



5th MEETING OF COUNCIL 2020/2021

25 November 2020

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7:00PM

1. **Call to Order (7:02)**
2. **Land Recognition**
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4. **Western Song**
5. **Roll Call**
6. **Comments from the Chair**
7. **Approval of Agenda (MENDES/Alie)**
 - a. **AMENDMENT:** Motion 1 Whereas the recently announced extension of the winter break impacts the election's timeline. (REESOR/Alie)
8. **Approval of Minutes (BISWURM/Mahakul)**
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9. **Presentations (10:44)**
 - a. Council Composition (15 minutes)-*M. St. Pierre, Vice-President Governance and Finance*

Q (Fakirani): what is the rationale for ensuring each constituency has one seat? If arts, fims, etc. only has one seat, to what extent can they influence policy against faculties like social science.

A (St. Pierre): want to give each faculty 1 seat for representation and then more based on every 1000 more.

Q (Alie): Rationale for interpreting policy this way when some students already feel underrepresented?

A (St. Pierre): This is the correct interpretation of the policy, and the way the current smaller faculties are set up. So, we took away seats to ensure they were all represented in the same way.



10. Action Items

<p>Motion 1 (18:53)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Legislative Calendar Updates</p> <p>Whereas Council approved changes to By-Law 2 that impact the timelines of the Vice-Presidential elections at the October meeting of Council</p> <p>Whereas the recently announced extension of the Winter Break impacts the elections timeline,</p> <p>Be it resolved that Council approve associated updates to the legislative calendar.</p> <p>ALIE/Baldwin (passes/97%/3%/0)</p>
<p>Motion 2 (23:10)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Election of Students to the President's Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability</p> <p>Be it resolved that Council elect one (1) undergraduate students to the President's Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability.</p> <p>Reesor/Mahakul (passes/100%)</p> <p>Elected: Anna Heer</p>
<p>Motion 3 (38:05)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Election of Councillor for Board of Directors Nomination Committee Hiring Panel</p> <p>Be it resolved that Council elect one (1) Councillor to the Board of Directors Nomination Committee Hiring Panel</p> <p>REESOR/Kotadia (passes/100%)</p> <p>Nominations from the floor: Kotadia nominated by Alie (accepted, elected)</p>
<p>Motion 4 (41:31)</p>



University Budget Submission

Whereas, the four themes of equity, diversity and inclusion, affordability, sustainability and work-integrated learning were previously approved as the advocacy priorities for the USC's university budget submission;

Be it resolved that, Council endorse Appendix I as the USC's recommendations for the 2021-2022 Western University budget.

REESOR/Folia (passes/100%)

Motion 5 (51:30)

Executive Reports

Be it resolved that Council accept the executive reports for November 2020.

REESOR/Kotadia (passes/100%)

Motion 6 (1:46:51)

Tuition Policy Paper

Whereas, Council tasked the USC Executive with advocating for increased educational affordability;

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

Be it resolved that Council approve the Tuition Policy Paper.

REESOR/Alie (passes/100%)

Q (Fakirani): There were recos in the last policy paper that students should be able to pay monthly, quarterly, per-term and yearly but in the new paper it says they should off accommodation to those that need it. Concerned because this leaves who requires accommodation up in the air. What is the reason for the change?



A (Barroso): Not really a point for concern, and have only changed wording but we still support those options and they are still available to accommodate students accordingly.

Q (Fakirani): Why are we only advocating for flexible pay for certain students and not all?

Q (Barroso): We are advocating for the students who can't make the larger payments first to make sure the people who need it most get it first.

Motion 7 (1:57:08)

Community Standards Policy

Be it resolved that the Community Standards Policy be approved.

Folia/Alie (passes)

Motion 8 (2:01:10)

Conflict of Interest Policy

Be it resolved that the Conflict of Interest Policy be approved.

Folia/Mendes (passes/100%)

Motion 9 (2:03:44)

Constituent Council Grants Directive

Be it resolved that the Constituent Council Grants Directive be approved.

Alie/Proulx (passes/100%)

Motion 10 (2:07:05)

Teaching Awards Rules of Procedure

Be it resolved that the Teaching Awards Rules of Procedure be approved.

Alie/Kitching (passes/100%)



Motion 11 (2:13:38)

Council Standing Committee Terms of Reference

Whereas, the standing committees were changed at the summer meeting of council requiring further review for the November meeting of council.

Whereas, further discussion has shown that the new structure has been effective in dividing the workload among committees.

Be it resolved that the Council Standing Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

Baldwin/Alie (passes/100%)

Motion 12 (2:17:32)

Election of Councillor for Student Bursary Fund Hiring Panel

Be it resolved that Council elect one (1) Councillor to the Student-at-large hiring panel for the Student Bursary Fund.

Mendes/Folia (passes/97%/0/3%)

Nominations from the floor:

Omorodion by Alie (accepted, elected)

Motion 13 (2:52:57)

Council Composition Update

Whereas, council is composed of equal representation from constituent councils based on student enrolment.

Whereas, per the Council Composition Policy the calculation is made from the November 1st enrolment of the previous academic year.

Be it resolved that council approve of the council composition outlined in Appendix H.

Be it resolved that the council composition procedure be updated to state that if a faculty or an affiliate university college has under 1000 constituents, there should be a minimum of two (2) councillors, which would be the president and another councillor.

Reesor/Baldwin (passes/86%/11%/3%)



Amendment: (Paldino/Mendes) Be it resolved that, If a faculty or an affiliate university college has under 1000 constituents, there should be a minimum of two (2) councillors, which would be the president and another councillor.

Amendment to the amendment:

Be it resolved that the council composition procedure be updated to state that if a faculty or an affiliate university college has under 1000 constituents, there should be a minimum of two (2) councillors, which would be the president and another councillor.

Mendes/Paldino (passes)

DEBATE:

(Alie) In favour of the amendment so smaller faculties are not washed out by the larger faculties on the council.

(Kitching) In favour, minimum two voices so that not all the pressure is on one representative

[Voting Record](#)

11. For Information (2:57:58)

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

12. For Discussion

13. New Business

- a. FIMS, Arts and Music is putting together live arts vendors, come out to support local artists - November 30th.

14. Termination Alie/Mendes (10:08)



Appendices

Appendix A

[2020-2021 Legislative Calendar](#)

Appendix B

[Tuition PCRs - V2](#)

Appendix C

[Community Standards Policy 2020 Review](#)

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[Conflict of Interest Policy 2020 Review](#)

Appendix E

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[Teaching Awards Rules of Procedure 2020 Review](#)

Appendix G

[Council Standing Committee TOR Revisions](#)

Appendix H

[Council Composition 2021-2022](#)

Appendix I

[20201120_UniversityBudget_USC Recommendations](#)



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