



**4th MEETING OF COUNCIL 2018/2019**

28 November 2018

UCC Community Room  
7:00

1. **Call to Order**
2. **O Canada**
3. **Western Song**
4. **Land Recognition**
5. **Roll Call**
6. **Comments from the Chair**
7. **Consent Agenda**

**Governance & Finance Standing Committee:**

- i. Motion to Bring the USC Governance Framework In-line with Current Organizational Practices and Terminology (Consent Motion 1, Appendix 1, Appendix 2, Appendix 3) -- I. Name, *Title*

**Other:**

- ii. Motion to Amend Bylaw 1 (Consent Motion 2, Appendix 4) -- I. Name, *Title*

8. **Approval of Agenda**
9. **Approval of Minutes**

Meeting of Council (31 October 2018)

10. **Presentations**

- i. Health Plan Presentation (15 minutes, 5 minute Q&A) – I. Name, *PBAS Representative*

11. **For Action**

**Governance & Finance Standing Committee:**

- i. Standing Resolutions of Council: Resource Members (Motion 1, Appendix 5) -- I. Name, *Title*
- ii. Bylaw 2 Amendment: Balloting for the Student Programs Officer Election (Motion 2) -- I. Name, *Title*
- iii. Motion to Authorize Voting Members of Council as Proxies (Motion 3, Appendix 6) -- J. Sawyer, *Engineering*
- iv. Motion to Amend the Council Composition Procedure (Motion 4, Appendix 7) -- I. Name, *Title*
- v. Motion Calling for Referenda Concerning the Health and Dental Plan Fee (Motion 5) -- I. Name, *Title*

**Advocacy Standing Committee:**

- vi. Motion to Address Anti Semitism on Campus (Motion 6, Appendices 8-11) -- J. Forman, *Social Science President*

12. **For Information**

- i. Executive Reports (45 minutes)
- ii. Report of the Chair of the Board of Directors (15 minutes)
- iii. Report from the Chair of the Student Senators (10 minutes)
- iv. Report from Standing Committee Chairs (10 minutes)
  1. Governance and Finance Standing Committee
  2. Advocacy Standing Committee



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3. Student Experience Standing Committee
4. Agenda and Council Operations Standing Committee

13. **For Discussion**
14. **New Business**
15. **Termination**



## CONSENT AGENDA

### For Action

#### Governance & Finance Standing Committee:

- i. Motion to Bring the USC Governance Framework In-line with Current Organizational Practices and Terminology (Consent Motion 1, Appendix 1-3) – Mover, *Title*
- ii. Standing Resolutions of Council: Resource Members (Consent Motion 2, Appendix 4) -- *I. Name, Title*

### The Unanimous Consent Agenda

The Council's parliamentary authority -- Robert's Rules of Order -- explains the consent agenda:

The consent agenda (or in some cases, the consent calendar) allows members to vote on a group of items en bloc (as a group) without discussion. This is a good way to dispose of business that is non-controversial. Approving the minutes, paying the bills, and approving customary donations are examples of non-controversial business. For an organization to use a consent agenda, it needs to adopt a special rule of order.

The presentation of the consent agenda is established by a special rule of order and should be taken up before committee reports. If the consent agenda includes the approval of the minutes, then it should be taken up before any business is transacted. Every member should have a printed copy of the consent agenda when the presiding officer presents it. When presenting it, the chair asks if any member wants to extract an item from the consent agenda.

A number of Canadian university Boards and Councils have employed the consent agenda format to include not only routine approval items, but also information items. One reason for using this format is to allow the Board/council to focus on major items of business. While approval of an omnibus motion saves time at meetings, members will want to review the agenda materials carefully in order that they properly discharge their responsibilities.

#### How it works:

The Speaker identifies action and information items that are routine and/or likely non-controversial. In so doing, she may consult with the relevant committee chair, and principal resource persons. In each Committee's report, these items are noted in the list of items at the beginning of the report. Action and information items on the agenda and in committee reports that are not noted on the consent agenda will be presented singly for discussion and voting (when appropriate).

When members receive their council agendas, they should review all reports in the usual manner. If any member wants to ask a question, discuss, or oppose an item that is marked for the consent agenda, he or she can have it be removed from the consent agenda by contacting the Speaker of Council prior to the meeting or by asking that it be removed before the Speaker calls for a mover and seconder for the motion to approve or receive, by unanimous consent, the items listed.

At the Council meeting, before the unanimous consent motion is presented for approval, the Chair of the Council (1) will advise the Council of items that are to be removed from the list, based on prior requests from Council members; and (2) will ask if there are any other items that should be removed from the list. The remaining items are then unanimously approved en bloc without discussion, saving the time that would be required for individual presentation and voting. Those matters that have been struck from the consent agenda will be handled in the usual way as each Committee's report is presented.



**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):

- Bylaw #2
- Community Standards Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Constituency Council Grants Directive
- Councillor Accountability and Discipline Policy
- Councillor Terms of Reference
- Elections Governance Committee Terms of Reference
- Environmental Sustainability Policy
- Executive Terms of Reference

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

- Corporate Logo and Letterhead Policy
- Human Resources Directive
- Internet Policy
- Social Media Usage Policy
- Travel Policy
- Clubs Support Committee Terms of Reference

**MOVER/Seconder**



**Appendices:**

**Appendix 1**

All proposed amendments can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Zsh1VCfHZXHYcmvgevzYraJcc06UISp8?usp=sharing>

Please download and view the documents in Word if the formatting seems strange when viewed on Google Drive.

**Appendix 2**

All policies up for cutting can be found in the USC Policy and Procedure Manual, found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ytAiYR1mA-524sO7iMO5AlpmZC8rAITn/view?usp=sharing>

**Appendix 3**

A detailed changelog, including the justification for all proposed changes and cuts, can be found here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1shhpPI6FcWd3jr8VfmiN0uj-Awuqj7E4POoueNPY\\_-U/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1shhpPI6FcWd3jr8VfmiN0uj-Awuqj7E4POoueNPY_-U/edit?usp=sharing)



**Other:**

**Consent Motion 2**

**Be it resolved that**, the following amendments to Bylaw #1 be approved by Council, per the attached **Appendix 4**.

**MOVER/Seconder**



**Appendix 4**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fjx42uh9UrPkOXU3JmMbluMcUmi\\_d-EvDNOP\\_Zvxa8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fjx42uh9UrPkOXU3JmMbluMcUmi_d-EvDNOP_Zvxa8/edit?usp=sharing)



## **Council Agenda**

**28 November 2018**





**Motion 1**

**Standing Resolutions of Council: Resource Members**

**Be it resolved that** Council approve the amendments to the Standing Resolutions of Council pertaining to Resource Members **Appendix 5**.

**MOVER/Seconder**



## Appendix 5

### Resource Members

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<b>Effective Date: --</b>
<b>Expiry Date: in perpetuity</b>

**Whereas,** Resource Members hold their seat on Council through virtue of their expertise and relevant experience on select topics;

**Be it resolved that** all Resource Members hold full speaking rights except during debate period, with the exception of Student Senators and Student Governors who hold full speaking rights at all times;

**Be it further resolved that** Resource Members may only respond to points of order and points of information during debate period;

**Be it further resolved that** Resource Members may have full speaking rights deferred to them by an Ordinary Member during debate period.

**MOVER/Second**



**Motion 2**

**Bylaw 2 Amendment: Balloting for the Student Programs Officer Election**

**Be it resolved**, Section 17.5.2 of Bylaw 2, "Voting shall take place by special ballot, with results becoming available upon request ten (10) days after the winner has been named" be amended to read:

"Voting shall take place by special ballot, with results accessible to the public within (10) days after the winner has been named. Results that are released shall not include the names of electors but will instead include a blind identifier corresponding to each elector only available to that same elector for release at their discretion."

**MOVER/Seconder**



### **Motion 3**

#### **Motion to Authorize Voting Members of Council as Proxies**

**Whereas**, the current process for Voting Members of Council to obtain a proxy for a meeting of Council or committee precludes them from giving their proxy to another Voting Member of Council, and

**Whereas**, this process results either in:

Constituencies being under-represented when their Voting Member of Council cannot find a proxy from outside of Council, or External individuals sacrificing their valuable time to act as a mechanical voting device for their constituencies, and

**Whereas**, there are often other Voting Members of Council attending the meeting from the same constituency – and theoretically delivering the same votes as the absent Voting Member of Council,

**Be it resolved**, that the Standing Orders of Council be amended to authorize Voting Members of Council to act as proxies for other Voting Members of Council, subject to the following conditions: both Voting Members of Council must represent the same constituency and no Voting Member of Council may act as proxy for more than one other Voting Member of Council at a time. See Appendix 1 for previous Standing Orders of Council and proposed amendment.

**SAWYER/Hucal**



## **Appendix 6**

### **Current Standing Orders of Council per Policy Manual page 259**

### **Proposed Amendment to Standing Orders of Council**

#### **5.00 PROXIES**

5.01 All Ordinary Members of Council are entitled to vote at a meeting by means of a proxy, subject to the following restrictions:

5.01.1 The proxy must be a student.

5.01.2 The proxy may be a Voting Member of Council if they represent the same constituency as the Voting Member of Council seeking proxy.

5.01.3 If the proxy is a Voting Member of Council, they may not hold proxy for more than one other Voting Member of Council at a time.

5.01.4 For the purposes of quorum, each Voting Member of Council present shall only constitute a single person, regardless of the number of votes they hold at the meeting.



**Motion 4**

**Motion to Amend the Council Composition Procedure**

**Be it resolved that**, the following amendments to the Council Composition Procedure be approved by Council, per the attached **Appendix 7**.

**MOVER/Secunder**



**Appendix 7**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YkAipxjNoXCLf3NLQq7w60eycm6lmdbHmsYIn3hIJ2E/edit?usp=sharing>



**Motion 5**

**Motion Calling for Referenda Concerning the Health and Dental Plan Fee**

**Whereas**, health and dental claims have been increasing at an unsustainable rate over the last few years, and certain benefits may need to be scaled back or cut if additional funding is not secured;

**Be it resolved**, that the University Students' Council permit the following referendum question to be included on the ballot of the 2019 USC Spring Elections:

Do you support a 9% increase per year for 2 years to the health plan?

Upon completion of the 2 years of increases the health plan will return to the existing 5% per year cap on increases.

\*if this referendum passes, the health plan fee will increase the first year by approximately \$12.46 (from \$138.47 to \$150.93), and will increase the second year by approximately \$13.59 (from \$150.93 to \$164.52).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**Be it further resolved**, the University Students' Council permit the following referendum question to be included on the ballot of the 2019 USC Spring Elections:

Do you support a 9% increase per year for 2 years to the dental plan?

Upon completion of the 2 years of increases the dental plan will return to the existing 5% per year cap on increases.

\*if this referendum passes, the dental plan fee will increase the first year by approximately \$12.74 (from \$141.50 to 154.24), and will increase the second year by approximately \$13.88 (from \$154.24 to \$168.12).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**MOVER/Secunder**





## Motion 6

### Motion to Address Anti Semitism on Campus

**Whereas**, antisemitism persist on university campuses and in Canadian society as a whole;

**Whereas**, the USC currently has no programming to commemorate and provide education relating to the Holocaust;

**Whereas**, Jewish people were the most targeted group for reported hate crimes in Canada in 2016, the most recent year in which statistics are available; (Appendix 8)

**Whereas**, there was an incident regarding antisemitic vandalism committed in a residence elevator on the Western campus last year; (Appendix 9)

**Be it resolved**, that the University Students' Council (USC) officially adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism within the USC's Community Standards Policy as a means of addressing and combating anti-Jewish hate; (Appendix 10-11)

**Be it further resolved**, that the USC work in tandem with campus stakeholders to develop programming for International Holocaust Remembrance Day (January 27th) on a weekday;

**Be it further resolved**, that the USC establish a Memorandum of Understanding between the USC and Western Hillel to provide Jewish centred programming, specifically related to bringing awareness to antisemitism.

**FORMAN/Seconder**



**Appendix 8**

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/171128/t002d-eng.htm>

**Appendix 9**

[https://www.westerngazette.ca/news/swastika-drawn-in-essex-elevator/article\\_35b05dc4-0ab8-11e8-9feb-c79e849fd4a0.html](https://www.westerngazette.ca/news/swastika-drawn-in-essex-elevator/article_35b05dc4-0ab8-11e8-9feb-c79e849fd4a0.html)

**Appendix 10**

<https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/node/196>

**Appendix 11**

[http://www.usc.uwo.ca/government/documents/policies\\_procedures/Community\\_Standards\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.usc.uwo.ca/government/documents/policies_procedures/Community_Standards_Policy.pdf)