



Council Composition Procedure

11 March 2018

USC Council

1. Objective

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

- a. The Council shall have fair and equal representation of constituents.
- b. The constituency representatives shall be proportionally representative of Western University.

2. Determining Composition of Council

- a. There shall be at least one (1) representative per constituency who will hold a seat on the University Students' Council as an Ordinary Voting Member of Council, with representation being allotted according to the following schedule:
 - i. An additional seat will be added for every one-thousand (1000) students that are enrolled in a constituency, to be elected by and represent that same constituency.
 - ii. There shall be no limit to the number of constituency representative seats on the University Student's Council as set out in the following schedule:
 - A. The full-time equivalent of a constituency shall be calculated in order to determine the total population of the constituency; then
 - B. The total population of the constituency shall be divided by one-thousand, and the integer from the result of that same division shall be taken to be the number of additional seats allotted to a constituency.

Reference: Additional Seat Formula

$$\text{INT}((\text{total population of the constituency})/1000)=\text{number of additional seats}$$

- iii. The composition of Council shall be reviewed before the end of the Fall Term by the Governance and Finance Standing Committee and presented to Council every year to ensure fair representation of student constituencies.
- iv. The full time equivalent population for each constituency as of November 1st of the previous academic year shall be deemed to be the relevant population.
- v. For calculation purposes, By-Elections shall use the total constituency populations that were used for the previous Spring Elections.

3. Composition of Council – as of March 2019

- a. The voting Ordinary Members of Council shall be:
 - i. The Speaker of Council
 - ii. The USC President and Vice-President
 - iii. Constituency 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	4
Law	1
Medicine	2
Music	1
Science	7
Social Science	8
Brescia University College	2
Huron University College	2
King's University College	4
Western English Language Center	1

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.

b. 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.
- ix. Constituent Council Presidents who have declined their voting seat on Council.



4. Context and Enactment

- a. Documents Repealed – N/A
- b. Supporting/Related Documents – By-law #1.
- c. Date Passed – N/A
- d. All Previous Amendments – 28 February 2018, February 1st, 2016