

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the 2018/2019 University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario held on 4 April 2018 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 7:05p.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

Recording Secretary: Coordinator, Council Services

6. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was passed as presented.

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Meeting of Council (28 February 2018)

Meeting of Council AGM (11 March 2018)

9. PRESENTATIONS

10. IN CAMERA SESSION

11. FOR ACTION

Motion 1

Female Representation in the 2019-2020 Elections

Whereas in the elections for the 2018-2019 school year, there was a lack of female candidates at the PVP level and divisional level;

Whereas female voices in student government are necessary to address the needs of our diverse student body and increased female representation is conducive to good governance;

Whereas there are systemic and structural issues which impede women from seeking student government and leadership roles;

Whereas female representation during PVP, divisional and Affiliate level elections encourages other young women to strive for leadership roles;

Be it resolved that, the 2018-2019 USC executive work with relevant campus stakeholders, to create a report to increase female representation in leadership roles and address systemic issues that women face on Western and Affiliate campuses by the October meeting of council subject to approval.

CAMPBELL/Teja/Carried. (Unanimous)

Councillor Campbell and Councillor Teja spoke in favour of the motion.

QUESTION PERIOD: No questions to note.

DEBATE PERIOD: No debate to note.

MOTION: Call the Question (Main Motion)

SPEAKER/Carried.

MAIN MOTION: Carried as presented.

Motion 2

Clubs Governance Committee Terms of Reference Amendment

Be it resolved that, Council approve the amendments to the Clubs Governance Committee Terms of Reference in accordance with Appendix 1.

MA/Watson/Carried. (Unanimous).

Councillor Ma spoke in favour of the motion.

QUESTION PERIOD: No questions to note.

DEBATE PERIOD: No debate to note.

MOTION: Call the Question (Main Motion)

SPEAKER/Carried.

MAIN MOTION: Carried as presented.

Motion 3

Clubs Support Committee Terms of Reference Amendment

Be it resolved that, Council approve the amendments to the Clubs Support Committee Terms of Reference in accordance with Appendix 2.

ROCCHESI/Raja/Carried. (Unanimous)

Councillor Rocchese noted that the motion has been created with the intention of formalizing a process that is currently in place.

QUESTION PERIOD: No questions to note.

DEBATE PERIOD: No debate to note.

MOTION: Call the Question (Main Motion)

SPEAKER/Carried.

MAIN MOTION: Carried as presented.

Motion 4

Reducing Financial Barriers for Faculty, Off-Campus, and Affiliate Sophs

Whereas, Sophs volunteer their time throughout orientation week and the academic year to ensure that new students have an enjoyable and successful first year at Western;

Whereas, the current Soph Fee (\$30) and Soph uniform (up to \$100) is a combined \$130 and is a large financial burden for Sophs, especially considering that Sophing is done on a voluntary basis;

Whereas, the Faculty Soph Team Reserve has been increased to \$7000 in the 2018-2019 USC budget;

Be it resolved that, Council task the Student Programs Officer with creating a formal application and disbursement process for the Faculty Soph Team Reserve that all faculty, off-campus, affiliate Sophs, and charity Sophs can access;

Be it further resolved that, this process be implemented and advertised to Sophs before Soph fee collection begins for the 2018-2019 academic year and all subsequent years;

Be it further resolved that, Council task the Student Programs Officer to work with the necessary parties in the long-term to reduce the \$30 Soph Fee, including but not limited to investigating the feasibility of incorporating all or part of this fee into the Orientation Fee.

Be it resolved that, the Student Programs Officer shall submit to Council recommendations on definitions what may be reimbursed, and requirement on limitations of whom may submit a request for reimbursement, and any caps or limitations on reimbursement requests;

DENEZIS/Kamenetski/Carried.

Councillor Denezis spoke in favour of the motion, noting concerns with respect to the out-of-pocket expenses associated with Sophing at Western University.

QUESTION PERIOD:

Councillor Teja requested clarification on whether Charity Sophs were also included and whether they ought to be included in this motion.

Student Programs Officer Mackintosh noted that an amendment could be made to the motion.

Councillor Hollenberg noted concerns with respect to formalizing the amounts each Soph could request and requested clarification on the reimbursement process. Ms. Hollenberg noted that a formalized reimbursement process required guidelines, caps and expenses limitations.

Councillor Denezis noted that the informal process intends to provide the Student Programs Officer with the autonomy to facilitate the process independently.

Councillor Ma requested clarification on what the formalized application process required of applicants, as parental income would not be included on the application form.

Councillor Denezis noted that financial information would be required of the applicant, but that the details would not require a level of comprehensiveness similar to an OSAP application.

Councillor Liu requested clarification on whether Residence Sophs would also be included.

Councillor Denezis noted that residence Sophs receive subsidies for their Sophing uniforms and fees currently. He further noted that residence Sophs do not fall under the purview of the USC.

Councillor Woodside requested information on whether Council would have the opportunity to review the Student Programs Officers' application process, once the formalized process has been created.

DEBATE PERIOD:

Amendment 1

Reducing Financial Barriers for Faculty, Off-Campus, and Affiliate Sophs

Be it resolved that, the Student Programs Officer shall submit to Council recommendations on definitions what may be reimbursed, and requirement on limitations of whom may submit a request for reimbursement, and any caps or limitations on reimbursement requests;

HOLLENBERG/Woodside/Carried.

MOTION: Amend the Motion
HOLLENBERG/Woodside/

DEBATE PERIOD: Amendment 1

Councillor Woodside spoke in favour of the motion.

President Pratt requested clarification on the amendment.

Councillor Hollenberg noted that the amendment is requested with the intention of clarifying what acceptable reimbursements would be, and to avoid expenses such as alcohol being expensed as a food and beverage expense for reimbursement. Councillor Hollenberg noted that the amendment is requested with the intention of the guidelines returning to Committee for review.

Councillor Denezis noted that the intention would be for the Sohns to apply for the funding prior to the beginning of Sophing in September.

Councillor Hollenberg noted that the formalized process would still require formal guidelines.

Councillor O'Connor requested clarification on capping reimbursements for each Soph.

Councillor Denezis noted that the intention was not to cap or limit spending.

Councillor Ma requested clarification on whether Council would have the opportunity to vote of the guidelines created by the SPO.

MOTION: Call the Question (Amendment 1)
HOLLENBERG/Woodside/Carried.

MOTION: Amend the Motion
DENEZIS/Teja/Carried.

DEBATE PERIOD: Amendment 2

Amendment 2

Reducing Financial Barriers for Faculty, Off-Campus, and Affiliate Sophs

Be it resolved that, Council task the Student Programs Officer with creating a formal application and disbursement process for the Faculty Soph Team Reserve that all faculty, off-campus, affiliate Sophs, and **charity Sophs** can access;

DENEZIS/Teja/Carried. (Unanimous)

MOTION: Call the Question (Amendment 2)

DENEZIS/Teja/Carried.

Student Programs Officer Gabriele requested clarification on how this information would be distributed to Council.

Councillor Hollenberg noted that this would be best addressed to the Agenda and Council Operations Standing Committee of Council via email or poll.

Councillor O'Connor requested information on when the Soph fee is collected.

Councillor Denezis noted that the fee is historically collected in the second week of August.

MOTION: Call the Question (Main Motion (2x Amended))

SPEAKER/Carried.

MAIN MOTION: Carried as amended.

<p>Motion 5</p> <p>Motion to Elect a USC Representative to the Parking Appeals Committee</p> <p>Be it resolved that, Council elect one (1) Ordinary Member to the Parking Appeals Committee;</p> <p>WATSON/VanGalen/Carried.</p>	<p>Election Results</p> <p>Ashiana Raja elected to the Parking Appeals Committee</p>
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<p>Motion 6</p> <p>Motion to Elect a USC Representative to the SSC Hiring Committee</p> <p>Be it resolved that, Council elect one (1) Ordinary Member to the SSC Hiring Committee;</p> <p>POLSTER/Denezis/Carried. (Unanimous)</p>	<p>Election Results</p> <p>Katie Vezina elected as the USC Representative to the SSC Hiring Committee</p>
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<p>Motion 7</p> <p>Motion to Elect Council Members to the LGBTQ2+ Special Committee of Council</p> <p>Be it resolved that, Council elect three (3) Ordinary Members to the LGBTQ2+ Special Committee of Council;</p> <p>FORMAN/Baldwin/Carried. (Unanimous)</p>	<p>Election Results</p> <p>Chris Anthony, Mikaila Hunter, Katie Vezina, Jordyn O'Connor elected to the LGBTQ2+ Special Committee of Council</p>
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<p>Motion 8</p> <p>Speaker of Council (2018-2019) Ratification</p> <p>Be it resolved, that Council ratify Madison Ing as the incoming 2018-2019 Speaker of Council.</p> <p>ROCCHESI/Kamenetski/Carried. (Unanimous)</p>

<p>Motion 9</p> <p>Ratification of the 2018/2019 Legislative Calendar</p> <p>Be it resolved, that Council approve the Legislative Calendar for the 2018/2019 Council year, per Appendix 4.</p> <p>MARFIL/AI-Shamil/Carried. (Unanimous)</p>

<p>Motion 10</p> <p>Executive External Leadership Endorsement- President</p> <p>Be it resolved, that Council endorse the President to run for an external leadership position.</p> <p>STEBBING/Baldwin/Carried. (Unanimous)</p>

<p>Motion 11</p> <p>Executive External Leadership Endorsement- Secretary Treasurer</p> <p>Be it resolved, that Council endorse the Secretary Treasurer to run for an external leadership position.</p> <p>STEBBING/Kamenetski/Carried. (Unanimous)</p>
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Motion 12

Executive External Leadership Endorsement- Vice President

Be it resolved, that Council endorse the Vice President to run for an external leadership position.

MAGGLIOCCO/Polster/Carried. (Unanimous)

12. FOR INFORMATION

Executive Reports (45 minutes)

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.

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.

Report from Standing Committee Chairs (10 minutes)

a) Governance and Finance Standing Committee:

Councillor Ma addressed Council with an update on the work of the Governance and Finance Standing Committee.

b) Advocacy Standing Committee:

Councillor Teja addressed Council with an update on the work of the Advocacy Standing Committee.

c) Student Experience Standing Committee:

Councillor Denezis 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

Supporting the Recommendations of Active Minds Western on Mental Health Reform

Whereas, mental health and wellness continues to be a concern among students;

Whereas, students voted overwhelmingly in favour of Western University prioritizing mental health and wellness in the February 2018 plebiscite;

Whereas, Active Minds Western researched and developed a recommendations paper entitled "We Demand More: A Pathway to Mental Health Reform at Western University" outlining recommendations the university can implement to help combat mental health concerns on campus;

Be it resolved that, the USC recognizes Active Minds Western's recommendations paper, "We Demand More: A Pathway to Mental Health Reform at Western University", and acknowledges its contribution to mental health advocacy at Western University.

DENEZIS/Campbell/Carried.

14. TERMINATION

The Speaker sought a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:46
POLSTER/Vezina/Carried. (Unanimous)