

Item:	Report to the Board of Directors, November 20/15
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Purpose of Report:	For Information

### **Executive Composition Changes**

- Executive composition changes passed at Council! Report attached for details on executive recommendations, By-Law changes, and the motion that went to Council.
- Amendment from Council included reverting the recommended hiring of the Student Programs Officer (formerly the Vice-President Student Events) back to a Council election.
- Discussion ensued at Council around increased student involvement in Council election that the Executive will look into.
- Additional electoral reform will come forward to Council at the next meeting (cc: Jonathan).

### State of the USC

- Positive reaction from community partners, government partners at 2 levels, university decision-makers and students who attended.
- Has been circulated to the Board for information.

### Other Executive Updates:

## **Student Services Committee**

- The SSC oversees the ancillary units of the University that are student fee funded and approves inflationary increases and funding increases.
- The committee is comprised of student representatives (USC, SOGS, MBAA) that make up all voting seats, and University members participate as resource.
- As Chair, we have formed a working group of the committee to recommend increased fees for the next academic year that have now been approved by the committee as a whole.

# **Rapid Transit and Local Advocacy Week**

- The USC engaged with municipal stakeholders for Local Advocacy Week that was largely based on advocating for City Council to accept the city staff recommendations to endorse a light rail transit/bus rapid transit hybrid system for London infrastructure investment.
- City Council did motion to accept the hybrid recommendation and Council was unanimously in favor. The USC was commended for our lobbying efforts in raising the student voice to City Councilors.

### **OUSA GA**

• Eleven delegates travelled to Waterloo for the General Assembly of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance to approve policy papers that will be used for advocacy to the provincial government and university decision-makers.

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