

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the 2016\2017 University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario held on Wednesday, October 26th, 2016 in Council Chambers, 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 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. ROLL CALL

Speaker: Samir Hamadache

Recording Secretary: Coordinator, Council Services

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Cleary requested amendments to the posted Council agenda

AVILLA/Cleary/Carried. (Unanimous)

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

SHAFI/Garno/Carried. (Unanimous)

7. PRESENTATIONS

i. Orientation Governance Board Presentation– E. Avila, President

ii. Mental Health at Western Presentation– D. Chiodo

Motion to bring Ms. Chiodo back for the November meeting.

CLEARY/Chang/Carried. (Unanimous)

Motion to extend the presentation time.

Presentation time extended for 5 more minutes.

AMOAH/Waltenbury/ Carried. (Unanimous)

8. FOR ACTION

i. Advocacy Standing Committee/Caucus' Terms of Reference Changes (Motion 1)

Motion #1

Updates to the Advocacy Standing Committee and Caucuses' Terms of Reference

WHEREAS the caucuses of Council represent important and enumerable constituencies on campus such as international students, mature and transfer students, and first year students;

WHEREAS the caucuses of Council have the opportunity to present their recommendations on behalf of their constituencies once per year at AGM II;

WHEREAS Council benefits as a representative body by acting upon the aforementioned recommendations;

WHEREAS there is currently no formalized mechanism for ensuring that the next years' Council consider for adoption the recommendations;

BE IT RESOLVED that it shall be the responsibility of the caucuses to submit their recommendations to the Chair of the Advocacy Standing Committee prior to AGM II;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice President of the USC will be responsible for despatching the recommendations of the caucuses to Advocacy Standing Committee in September;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advocacy Standing Committee will be responsible for bringing motions to Council throughout the year on behalf of the caucuses, which are based on the recommendations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference for Advocacy Standing Committee and caucuses will be updated to reflect this change in process.

WALTENBURY/Wright/Carried. (Unanimous)

Mr. Waltenbury noted that there was no feedback method for the Caucus' available to Council and that the onus was on the incoming executive to use information for the upcoming year.

Mr. Cleary spoke in favour of the motion, noting that in the past the Chair of the Caucus to the Vice-President or Standing committee Chair rather than to Council.

Mr. Little – (POI) questioned why the Caucus' would send concerns to the committee.

Mr. Cleary noted that the issues around the change were due to timeline reason. In the past, the only time the Caucus' would present to Council would be in a presentation at AGM II. This presentation would forward information to the next group of Councillors.

Mr. Chang noted that this method of exchanging information was not a binding resolution of Council.

ii. Speaker of Council Terms of Reference

Motion #2

Speaker of Council Terms of Reference

Whereas, the USC currently does not have any terms of reference for the position of Speaker of Council;

Whereas, the role of Speaker of Council is one requiring definition, structure, accountabilities and parameters with respect to purview and scope of authority;

Be it resolved that, Council approve the Speaker Terms of Reference.

LITTLE/D'Souza/Carried. (Unanimous)

Mr. Jacobi addressed Council noting that the Terms of Reference were necessary to ensure that the role has a specific and defined role.

Ms. Vezina noted in section 1(a) and 1(b) the terms "multiple meetings", and requested clarification of how this language could be applied to the Speaker role.

Mr. Jacobi noted that this would be a mechanism put into place, should a future Speaker of Council not attend meetings.

Mr. Wright supported the idea of placing a number value on this term.

Ms. Beitel noted that a quantifiable number could be put into place, so long as a Speaker isn't removed for missing meetings due to justifiable reasons, such as a mental health issue.

Mr. Jacobi noted that this was the reason why a number was not put into place.

Ms. Codina asked who the current Deputy Speaker is.

It was noted that there is currently no Deputy Speaker of Council.

Mr. Garno questioned Council about the impeachment of members as a confidential matter, asking whether there was a way to ensure that matters relating to the Speaker are addressed in a similar manner.

Mr. Jacobi noted that Council would remove the Speaker in an in-camera meeting, in keeping with the process for executive members.

Mr. D'Souza asked whether the Speaker of Council votes.

The Speaker of Council noted the several provisions, wherein a Speaker can or should vote as defined in Robert's Rules.

The question was called to a vote.

iii. Councillor Terms of Reference

Motion #3

Councillor Terms of Reference

Whereas, the USC does not currently have an outline of the role of a Councillor;

Whereas, it is the duty and responsibility of the USC to accurately represent the expectations, duties, roles and responsibilities of members of Council;

Be it Resolved that, Council pass the Councillor Terms of Reference.

CODINA/D'Souza/Carried. (Unanimous)

Mr. Jacobi addressed Council with respect to the Councillor Terms of Reference. Mr. Jacobi noted that, much like the Speaker role, that the USC has not previously defined the role of a Councillor, and is not able to fully prepare students that wish to run in elections a proper understanding of what the role will entail.

Mr. Wright noted concerns with section 3.1(a).

Mr. Jacobi noted that Councillors are subject to any laws that pertain to their conduct within their roles as a Councillor.

Mr. Garno noted concerns with Section 6 of the Terms of Reference. He further noted that there were no references to by-elections.

Mr. Jacobi noted that section 3.1(a), could be removed from the document but that the removal of the wording does not change the fact that Councillors must act within the purview of the law, the action would therefore, still be illegal.

Mr. Zheng noted if there would be a separate Terms of Reference for the Faculty Presidents.

Mr. Jacob noted that a separate Terms of Reference for the Faculty Presidents could be created.

Ms. Codina requested further clarification with respect to the legal context of the section in question.

Mr. Jacobi noted that the section is stated in such a way that Councillors must follow the law.

Mr. Chang noted that the wording of the Terms of Reference appeared to include a conflict, wherein Councillors would be accountable to the USC before their student constituents and suggested that student constituents to come first and the USC come second.

Mr. D'Souza requested that the first section be removed, and an amendment be made, wherein Councillors represent their constituents first.

Amendment:

Section 2.2 of the Terms of Reference, noting that the "monthly Council meetings" section should be amended to read "all duly called council meetings"

VEZINA/Siou/Carried. (34 For, 4 Against)

Ms. Vezina noted a change to Section 2.2 of the Terms of Reference, noting that the "monthly Council meetings" section should be amended to read "all duly called council meetings", as there are months there Council can meet more than once.

Ms. Jaffray noted a question relating to the elections in February, noting a question relating to representation by student population, and concerns relating to constituency elections that are not in February.

Mr. Jacobi noted that in Section 11.1 of By-law 1 there exists a clause relating to the make-up of Council, and any reviews that are required for the make-up of constituent representation are completed every two years.

Mr. Avila noted to change the mandate for students first. Mr. Avila notes that the mandate of a Councillor is to represent their constituent members and that these roles are not mutually exclusive.

Ms. Shakfa noted concerns about a conflict between her role as a faculty president and the responsibility to the faculty constitution.

Phillipson suggested that the first sentence of Section 3.1 be removed.

The Speaker noted that this was out of order as this was the question period and that amendments could be brought forward in the debate.

Ms. Amoah noted concerns in section 3(b) under the subsection on accountabilities, noting an outline for proxy appointment, and noted that the process for faculty presidents differed from Councillors, noting that an outline of the process for faculty presidents appointing a year-long proxy might be helpful.

Mr. Wright waived his speaking opportunity.

Ms. Siou waived her speaking opportunity.

Mr. Zheng noted concerns with Section 3.2 noting that a concession could be that Section 3.1 and Section 3.2 could be switched.

Mr. Jenkins noted a point of information, stating that faculty presidents have the option to opt out of standing committee participation.

Mr. Jacobi noted that these details are in the USC By-laws.

Mr. Garno questioned whether it would be possible to have Faculty Council President terms of reference.

Mr. Jacobi noted that this was possible.

No further questions to note. Council entered into debate on the motion:

Mr. Zheng noted a need to change section 2.4 to exclude faculty presidents from the requirement to attend Standing Committees, as well as switching 3.1 and 3.2, to reflect a responsibility first to constituents.

Mr. Orbach-Miller noted changes that the Senators built into their requirements for participation at Senate meetings.

Ms. Siou spoke against the amendment, noting that the creation of separate terms of reference for constituency presidents would be more helpful.

Mr. Little (POI) noting that there is a document that already states this information.

Mr. Jacobi noted that the standing committee terms of reference referred to this information.

Mr. Garno spoke against the amendment, agreeing with Councillor Siou that the creation of separate terms of reference for constituency presidents would be more helpful

Mr. Chang spoke against the amendment, noting that if terms of reference were created for Presidents that this is done in a collaborative manner, in order to avoid inconsistencies between the USC documents and the roles set out by Faculty Councils for Presidents.

Ms. Amoah spoke in favour of the motions, noting that there was not enough of a difference to warrant creating an entire terms of reference.

Mr. Jacobi spoke in favour of amendment, stating that little changes could clarify and strengthen the document.

Mr. Wex spoke in favour of the amendment noting that constituency councils have language relating to their USC roles already.

Ms. Vezina noted another amendment to Section 2.2 to change monthly meetings to “all duly called” meetings.

Speaker put the amendment to a friendly amendment vote. Carried. (Unanimous)

Ms. Siou noted concerns that this terms of reference is too restrictive.

The Speaker noted that the Terms of Reference could be referred to committee (Governance and Finance) for further review and a Faculty President Terms of Reference could be created and both items passed at the same time.at the same time.

Ms. Siou added that the motion to refer back to committee be a collaborative effort with the Faculty Council presidents.

Motion to refer the main motion back to the Governance and Finance Committee.

PHILIPPSON/Jaffrey/Does not Pass. (10 For/27 Against)

Mr. Jacobi spoke against the motion.

Mr. Phillipson called the question.

Continue debating main motion.

Amendment 2:

Change the order of 3.1 and 3.2 to 3.2 (first) and 3.1 (second).

ZHENG/Little/Carried. (Unanimous)

No debate to note.

Debate continued on the main motion twice amended:

Mr. Wright brought forward and amendment to 3.1a:

Amendment 3:

Changes to Section 3.1a by removing the first sentence and change the second sentence to read:

a. Councillors are accountable to act and vote in the best interests of the University

~~Students' Council. This can be done by~~ must follow any applicable rules or laws, including the Standing Orders, Policies, By-Laws, Letters Patent, and any applicable Law of Ontario, or Canada.

WRIGHT/Beitel/Carried. (36 For, 1 Against)

No debate to note.

Amendment 4:

Changes to Section 6.1 by removing the first sentence and change the second sentence to read:

1. Council is comprised of undergraduate representatives from each faculty and affiliate college. These members are elected as laid out in By-law 2 and hold Office from the moment they are ratified to the moment they are de-ratified (Annual General Meeting 2 – Annual General Meeting 2).

GARNO/Zheng/Carried. (Unanimous)

No debate to note.

Speaker called the question.

Call the Question on the main motion four-times amended.

iv. Clubs Governance Committee Terms of Reference Changes

Motion #4

Clubs Governance Committee Terms of Reference Changes

Whereas, the USC is ever changing and governing documents require amending in order to accommodate this change;

Whereas, the Club Governance Committee Terms of Reference require updating in order to accommodate changes to the congoing success of the Club Governance Committee;

Be it resolved that, the Club Governance Committee Terms of Reference to be presented to the USC Council on October 26th, 2016.

WHELAN/Chang/Carried. (Unanimous)

Mr. Chang noted that he had emailed amendments to the Speaker of Council.

Mr. Jacobi noted that clubs are a central function to the USC and the student experience of many Western students. Noting that information from the Grants committee would be shared with Council in reports

Ms. Adamo Allie – club member.

Mr. Zheng was in favour of the amendment, noting that it is important to know what the group is doing.

Mr. Little (POI) – requested the perspective of the Secretary Treasurer.

Mr. Jacobi noted further changes from Mr. Adamo's.

Ms. Adamo suggested that the oversight my Council is removed from the debate and that Council pass the document amendments.

Amendment:

Whereas, the Clubs Governance Committee (CGC) is currently a confidential committee and Council is the primary governing body of the USC, Council should remain responsible for the continuing oversight of CGC's Terms of Reference;

Let it be resolved; that Section 5, Pt. 7 in the updated CGC Terms of Reference be removed.

CHANG/Whelan/ Carried (Unanimous)

No debate to note.

Debate continues on the main motion.

Mr. Change brought forward an amendment.

Amendment 2:

Whereas, Clubs Governance Committee (CGC) being a confidential committee goes against the principles of transparency, accountability and openness;

Whereas, the decisions CGC makes are of great importance to the student club community;

Whereas, members of CGC are not accountable for their decisions to elected officials or students at large;

Let it be resolved, that the following be added to the CGC Terms of Reference in Section 3, Pt. 6:

"Ensure that an up-to-date version of the committee's minutes, that redact any identifying information of club members and minutes from in-camera sessions, are sent to the Chair of the Student Experience committee as an information item prior to the committee's monthly

meeting.”

CHANG/Whelan/Carried. (Unanimous)

Mr. Jacobi noted the need for transparency – transparency.

Ms. Adamo yielded her speaking opportunity to the Club’s Policy Coordinator.

The Club’s Policy Coordinator was in favour of the change to the Terms of Reference.

Mr. Chang sought to have minutes of the committee’s meetings made public, including appeals.

Ms. Adamo noted concerns with naming individuals directly and the confidential nature of the work that the CGC does.

Mr. Chang noted that this would be to hold committee members accountable and ought to be public information.

Ms. Adamo noted that she would look into the feasibility of the request and report back to Council.

Mr. Little spoke against this motion.

Ms. Vezina called the question.

Debate on the main motion, two times amended resumed.

Called the question.

v. Executive Officer Salaries Procedure Recommendations (Motion 5)

Motion #5

Executive Officer Salaries Procedure Recommendations

Whereas, the Executive Officer Salaries Procedure has not been updated to reflect changes from two Executive composition changes;

Whereas, the changes from these composition changes affect four Executive positions outlined in the Executive Officer Salaries Procedure;

Be it resolved that, the recommended amendments to the Executive Officer Salaries Procedure be passed.

CODINA/Amoah/Carried. (Unanimous)

Mr. DiBrina – (POI) sought clarification from the Secretary Treasurer or Ms. Passi for the CPI calculation.

Ms. Amoah questioned why we do not currently cure the national CPI calculation?

Mr. Jacobi noted that the basket of goods calculation is different for the USC and operates differently in national CPI calculation.

Mr. Zheng asked whether the change could be made to use the Federal CPI calculation.

Mr. Jacobi noted that the following executive members could change the calculation.

Ms. Beitel questioned the CPI calculation, asking whether this was contingent on the cost of goods or the changes to policy at the USC. How often the basket of goods was reviewed for fulgurations in cost?

Mr. Jacobi notes that this was calculated annually.

Mr. DiBrina asked whether there was going to be councillor involvement in this process.

Mr. Jacobi stated in the affirmative.

Motion to call the question
LITTLE/D'Souza/Carried. (Unanimous)

Motion to Recess: 15 minutes
D'SOUZA /Chang /Carried.

9. FOR INFORMATION

Executive Reports
See attached Executive Report presentation.

Mr. Avila gave his report to Council.

Mr. Cleary gave his report to Council.

Ms. Adamo gave her report to Council.

Motion to extend 20 minutes.
WHELAN/Ahmed/Carried. (Unanimous)

Mr. Jacobi gave his report to Council.

Ms. Ross gave her report to Council.

Motion to extend executive reports by three 3 minutes:
WHELAN/Kim/Carried. (Unanimous)

Report of the Chair of the Board of Directors

Mr. Franchetto discussed the initiatives of the USC Board of Directors.

Western Student Senators (WSS) Report

Mr. Orbach-Miller discussed the initiatives of the Western Senate.

Standing Committee Reports

Advocacy Standing Committee Report

Mr. Lay gave his report with respect to the affairs of the Advocacy Standing Committee.

Governance and Finance Standing Committee Report

Mr. Chang gave his report with respect to the affairs of the Governance and Finance Standing Committee.

Student Experience Standing Committee Report

Mr. Whelan gave his report with respect to the affairs of the Student Experience Standing Committee.

Strategic Planning Representative Report

Mr. DiBrina discussed the initiatives of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Gazette Working Group Representative Report

Mr. Whelan discussed the initiatives of the Gazette Working Group.

10. FOR DISCUSSION

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. TERMINATION

Motion to Adjourn

VEZINA/Codina/Carried. (Unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

President

Recording Secretary

Approved on: _____

Sign In/Sign Out



EXECUTIVE REPORT

EDDY AVILA
PRESIDENT

COMPLETED:

Reunion Weekend/Homecoming Weekend:

- Thank you to those who supported the programming on both weekend - especially Emily
- Successful weekends all around - not perfect, but good result based on circumstances
- Working toward visioning and preparations for next year. We don't know next year's plans yet.

VP Research Hiring Submission:

- Undergraduate research opportunities, increased awareness/support for students looking for tri-council funding, increased research-integrated coursework
- Shoutout to Jamie and Jake the researcher

London Community Grants - Reach Program:

- Accepted the grant funding on behalf of the USC. Allie did all the work!

CURRENT:

Federal Advocacy: ADVOCAN

- 7 confirmed participants, representing around 215 000 students, 30 confirmed meetings
- Increased undergraduate research opportunity and financial aid for Indigenous Students

ILEC Building:

- Initial conversations, emphasis on involvement in the vision process
- I would like to gather some feedback: Think big picture, not into the weeds (slideshow)

Orientation Governance Board:

- Extension of the application til the end of this week
- Orientation Strategic plan will be presented at next week's meeting and revisiting this year's priorities

TO COME:

Advocacy November

- Local Advocacy Week (Municipal), ADVOCAN (Federal), OUSA Lobby Week (Provincial)

Invitation to those considering running in elections

- Come meet with us if you have any questions about the role and keep an eye out for information sessions
- Shoutout to Isaac and Erin the CRO

State of the USC

- Great opportunity to network and to hear some reflections on the past and vision for the future



EXECUTIVE REPORT

JAMIE CLEARY
VICE-PRESIDENT

COMPLETED:

OUSA:

- Presented on Bill 64 asking for intern protection/rights and better definitions of Work Integrated Learning
- Lobby Con preparation: Priorities include tuition, data, sexual violence
- General Assembly November 4th to 6th
- MPP Baker about a bill mandating data collection
- Met with members of the NDP and Liberal caucus to talk about tuition (Specifically set aside fees)

Work Integrated Learning:

- Keynote speech to educators on the need for skills articulation for employment

Indigenous Students:

- Joint advisory council on aboriginal advanced education

Sexual Violence:

- Finished the fall consultations and will soon be drafting the new policy with the university

Mental Health:

- Working with AVP Student Experience to move support groups to the half hour to better support students
 - CMHA Crisis counselling to begin November 15th

- Tuesday to Thursday from 5pm to 9pm in the PSC
- Authored letter to the Minister of Health calling for increased funding and differentiated budgets for mental health supports on campus

Transit:

- Worked with MPP Armstrong to author a letter calling for better transit and pedestrian safety in the city of London

CURRENT/TO COME:

Academics:

- Budget submission to the university which includes online academic counselling
- Working with Health Science for fall reading break advocacy

Mental Health:

- Please inform everyone you know about the CMHA Counselling and watch out for an announcement

Lobbying:

- Many lobby weeks to come
- Local Advocacy Week, Federal Advocacy, OUSA LobbyCon
- These are focused in November in order to couple with government budget cycles
- MP Fragiskatos and Minister Matthews are potentially going to be making OSAP re-announcement on campus soon



EXECUTIVE REPORT

ALLIE ADAMO

STUDENT PROGRAMS OFFICER

COMPLETED:

Clubs:

- Hiring of CGC and CPRC
- Reviewing of club budgets

Orientation:

- Hiring of AOC, ROC, OCO
- Soph Town Hall – 2-4 PM
- Strategic Plan

Peer Support:

- Discussion groups
 - Eating Disorder Support Group
 - Pride Discussion Group
- CMHA Partnership
- UCC 258 Renovations underway
- First Supervision Session

Peer Programs:

- ESS WIN My Culture Is Not a Costume/Consent
- Wellness Week recap

Programming:

- Haunted House!
- American Debate Panel

CURRENT:

Clubs:

- Clubs space
- Currently working on hosting roundtable info-sessions: travel, sponsorship, etc
- Roundtable

Orientation:

- Leadership Team Soph Town Hall
- OGB Nov 3rd
- Reviewing the TOR of OPC and OGB
- Strat Plan is almost completed
- O-Staff interviews
- NODA Conference Nov 5-8

Peer Support:

- Working on streamlining resources
- Art Therapy
- Racialized/Indigenous discussion group?

Peer Programs:

- PAC – making the coordinators another arm of advocacy
- Revamp of the Ally training to include more identities

Programming:

- American Debate Panel Nov 3rd Mustang Lounge
- Twelve Angry Men in November
- Beerfest 2.0
- Purple Frost – package ticket?
- Charity Ball
- Assisting faculties with speaking engagements and conferences



EXECUTIVE REPORT

ISAAC JACOBI, SECRETARY-TREASURER

COMPLETED:

Board Committees

- Worked with the committees of the Board

Terms of Reference

- Final touches on Speaker and Councillor Terms of Reference

Speaker Training

- The Associate Governance completed Speaker training for faculty council speakers which is a new event that going forward will happen much earlier in the year.

Financial Education

- Money talks game of life was an event held in the Atrium on Monday that was a partnership with Western and was quite successful.

CURRENT:

Budget Organization

- Starting to think about budget organization with a focus on increasing transparency and clarity.

- Starting to plan out the path to completing the budget and ensuring the timeline will work.

Elections

- Starting to meet with the CRO regarding the upcoming election, undergraduates can begin declaring candidacy on December 5th.

Grants Committee

- Grants committee had its first meeting.

TO COME:

Deputy Speaker Terms of Reference

- Deputy-Speaker terms of reference

For Review

- Appeals By-Law
- Grants policy



EXECUTIVE REPORT

EMILY ROSS, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

COMPLETED:

Reunion Weekend & Homecoming

- Successfully planned, ran, and implemented reunion weekend and homecoming programming.

USC Week at a Glance

- Weekly schedules that represent USC, USC branches, faculty & affiliate, and salient Western events

Mustang Moment Campaign

- Way to highlight students that are doing good in the community, students who have stories to tell, students in general. Way to celebrate diverse experiences on campus.

Sexual Education and Consent Campaign

- Successfully hosted the Black Box physical campaign in the atrium

CURRENT:

Executive Open Office Hours

- Exec open office hours Thursdays from 3-4.
- Bookable time and meeting requests for students at large.

What is the USC Campaign

- concise but comprehensive video explaining the USC

Federal Advocacy

- Creating Federal Advocacy campaign to keep student body aware of lobbying efforts in the fall.
- Leveraging relationships to get meetings.
- Editing, compiling, and organizing the briefs.

Mental Health Strat Plan Dissemination

- How best to disseminate—> USC run consultations, or we give you the tools and the faculties and affiliates run the consultations

TO COME:

State of the USC Address

- Plan, write, and organize the State of the USC address.

Reconstructing/Repurposing the Promotions Department

- In the planning stages of developing a vision, and tactical plan for the direction of the Promotions department.

Re-imagining/Repurposing the Purple Store

- In the planning stages of developing a vision, and tactical plan for the direction of the Purple Store.