



## Council Composition Procedure

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USC Council

### 1. Objective

The composition of Council shall adhere to the following guiding principles:

1. The Council shall have fair and equal representation of constituents.
2. All the voting Ordinary Members shall be elected in a similar democratic process.
3. The voting Ordinary Members shall be proportionally representative of Western University.

### 2. Determining Composition of Council

1. The composition of Council shall be reviewed before the end of the Fall Term every two (2) years to ensure fair representation of student constituencies. The next review shall be completed during the Fall Term of 2016/2017.
2. Notwithstanding the above, the composition of Council may be reviewed before two (2) years have elapsed at Council's discretion.
3. The full-time equivalent population for each constituency, as of November 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous academic year, shall be deemed to be the relevant population.
4. The composition of Council shall be determined by using the following method:
  - i. The total undergraduate full-time and part-time population shall be divided by forty-six (46) – the hard cap of constituency councillors – to determine the Constituency Representative Ratio (CRR).
  - ii. The combined full-time and part-time population of each constituency shall be divided by the CRR.
  - iii. Any whole numbers shall be allocated automatically to that constituency, with a minimum of 1 representative.
  - iv. When all whole numbers have been allocated, the sum of the whole numbers shall be subtracted from forty-six (46) to determine the number of seats remaining to be filled. This number shall be referred to as "X."
  - v. The "X" number of constituencies with decimal remainders closest to the next whole number, rounded up, shall be allocated one (1) additional seat.

#### Example

If constituency A had 1.3, and constituency B had 3.9, and constituency C had



7.4, constituency B would be awarded with one (1) additional seat.

**3. Composition of Council – as of January 2015**

1. The voting Ordinary Members of Council shall be:

- i. The Speaker of Council.
- ii. The USC President and Vice-President.
- iii. Forty-six (46) councillors, including faculty and Affiliate council presidents, ex-officio, representing the following constituencies of the student body as follows:

Constituency	Councillors
Arts & Humanities	2
Business	2
Dentistry	1
Education	1
Engineering	2
Faculty of Information and Media Studies	1
Health Sciences	5
Law	1
Medicine	1
Music	1
Science	8
Social Science	11
Brescia University College	2
Huron University College	2
King's University College	6

- iv. Constituent council presidents shall have the option to decline taking their voting seat on Council. In so doing, their constituent council shall appoint an interim replacement until a permanent Ordinary member can be elected during a by-election. The Speaker of Council and Coordinator of Council Services must be advised of this intention before the annual Summer Meeting of Council so that an interim replacement can be appointed, and arrangements can be made for a Fall by-election.

2. The non-voting Resource Members of Council shall be:



- i. The Student Programs Officer, Communications Officer and Secretary-Treasurer.
- ii. The Deputy Speaker of Council.
- iii. All Coordinators and Associates.
- iv. All student-at-large representatives appointed by the Corporation.
- v. The President of Inter-fraternity Council and the President of the Panhellenic Council.
- vi. The Presidents of the Residence Councils.
- vii. The Senators and Governors.
- viii. The eight (8) directors from the USC's Board of Directors.

#### **4. Context and Enactment**

1. Documents Repealed – N/A
2. Supporting/Related Documents – By-law #1.
3. Date Passed - ???
4. All Previous Amendments – N/A