Minutes of the 5th meeting of the 2017\2018 University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario held on 29 November 2017 in the Community Room, University Community Centre

Note: This meeting can be viewed in full or in part via streaming video at http://www.usc.uwo.ca/government/council/meetings/index.asp.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Speaker of Council called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 REGOGNITION

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. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is amended as follows:

Governance & Finance Standing Committee:

~~i. Amendments to the Nominating Committee Terms of Reference (Consent Motion 1, Recommendation Report 1, Appendix 1) – K. Olsen~~

ii. Standing Resolutions of Council: OUSA Elections (Consent Motion 2, Recommendation Report 2, Appendix 2) – *C. Caracciolo, Ivey Councillor*

~~iii. Standing Resolutions of Council: Resource Members (Consent Motion 3, Recommendation Report 3, Appendix 3) – *K. Olsen, Chair, Governance & Finance Standing Committee*~~

Student Experience Standing Committee:

iv. Purple Bikes Review – (Consent Motion 4) – G. *Zhu, Chair, Student Experience Standing Committee*

Approval of Minutes

25 October 2017 Minutes passed as presented

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was passed as presented.
JUSZK/Moran/Carried. (Unanimous)

9. PRESENTATIONS

i. Smoke Free Campus Presentation (20 minutes) – A. Hutchinson, Dr. T. Paul, and C. Bumbacco
ii. RadioWestern Update (20 minutes, 5-minute Q&A)– A. Barton, Station Manager
iii. Textbook Rental Service Feasibility Investigation (10 minutes, 5-minute Q&A) – C. Caracciolo, Ivey Councillor

MOTION: Recess
Motion Carried. (Unanimous)

10. FOR ACTION

Motion 1 (Final Motion)

Introduction of a Meal Support Service on Campus

Whereas, eating disorders continue to be a pandemic amongst young adults in Canada, with about 2% of Canadians report an eating disorder – however the number may be higher as most eating disorders are guarded and kept secret.

Whereas, according to the National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC), eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of all mental health illnesses (due to both illness complications and suicide). Eating disorders also have one of the highest rates of relapse – relapses for anorexia nervosa in Dutch patients ranged from 35%-41% relapse after 18 months from initial treatment (see resource link 2). Canadian statistics show similar trends.

Whereas, the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) cites self-directed care practices as excellent compliments to professional treatment, Western currently lacks resources that are specifically targeted towards students recovering from eating disorders.

Whereas, the introduction of a meal support service would complement professional treatment such as counselling, while allowing students to take autonomy of their health in a safe, informative social setting.

Be it resolved that, the USC consider introducing a student meal support service as part of a current/existing USC-based service, or as a new independent service at the discretion of the executive.

~~Be it further resolved that, should this motion pass, the service be implemented following the winter holidays near the start of the winter 2018 term.~~

JUHASZ/Watson/Carried. (For 96%, 4% Abstention)

Councillor Juhasz requested an amendment to the presented motion; seeking the removal of the second “be it resolved” clause of the motion.

AMMENDMENT: Carried as presented

Question Period

Councillor Olsen requested clarification on the wording of the motion as presented.

Debate Period

Councillors noted concerns about the wording of the motion, noting that the motion required rather than requested the programming to be provided by the USC.

MOTION: Call the Question

PRATT/Smart/Carried. (Unanimous)

CALL THE QUESTION: Main Motion

JUHASZ/Forman/Carried. (For 96%, 4% Abstention)

Motion 2

After-Hours Drop-In Support

Whereas, mental health continues to be an issue that affects students at all times of the year, not just during examination periods.

Whereas currently, Western has implemented many resources such as after-hours support during examination periods. However, the accessibility to after-hours support and similar resources are limited during non-examination periods.

Whereas, without intervention methods such as after-hours support centers, the result of mental crises will have a negative impact on students, seeing as the majority of crisis reports occur in the evening and holidays (such as Christmas) when most services are closed.

Whereas currently, the only after-hours support centre is the CMHA crisis centre located at Huron and Adelaide – a commute that may be difficult, if not impossible for a student in crisis. Other options such as emergency rooms, can be traumatic for students, especially if they are admitted without supporters.

Whereas, the Peer Support Centre is an excellent example of a "first-line of support" in the context of crisis intervention.

Be it resolved that, the USC consider implementing an after-hours support centre under the organization of the Peer Support Centre; the hours of this service are recommended to be 6pm-12am 7 days a week, but can be modified at the discretion of the executive.

Be it further resolved that, the USC consider providing the Peer Support Centre with an additional supervising staff member to facilitate the extended hours, the increase in student volunteers, and a new effective advertising campaign for the Peer Support Centre and its services.

~~Be it further resolved that, should this motion pass, the final planning and solidification of the program will be assigned to a group of Councillors (selected at the discretion of the executive and Councillors) to work in collaboration with the Peer Support Centre.~~

JUHASZ/Watson/Referred to Student Experience Standing Committee.

Motion: Refer to Committee
SOLEBO/Sawyer/Carried.

Question Period

Councillors noted concerns relating to the wording of the motion and clarification on the consultation process taken during the creation of the motion.

Debate Period

Council members debated the merits of referring the motion to the Student Experience Standing Committee for review, prior to voting on the matter.

MOTION: Refer to the Student Experience Standing Committee.

SOLEBO /Sawyer/Carried. (Unanimous)

Motion 3

Amendments to By-Law 2

Be it resolved that, Council approve the following amendments to By-Law 2 (Appendix 3).

OLSEN/Sawyer/Carried. (Unanimous).

Councillor Olsen presented on the amendments to By-Law 2.

Question Period

No question to note.

Debate Period

No debate to note.

CALL THE QUESTION: Main Motion

OLSEN/Sawyer/Carried. (Unanimous).

Motion 4

Amendments to the EGC Violations Procedure

Be it resolved that, Council approve the following amendments to the EGC Violations Procedure (Appendix 5).

OLSEN/Sawyer/Carried. (Unanimous)

Councillor Olsen presented on the amendments to the EGC Violations Procedure.

Question Period

No question to note.

Debate Period

No debate to note.

CALL THE QUESTION: Main Motion

OLSEN/Sawyer/Carried. (Unanimous)

Motion 5

Amendments to By-Law 6

Be it resolved that, Council approve the following amendments to By-Law 6.

OLSEN/Echlin/Carried. (Unanimous)

Councillor Olsen presented on the amendments to By-Law 6.

Question Period

No question to note.

Debate Period

No debate to note.

CALL THE QUESTION: Main Motion

OLSEN/Echlin/Carried. (Unanimous)

Motion 6

Motion Calling for a Referendum Concerning the CHRW Fee

Whereas, the technological advances and resulting changes in contemporary media consumption, since the inception of the Radio Western administered fee, have resulted in a substantially different campus environment than when the fee was initially passed through referendum in 1978, warranting a reassessment of the service by the student body at-large;

Whereas, Undergraduate students presently only make up 47% of Radio Western's volunteer body; but undergraduate students provide 96% of all of Radio Western's revenue, totaling $375,600 in the 2016-2017 fiscal year;

Whereas, potentially unnecessary student fees place a financial burden on students;

Whereas, an administered fee of $10.50 per student annually is a viable option to keep Radio Western operating more or less the same as it has been, at around $315,000 generated in student fees per year, while also saving students money;

Whereas, an administered fee of $3.00 per student annually would either reduce Radio Western's reliance on full-time staff, and would compel the organization to offer more experiential learning positions in the form of leadership roles to undergraduate students; or the reduction would compel Radio Western to seek funding elsewhere in order to maintain current operations, at around $90,000 generated in student fees per year;

Whereas, in the past, Radio Western has successfully supplemented specific projects using the Community Radio Fund of Canada, having received $48,412 in federal funding in 2015;

Whereas, Radio Western received $16,845 in Canada Summer Jobs grants last year, and expects this funding to continue at around $15,000 per year;

Whereas, a five (5) year transitional period that would work incrementally towards what students decide through referendum would offer adequate time for Radio Western to adapt to any changes in funding well in advance;

Whereas, Council has the unilateral authority to defer judgement on this issue to the student body, allowing them to make the choice for themselves, and circumvent any implicit bias Council may hold;

Be it resolved that, the University Students' Council permit the following referendum question to be included on the ballot of the 2018 USC Spring Elections:

This referendum will be conducted using a preferential (ranked) ballot system. Please indicate the order in which you prefer each option by placing a number '1' beside your most preferred option, a number '2' beside your second most preferred option, a number '3' beside your third most preferred option and a number '4' beside your least preferred option.

Do you support the decision of the University Students' Council to maintain the status quo of funding CHRW (Radio Western) at $12.47 per student annually, lower the funding for CHRW to $10.50 per student annually, lower the funding for CHRW to $7.47 per student annually, or lower the funding for CHRW to $5.00 per student annually.

The results of this referendum will be applied over five (5) years, with the results of the referendum absolutely being reflected in the USC budget for the 2020/2021 academic year, with a linear decrease in funding each academic year.

*the USC will adjust the CHRW administered fee by the rate of inflation each year (relative to changes in the CPI as determined by the Bank of Canada)

$12.47____ $10.50____ $7.47____ $5.00____

Be it further resolved that, the results of this referendum will be applied over five (5) years, with the results of the referendum absolutely being reflected in the USC budget for the 2020/2021 academic year, with a linear decrease in funding each academic year; and

Be it further resolved that, the preferential (ranked) ballot system used to conduct this referendum will be administered in line with Section 18 in Bylaw 2 pertaining to preferential voting rules.

OLSEN/Caracciolo/Carried. (For 96%, Abstain 4%)

Question Period

Council members voted in favour of a moderated caucus for a 30-minute period.

Debate Period

Council members debated amendments to the motion, adding alternate amounts and extending the application of the amended CHRW student fee over a 5-year term.

MOTION: Call the Question

PRATT/Smart/Carried. (Unanimous)

CALL THE QUESTION: Main Motion

OLSEN/Caracciolo/Carried. (For 96%, Abstain 4%)

Motion 7

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/Juhasz/Motion Tabled.

The motion is tabled prior to debate until the next duly called meeting of Council

CALL THE QUESTION Table the Motion

CHAO/Juhasz/Motion Tabled.

Motion 8

Amendments to the Nominating Committee Terms of Reference

Be it resolved that, Council approve the following amendments to the Nominating Committee Terms of Reference (Appendix 2).

OLSEN/Khimji/Carried. (Unanimous)

Councillor Olsen presented on Nominating Committee Terms of Reference.

MOTION: Call the Question
OLSEN/Khimji/Carried. (Unanimous)

Motion 9

Textbook Rental Service Feasibility Investigation
Whereas, according to the National Association of College Stores, the average full-time student spends $650 to $900 per school year for course materials and supplies;

Whereas, the cost of buying textbooks is a financial burden on students;

Whereas, other major Canadian universities provide textbook rental services including, but not limited to;

- University of Toronto
- York University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Waterloo
- McGill University
- University of Calgary
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- Concordia University
- Dalhousie University
- University of Regina

Whereas, neither the University of Western Ontario nor the USC currently offer a textbook rental service;

Be it resolved that, Council task the Executive to determine the feasibility of providing a textbook rental service for students either wholly operated by the USC, in partnership with the University of Western Ontario, or through any other means the Executive finds more feasible;

Be it further resolved that, the Executive(s) conducting the investigation must consult with at least one representative from each constituency on council;

Be it further resolved that, the Executive present their report and recommendations to whichever standing committee meeting the Executive deems appropriate, prior to the Annual General Meeting of Council (AGM).

CARACCIOLO/Kovalchuk/Does not Carry.

Question Period

Councillors requested clarification on the feasibility of the program. The USC executive noted that a similar program had been in place at the USC and was subsequently discontinued.

CALL THE QUESTION: Main Motion

CARACCIOLO/Kovalchuk/Does not Carry.

Motion 10

Motion to Elect Three (3) Ordinary Members to the USC Budget Taskforce

Whereas, the Operating and Capital Budget Approval Policy and Procedure outlines the composition of the USC Budget Taskforce (four Ordinary Members, which shall include the LTPB Chair, voting);

Be it resolved that, Council elect 3 Ordinary Members to the USC Budget taskforce;

Be it further resolved that, the ballots be destroyed following the election.

FORMAN/KHIMJI/Carried.

Election Results: J. Forman, A. Khimji, M. Perruzza elected to the Ordinary Members positions on the USC Budget Taskforce.

Motion 11

Motion to Elect a USC Representative to the SSC Hiring Committee

Be it resolved that, Council elect 1 Ordinary Member to the SSC Hiring Committee;

Be it further resolved that, the ballots be destroyed following the election.

JUHASZ/Calvo/Carried.

Election Results: M. Grenier elected to the SSC Hiring Committee.

Motion 12

Motion to Elect a USC Representative to the Board Nominating Committee

Be it resolved that, Council elect 1 Ordinary Member to the Board Nominating Committee;

Be it further resolved that, the ballots be destroyed following the election.

OLSEN/Echlin/Carried.

Election Results: K. Olsen, A. Khimji, E. Juhasz elected to the Ordinary Members positions on Board Nominating Committee.

Motion 13

Motion to Elect a USC Representative to the Parking Appeals Committee

Be it resolved that, Council elect 1 Ordinary Member to the Parking Appeals Committee;

Be it further resolved that, the ballots be destroyed following the election.

MOVER/Seconder

MOTION: Table the Motion
SOLEBO/Smart/Carried.

Election Results: Item tabled until the next meeting of Council.

Motion 14

Motion to Elect a USC Representative to the Board & Appeals Nominating Committee
Be it resolved that, Council elect three (3) Ordinary Members to the Board Nominating Committee;

Be it further resolved that, the ballots be destroyed following the election.

GRENIER/Perruzza/Carried.

Election Results: J. VanGaalen, K. Olsen, C. Echlin elected to the Ordinary Members positions on the Board & Appeals Nominating Committee.

Motion 15

Motion to Advocate in Favour of a New Academic Consideration Policy

Whereas, there continues to be a growing need to promote the importance of prioritizing one's mental and physical health;

Whereas, the current procedure for medical accommodations places undue stress on to the public health care system;

Whereas, this program is already in place at McMaster University (See Appendix 9);

Whereas, the Western Student Senators currently has a working group devoted to the implementation of this program;

Whereas, the USC/WSS Principles of Collaboration and Commitment passed in the September meeting of council allows the USC and Western Student Senators to establish joint projects to pursue common goals and initiatives;

Be it resolved that, Council makes it their official stance to support the implementation of this program;

Be it further resolved that, Council task the executive with advocating for the implementation of an Academic Consideration Policy which includes, but is not limited to allowing students to miss any assessment worth up to a certain percentage of their mark without the need to provide documentation;

Be it further resolved that, Council task the executive with giving a report to council during the January and February meeting regarding the progress of this initiative.

YE/Forman/Carried. (Unanimous).

Question Period

Council members requested clarification on whether there was a conflict in the purview of the motion relating to the University Senate.

Debate Period

USC Executive tasked with giving a report to Council during the January and February meetings regarding the progress of this initiative

CALL THE QUESTION: Main Motion
YE/Forman/Carried. (Unanimous).

11. FOR INFORMATION

Reports were deferred to the following meeting of Council.

12. FOR DISCUSSION

13. NEW BUSINESS

New Business Motion 1

USC 2018-2019 Election Plebiscite Question

Be it resolved that, the University Students' Council permit the following plebiscite question to be included on the ballot of the 2018 USC Spring Elections:

The recommendations in Western's 2017-18 Operating and Capital Budgets support the following high-priority areas, in accordance with Western's 4-year Strategic Plan, "Achieving Excellence on the World Stage":

- Research Excellence and Enhancing our Research Profile – including interdisciplinarity and Endowed Chairs.
- Enhancing the Student Experience – including innovations in pedagogy and increased experiential learning opportunities.
- Internationalization – including continued expansion of our undergraduate international enrolments and student mobility.
- Continuing with Graduate Expansion – with the recruitment of highly-qualified students in areas of demand and capacity.

Would you like to see student mental health and wellness included as a high priority of Western's Strategic Plan in perpetuity, potentially at the expense of the funding and support of other priorities?

YES_____NO_____

Pratt/Olsen/Carried. (Unanimous)

Question Period

No questions noted.

Debate Period

No debate to note.

CALL THE QUESTION: Main Motion

Pratt/Olsen/Carried. (Unanimous)

CALL THE QUESTION: Main Motion (As Presneted)
PRATT/Griffith/Carried. (Unanimous)

16. TERMINATION

The Speaker sought a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m.
WATSON/Katsiris/Carried. (Unanimous)

COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

29 November 2017

The purpose of this summary is to briefly outline the items that were presented to Council on the 25 October 2017 meeting, and ensure that relevant stakeholders are informed on the business of Council. Should anyone require further information with respect to any of the items outlined below, please feel free to contact, Elizabeth da Ponte Mailloux (Coordinator, Council Services):

ITEM	TITLE	NOTES	FOLLOW-UP
CONSENT AGENDA			
GOVERNNCE & FINANCE STANDING COMMITEE			
7(i)	Standing Resolutions of Council: OUSA Elections	Motion passed as a consent agenda item.	Standing Resolutions of Council to be updated and posted to the USC Website.
STUDENT EXPERIENCE STANDING COMMITTEE			
7(ii)	Purple Bikes Review	Motion passed as a consent agenda item.	USC Executive tasked with doing a review of Purple Bikes and presents it to the Student Experience Standing Committee at their meeting in January.
MEETING MINUTES			
7(iii)	25 October 2017	Minutes of the October meeting of Council passed as presented.	Meeting minutes to be posted to the USC website.
PRESENTATIONS			
9(i)	Smoke Free Campus Presentation	A. Hutchinson, Dr. T. Paul, and C. Bumbacco provided an information presentation to Council.	n/a
9(ii)	RadioWestern Update	A. Barton, Station Manager provided an information presentation to Council on development at RadioWestern.	n/a
9(iii)	Textbook Rental Service Feasibility Investigation	C. Caracciolo, Ivey Councillor provided an information presentation to Council relating to textbook rental services.	n/a
9(iv)	CHRW Motion Presentation	K. Olsen, Chair of the Governance & Finance Standing Committee provided an information presentation to Council relating to the referendum question in posted Motion 6.	n/a
AGENDA (5th MEETING OF COUNCIL 2017/2018)			
FOR ACTION			
ADVOCACY STANDING COMMITTEE			
10(i)	Introduction of a Meal Support Service on Campus	Motion 1: Motion passed with amendments.	Motion Removed by Mover during Approval of the Agenda.
10(ii)	After-hours Drop-in Support	Motion 2: Motion referred to Student Experience Standing Committee.	Student Experience Standing Committee to review he motion as amended.
GOVERNNCE & FINANCE STANDING COMMITEE			
10(iii)	Amendments to By-Law 2	Motion3: Motion passed as presented.	Changes to the By-law will be made and posted to the USC website.
10(iv)	Amendments to the EGC Violations Procedure	Motion 4: Motion passed as presented.	Changes to the EGC Violations Procedure will be made and posted to the USC website.
10(v)	Amendments to By-Law 6	Motion 5: Motion passed as presented.	Changes to the By-law will be made and posted to the USC website.
10(vi)	Motion Calling for a Referendum Concerning the CHRW Fee	Motion 6: Motion passed with amendments.	Motion sent to the CRO
10(vii)	International Student Representative	Motion 7: Motion tabled.	n/a

10(viii)	Amendments to the Nominating Committee Terms of Reference	Motion 8: Motion passed as presented.	Changes to the Terms of Reference will be made and posted to the USC website.
STUDENT EXPERIENCE STANDING COMMITTEE			
10(ix)	Textbook Rental Service Feasibility Investigation	Motion 9: Motion did not carry.	n/a
COUNCIL ELECTIONS			
10(x)	Election of Council Members to the Budget Taskforce	Motion 10: Motion passed as presented. Election Results: J. Forman, A. Khimji, M. Perruzza elected to the Ordinary Members positions on the USC Budget Taskforce.	Positions Acclaimed
10(xi)	Motion to Elect a USC Representative to the SSC Hiring Committee	Motion 11: Motion passed as presented. Election Results: M. Grenier elected to the SSC Hiring Committee.	Ballots to be destroyed.
10(xii)	Motion to Elect Three (3) USC Representative to the Board Nominating Committee	Motion 12: Motion passed as presented. Election Results: K. Olsen, A. Khimji, E. Juhasz elected to the Ordinary Members positions on Board Nominating Committee.	Ballots to be destroyed.
10(xiii)	Motion to Elect a USC Representative to the Parking Appeals Committee	Motion 13: Motion tabled to the January meeting of Council.	---
10(xiv)	Motion to Elect a USC Representative to the Board & Appeals Nominating Committee	Motion 14: Motion passed as presented. Election Results: J. VanGaalen, K. Olsen, C. Echlin elected to the Ordinary Members positions on the Board & Appeals Nominating Committee.	Ballots to be destroyed.
OTHER			
10(xv)	Motion to Advocate in Favour of the Missed Academic Work Relief Program	Motion 15: Motion passed as presented. Election Results:	USC Executive tasked with giving a report to Council during the January and February meetings regarding the progress of this initiative
NEW BUSINESS			
13(i)	USC 2018-2019 Plebiscite Question	New Business Motion 1: Motion passed as presented.	Question to be included in the 2018-2019 election period ballot.