



2nd MEETING OF COUNCIL 2020/2021

19 July 2020

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10:00 AM

1. Call to Order
2. Land Recognition
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4. Western Song
5. Roll Call
6. Comments from the Chair
7. Approval of Agenda
8. Approval of Minutes
[April 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes](#)
9. Presentations
 - a. Updates to the Councillor Accountability and Discipline Policy (10 minutes)-*M. Rauser, Speaker*
10. For Action
 - Governance and Finance Standing Committee:**
 - I. Councillor Accountability and Discipline Policy ([Motion 1](#), [Appendix A](#))-*R. Baldwin, Ivey Councillor*
 - II. Orientation Budget Updates ([Motion 2](#), [Appendix B](#))-*E. Petch, Brescia President*
 - III. Standing Committee Composition ([Motion 3](#), [Appendix C](#))-*S. Deagle, Health Sciences President*
 - Advocacy Standing Committee**
 - i. Creation of Anti-Oppression Working Group ([Motion 4](#))- *S. Mahakul, Science Councillor*
 - ii. Creation of Environmentalism and Sustainability Policy Working Group ([Motion 5](#))- *K. Barkhouse, Science Councillor*
 - iii. Creation of Sexual and Gender Based Violence Working Group ([Motion 6](#))- *E. Alie, Arts and Humanities Councillor*
 - iv. Motion to advocate for Increased Student Affordability During COVID-19 ([Motion 7](#))- *J. Zhou, Law Councillor*



Agenda and Council Operations Standing Committee

- I. Confirm ACOSC and Advocacy Steering Committee Support for VPEA Run for External Office ([Motion 8](#))-*M. Reesor, USC President*

11. For Information

- I. Executive Reports
- II. Board of Directors Chairperson Report
- III. Governance and Finance Standing Committee Report
- IV. Advocacy Standing Committee Report
- V. Student Experience Standing Committee Report

12. For Discussion

13. New Business

14. Termination



Motion 1

Motion to Amend the Councillor Accountability and Discipline Procedure

Whereas, Councillors are required to represent their constituents throughout their terms on Council and are expected to attend all meetings or send a proxy in their place.

Whereas, existing accountability and discipline procedures have not been effective at further educating Councillors regarding their responsibilities and disciplining those who do not meet expectations.

Be it resolved, that Council approve the proposed amendments to the Councillor Accountability and Discipline Procedure (**Appendix A**).

BALDWIN/Deagle



Motion 2

Whereas, Advisory set the direction of Oweek 2020 towards online programming with in person where possible.

Whereas, the reallocation identified either previous events that did not occur or future events that were no longer needed.

Whereas, conversations have occurred and will continue to be had in preparation for Oweek 2020.

Be it Resolved that, the reallocation of funds in the 2020/2021 Orientation Budget be accepted for Oweek 2020 (**Appendix B**).

PETCH/Kitching



Motion 3

Whereas, the priorities of the student experience standing committee is often unclear, specifically in the instance of programming oversight.

Whereas, the advocacy standing committee is used for a multi-facet approach to both internal and external advocacy.

Whereas, much of the work performed at the advocacy standing committee impacts that of the student experience standing committee.

Be it resolved, that Council approve the change to the Advocacy Standing Committee and Student Experience Standing Committee Terms of Reference. **(Appendix C)** With the intent to revisit the structure of the standing committees at the November meeting of council for the following year.

Be it further resolved, Advocacy Standing Committee changes its name to External Advocacy Standing Committee.

DEAGLE/Kitching



Motion 4

Motion to Form an Anti-Oppression Working Group

Whereas students from underrepresented communities at Western have recently been subjected to a series of well-publicized acts of prejudice, harassment, and discrimination;

Whereas these acts are not isolated incidents, but rather are a part of a larger systematic problem on campus and in society;

Be it resolved that the USC form a working group to assess the various forms of oppression which Western students face;

Be it further resolved that this working group produce recommendations to guide USC advocacy and initiatives no later than the end of the 2020 Fall term;

Be it further resolved that this working group consult each peer program, interfaith club, and ethnocultural club on campus, including, but not limited to, those identified in the *Formal Consultation Process Mandatory Guidelines* as well as mature students;

Be it further resolved that this working group be composed of one (1) Chair, and four (4) General Members.

MAHAKUL/Barkhouse



Motion 5

Motion to Form a new Environmentalism & Sustainability Policy Working Group

Whereas the USC recognizes the threat of climate change and endorses sustainable practices to mitigate its impacts;

Whereas the 2019-2020 Council repealed the USC's Sustainability Policy;

Be it resolved that the USC form a working group to formulate a new Environmentalism & Sustainability Policy to oversee Council operations;

Be it further resolved that this working group produce such a policy no later than the end of the 2021 Winter term;

Be it further resolved that this working group consult with relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to the Indigenous Students' Association;

Be it further resolved that this working group be composed of four (4) Councilors and four (4) Students-at-Large as elected by Council

Be it further resolved that one (1) Chair is internally elected

Be it further resolved that this working group offer relevant representatives from USC-ratified stakeholders (including, but not limited to, EnviroWestern and Student Energy at Western) and Resource Member positions on the Working Group.

BARKHOUSE/Mahakul



Motion 6

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Working Group

Whereas the 2018 report from the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) ¹ indicated that 71 percent of Western University student participants have experienced sexual harassment and 31 percent have experienced sexual assault, thus confirming that sexualized violence is a prevalent reality and concern on our campus.

Whereas social distancing measures in light of COVID-19 indicate an increased amount of time spent in residences increasing the potential for sexualized violence.

Whereas addressing on-campus sexual harassment and assault has been indicated as a priority for the 2020-21 USC body.

Whereas Councillors Alie and Campbell have formed a group to research the prevalence of sexual violence in residence and on-campus, in regard to the new Gender-based and Sexual Violence Policy that came into effect on May 1st, 2020 ², as well as the implementation of said policy and procedure through both Western Housing and COVID-19 lenses.

Be it resolved that this group be recognized as an official working group in order to task the Executive with SGBV-related advocacy.

Alie/Campbell

¹ Article including Western University-specific statistics and link to entirety of OUC report (https://www.cbc.ca/amp/1.5488041?_twitter_impression=true&fbclid=IwAR1sR72kXI7pjZc7s5LLUadH17AWC-CRX-XsJG2ELI45J1B6fizHg7SEuU90)

² POLICY 1.52 – Policy on Gender-Based and Sexual Violence (https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/policies_procedures/section1/mapp152.pdf)



Motion 7

Motion: Advocacy for Increased Student Affordability during COVID-19

Whereas COVID-19 will have a lasting negative impact³ on many students' income streams for the foreseeable future;

Whereas education quality and the student experience are likely to decrease next term as a direct result of the pandemic while the cost of tuition remains unchanged;

Be it resolved that Council task the USC Executive with advocating for increased education affordability, with particular emphasis on calls to the federal and provincial governments to provide universities with subsidies to decrease tuition, and calls to Western University to increase the amount of available scholarships and expand bursary eligibility for the 2020-21 school year.

Be it further resolved, to address the financial impacts past the 2020-2021 school year, the University Students' Council strike a working group to develop a tuition policy paper that will address affordability concerns and will be used to advocate to the university and all levels of government;

Be it further resolved, the membership of the working group comprise of Vice President University Affairs, Vice President External Affairs, and one (1) member of the Advocacy Standing Committee of Council;

Be it further resolved, the USC Executive provide an update on their advocacy efforts and the progress of the working group at the 2020 September Council meeting and the Tuition Policy Paper be presented at the 2020 November Council Meeting.

Zhou/Beltran

³ https://www.casa-acae.com/students_are_still_worried_covid19



Motion 8

Whereas, ACOSC enabled the summer council authority policy to support the VPEA's run for OUSA Executive roles and UCRU Chair.

Whereas, any action taken by ACOSC summer council authority will only be valid until the next meeting of Council where it shall be submitted to be confirmed, rejected, or amended.

Be it resolved that, Council confirm ACOSC's decision to support the VPEA's run for OUSA Executive roles.

Be it further resolved that, Council also confirm ACOSC's decision to support the VPEA's efforts to become the UCRU Chair.

MOVER/Seconder



Appendices

Appendix A

[Councillor Accountability and Discipline Policy Updates](#)

Appendix B

[Orientation Budget 2020-COVID Edits](#)

Appendix C

[Standing Committee Composition Updates](#)