION: Call the Question

CARRACIALO/Zaman/Carried. (For 62%, Against 35%, Abstain 3 %)

iv. Election of Council Members to the Ad-hoc Council Development Committee

The following Ordinary Members of Council elected for a position on the Ad-hoc Council Development Committee:

YE
ZONTA
PEIRCE
DHILLON
KHIMJI

EVERSLEY/Smart/Carried. (Unanimous)

11. FOR INFORMATION

i. Executive Reports (45 minutes)

President Solebo provided a report to Council on his current and upcoming projects.

Vice- President Tulk provided a report to Council on his current and upcoming projects.

Secretary-Treasurer McCauley provided a report to Council on her current and upcoming projects.

Student Programs Officer McIntosh provided a report to Council on his current and upcoming projects.

Communications Officer Cernavskis provided a report to Council on her current and upcoming projects.

ii. Report of the Chair of the Board of Directors (10 minutes)

The Chair of the USC Board of Directors provided a report to Council on the activities of the Board.

iii. Report from the Chair of the Student Senators (10 minutes)

The Chair of the Western Student Senators provided a report to Council on the activities of the WSS.

iv. Report from Standing Committee Chairs (10 minutes)

a) Governance and Finance Standing Committee:

Mr. Olsen addressed Council with an update on the work of the Governance and Finance Standing Committee.

b) Advocacy Standing Committee:

Ms. Zonta addressed Council with an update on the work of the Advocacy Standing Committee.

c) Student Experience Standing Committee:

Ms. Zhu addressed Council with an update on the work of the Student Experience Standing Committee.

d) Agenda and Council Operations Standing Committee:

The Speaker of Council addressed Council with an update on the work of the Agenda and Council Operations Standing Committee.

12. FOR DISCUSSION

13. NEW BUSINESS

New Business Motion 1

International Student Representative

Whereas, the involvement and engagement of international students in student governance and student experience related programs are low;

Whereas, President Chakma's vision is to internationalize the university, thus Council should respond and make an example by creating more opportunities for international students;

Be it resolved that, an 'International Student Representative' position be created starting from September 2018. With at least the following terms and conditions;

A resource member without voting rights;

Elected by Council during September meeting of Council as per the Standing Resolutions;

The candidates, and elected person must be considered an international student by the University;

Be it further resolved that, the International Student Representative will represent international and exchange students, and promote Council opportunities and events to their constituency.

CHAO/Pratt/Does not Carry. (Referred to the Governance and Finance Standing Committee)

Councillor Chao spoke in favour of the motion.

MOTION: Refer Motion to the Governance & Finance Standing Committee

PRATT/Griffith/Carried. (Unanimous)

New Business Motion 2

Motion to amend the Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc LGBTQ2+ Student Issues Sub-Committee

Whereas, Council voted in favour of the adoption of a The LGBTQ2+ Student Issues Sub-Committee at the September 27 Council meeting;

Whereas, the LGBTQ2+ Student Issues Sub-Committee Terms of Reference is a substantial step in the right direction for Western students,

Recognizing that, the original the LGBTQ2+ Student Issues Sub-Committee Terms of Reference makes no mention of affiliate students;

Recognizing that, improvements can be made to the current LGBTQ2+ Student Issues Sub-Committee Terms of Reference to ensure greater consultation with Western students;

Be it resolved that, Council pass the amended Terms of Reference for Ad Hoc LGBTQ2+ Student Issues Sub-Committee Terms of Reference;

MATTHEWS/Echlin/Does not Carry. (Referred to the Student Experience Standing Committee)

Councillor Matthews spoke in favor of the motion.

Councillor Echlin also spoke in favor of the motion.

Question Period

No question from Council to note.

Debate Period

Councillor Forman noted an amendment for the Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc LGBTQ2+ Student Issues Sub-Committee, requesting additional members of the committee, namely the PrideWestern Coordinator and at-large members of Council.

MOTION: Amendment to the Motion

MATTHEWS/Watson/Carried. (Unanimous)

Councillor Olsen put forward an motion to table the Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc LGBTQ2+ Student Issues Sub-Committee indefinitely.

MOTION: Amendment to Table the Motion Indefinitely

OLSEN/Secunder/Does not Carry.

Councillor Pratt motioned to refer the document to Committee

MOTION: Refer Motion to the Student Experience Standing Committee

PRATT/Khimji/Carried. (Unanimous)

New Business Motion 3

Student Experience Terms of Reference Amendment (Orientation Advisory Committee)

Whereas, the Orientation Advisory Committee requires a student representative;

Whereas, this falls within the purview of the Student Experience Standing Committee;

Be it resolved, that council pass the following amendment to the Standing Committee Terms of Reference.

OLSEN/Sawyer/Carried. (Unanimous)

Councillor Olsen spoke in favour of the motion.

Councillor Sawyer further motivated the motion in favour of passing.

Question Period

No question from Council to note.

Debate Period

No items for debate from Council to note.

MOTION: Call the Question

PRATT/Perruzza/Carried. (Unanimous)

MAIN MOTION: OLSEN/Sawyer/Carried. (Unanimous)

16. TERMINATION

The Speaker sought a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

Perruzza/Middel/Carried. (Unanimous)