

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the 2018/2019 University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario held on 31 October 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 7:08 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 Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Sunapee and Attawandaron peoples, who have long standing 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. CONSENT AGENDA

Councillor McCauley requested that the Environmental Sustainability Policy be removed from the consent agenda.

QUESTION PERIOD: No questions to note.

DEBATE PERIOD: No debate to note.

MOTION: Call the Question (Amendment to the Agenda)

SPEAKER/Carried. (Unanimous)

Consent Motion 1

Motion to Bring the USC Governance Framework In-line with Current Organizational Practices and Terminology

Be it resolved that the proposed amendments to the following policies be adopted by Council (Appendix 1 - Appendix 3);

Bus Pass Policy

Bylaw #3 (Previously Bylaw #5)

Clubs Governance Committee Terms of Reference

Associate and Coordinator Selection Directive (formerly Commissioner and Coordinator Selection Directive)

Conference and Retreat Policy
Constituency Council President Terms of Reference
Deputy Speaker Terms of Reference
Dry Off-Campus Programming Policy
Elections Governance Committee Finance Procedure
Elections Governance Committee Terms of Reference
Executive Officer Accountability and Discipline Policy
Executive Officer's Salaries Procedure
Grant Fund Policy
Grants Committee Terms of Reference
Peer Support Center Usage Policy
Speaker of Council Terms of Reference
Standing Committee Terms of Reference
Standing Orders of Council
Standing Resolutions of Council
Summer Council Authority Policy

Be it further resolved that the following policies be struck down by Council (Appendix 2, Appendix 3):

Advertising Materials Policy
Advertising Oversight Committee Terms of Reference
Advertising Oversight Procedure
Advertising Priorities Policy
Annual Budget Review Subcommittee
~~Environmental Sustainability Policy~~
Office Hours Policy
Voting Member Attendance Policy

ROCCHESI/Al-Shamil/Carried. (Unanimous)

MAIN MOTION: Consent Agenda

ROCCHESI/Al-Shamil/Carried. (Unanimous)

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Sawyer moved to remove the Executive reports from the Agenda.

Councillor Forman spoke against the motion to remove the Executive reports from the Agenda.

MOTION: Call the Question (Amendment to the Agenda)

SAWYER/Bachtold/Does not Carry.

Councillor Juliana Van Gaalen requested a minute of silence be added to the Agenda in recognition of Remembrance Day, prior to the Presentation section of the Agenda.

MOTION: Call the Question (Amendment to the Agenda)

VANGAALLEN/Hollenberg/Carried. (Unanimous)

MOTION: Call the Question (Agenda as Amended)

FORMAN/Fernandes/Carried. (Unanimous)

9. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The meeting minutes for the 26 September 2018 meeting were passed as presented.

ANTHONY/Baldwin/Carried. (Unanimous)

11. MINUTE OF SILENCE (REMEMBRANCE DAY)

12. PRESENTATIONS

- i. Governance Revival (10 minutes, 5 minute Q&A) – A. Bejan, Secretary Treasurer
- ii. CHRW Radio Western (20 minutes, 5 minute Q&A) – A. Barton, Station Manager (CHRW)
- iii. Teaching Quality at Western Paper Presentation (10 minutes, 5 minute Q&A) – D. Chang, USC Vice-President

13. FOR ACTION

Motion 1

Ratification of the 2018-2019 USC Deputy Speaker of Council

Be it resolved, that the 2018-2019 USC Council ratify Daniel Petrov as the Deputy Speaker of Council.

PRATT/Teja/Carried. (Unanimous)

QUESTION PERIOD: No questions to note.

DEBATE PERIOD: No debate to note.

MOTION: Call the Question

PRATT/Teja/Carried. (Unanimous)

Motion 2

Motion to Approve the Teaching Quality at Western Policy Paper

Be it resolved that, Council ratify the Teaching Quality Paper, per Section 6(4) of the Advocacy Papers Policy.

CHANG/Fernandes/Carried. (Unanimous)

QUESTION PERIOD: No questions to note.

DEBATE PERIOD: No debate to note.

MOTION: Call the Question

CHANG/Fernandes/Carried. (Unanimous)

Motion 3

Motion for the Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to address Mature and Transfer Student Issues

Whereas, the current life-saving mental health support provided by the University is grossly inadequate for addressing Mature and Transfer student issues;

Whereas, the USC needs a mechanism by which to collect and analyze data in order to properly address student needs;

Whereas, there is insufficient support for Mature and Transfer students who are parents or caregivers;

Whereas, part-time students, the overwhelming majority of which are mature students, do not receive health benefits of any description;

Whereas, mature students are excluded from entrance scholarships allocated to students entering directly from high school regardless of their admission average, despite often having more severe financial obligations upon entering University;

Whereas, senior students are excluded from some scholarships unless they are part-time students

Whereas, there has been a growing request from many Mature and Transfer students on campus for the creation of this committee;

Be it resolved that, council pass the Ad Hoc Mature and Transfer Student Issues Committee Terms of Reference;

~~**Be it further resolved that**, Council will conduct a preferential ballot vote immediately following the passing of this motion to elect the committee representatives, and destroy the ballots immediately after the votes have been counted.~~

FORMAN/Teja/Carried. (Unanimous)

Councillor Forman spoke in favour of the motion noting the concerns that the committee is intending to research and address.

Councillor Teja spoke in favour of the motion, noting that there were amendments made to the motion and discussed the deliberations of the Advocacy Standing Committee.

QUESTION PERIOD:

Councillor Hollenberg requested clarification on whether the committee would be addressing the needs of undergraduate students as well as those in professional schools, as the prevalence of mature students in professional schools is higher.

Science President Ye noted that the focus of the committee would be mature students in undergraduate streams.

Councillor Forman noted that there had been amendments to the motion.

DEBATE PERIOD:

Science President Ye read a statement from the the mature students coordinator, discussing concerns that are relevant to mature students.

MOTION: Call the Question
FORMAN/Teja/Carried. (Unanimous)

Motion 4

Standing Resolutions of Council: Executive In-Camera Privileges

Be it resolved that, Council approve the amendments to the Standing Resolutions of Council pertaining to Executive In-Camera Privileges (**Appendix 3**).

BALDWIN/Kamenetsky/Carried. (Unanimous)

QUESTION PERIOD: No questions to note.

DEBATE PERIOD: No debate to note.

MOTION: Call the Question
BALDWIN/Kamenetsky/Carried. (Unanimous)

Motion 5

Motion to Restructure the Appeals Board as Outlined in Bylaw #6

Be it resolved, that Council repeal Bylaw #6 (Appendix 4);

Be it further resolved, that Council update the Nominating Committees Terms of Reference (Appendix 5).

PRATT/Sawyer/Carried.

QUESTION PERIOD: No questions to note.

DEBATE PERIOD: No debate to note.

MOTION: Call the Question (Amendment to the Agenda)
SPEAKER/Carried. (Unanimous)

Motion 6

Endorse and Distribute an Inclusivity and Accessibility Checklist to Event Programmers on Campus

Whereas, it is in the interest of the USC to promote inclusivity and accessibility on campus;

Whereas, event-planners may be unaware of how their event may be inaccessible or non-inclusive to certain individuals;

Whereas, those who require accessibility and inclusivity accommodations may feel uncomfortable asking for them if they are not provided;

Whereas, there is currently no comprehensive guideline in place to promote the planning of inclusive and accessible events;

Let it be resolved that, the Inclusivity and Accessibility Checklist (Appendix 1) developed by the Peer Programs Coordinators be endorsed by council as a guiding resource for the planning and execution of events by USC affiliated groups;

Let it be further resolved that, this checklist be distributed to all USC affiliated programmers as determined by the Student Programs Officer, including but not limited to: associates, coordinators, corporate services, USC clubs, faculty councils, and soph teams.

Let it be further resolved that, this checklist be endorsed for use as a guideline rather than a strict set of requirements, recognizing that meeting all the criteria may not be possible or applicable to specific events.

BARROSO/Denezis/Carried.

QUESTION PERIOD:

Councillor Anthony requested clarification on whether there had been consideration given to having the resources provided to event attendees during vents.

Student Programs Office Gabriel noted that a times resources restrict the ability to provide resources during an event, and that there would be that opportunity after an event was held.

Science President Ye requested clarification on the process taken for creating the resource tool by the Coordinators.

Student Programs Office Gabriel noted the process undertaken.

Councillor Lawlor requested clarification on whether the checklist would prevent Clubs or organization from hosting events if they were not able to satisfy all the requirements.

Councillor Denezis noted that the list was not a strict set of rules and were considered a resource to assist with planning.

DEBATE PERIOD: No debate to note.

MOTION: Call the Question (Amendment to the Agenda)

SPEAKER/Carried. (Unanimous)

14. 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 Western Student Senators.

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.

15. FOR DISCUSSION

MOTION: Amend the For Discussion Section

Councillor Magliocco requested the opportunity to read a statement relation to Faculty negotiations>

MAGLIOCCO/Kamenetsky

MOTION: Call the Question

MAGLIOCCO/Kamenetsky/Carried. (Unanimous)

1. Western University Freedom of Expression Policy (20 minutes) – M. Pratt, USC President
2. Faculty Negotiations

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. TERMINATION

The Speaker sought a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

DENEZIS/Sun/Carried. (Unanimous)