



4th MEETING OF COUNCIL 2022/2023

26 October 2022
09 November 2022
7:00PM

Community Room

Zoom info for observers:

Isabella DiMenna is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: USC meeting

Time: Oct 26, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/94526420664>

Meeting ID: 945 2642 0664

Passcode: 213444

Turning Point: Octo2022

1. **Call to Order (07:05pm)**
2. **Land Recognition**
3. **O Canada**
4. **Western Song**
5. **Roll Call**
6. **Comments from the Chair**
7. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Amend agenda to include motion re: crisis in Iran (Turner/Mohan/passes)
 - i. Speaker denied/Turner challenged/challenge carries
 - b. Amend agenda to add motion re: lifting standing order (Mohan/Maheshwari/passes)
 - i. Speaker denied/Mohan challenged/challenge carries
 - c. Amend agenda to add discussion item re: LifeLine (Maheshwari/Ouslis/passes)
 - d. Amend agenda to add presentation re: student enrolment (Mohan/Turner/passes)
8. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a.  20220928_(Minutes) Meeting of Council 3_Parts A and B
9. **Presentations**
 - a. **ADDED: Student Enrolment-C. Mohan, Ivey Councillor**
10. **Board of Directors Report**
11. **For Action**



Motion 6 - ADDED (01:03:40 of the October 26, 2022 recording) - [Appendix F](#)

Motion Regarding Iran Crisis

Whereas, the USC has yet to publish a statement of solidarity with those affected by the crisis in Iran;

Whereas, the USC verbally agreed to provide such a statement at the October 5th USC Council meeting, during President Gardner's presentation about the crisis in Iran and student resources;

Whereas, the student leaders that pushed for such a statement to be published have not heard word from the USC regarding the statement;

Whereas, constituents have reached out expressing concern and confusion as to why the USC has not released such a statement in support of those affected by the crisis in Iran.

Whereas, Western International released a post on their Instagram outlining additional resources for students of Iranian descent and/or students affected by the crisis in Iran (see Appendix 1);

Whereas, these resources were provided on October 7th, two days after our last council meeting;

Whereas, other faculty councils, such as the Arts and Humanities Students' Council, have published statements of solidarity and outlined the resources as provided by Western International.

Be it resolved that, the USC publishes a statement of solidarity with those affected by the crisis in Iran and women's rights;

Be it further resolved that, based on the advice of President Gardner and other student leaders, the USC is encouraged to include links and resources from Western and beyond (see appendix 2);

Be it further resolved that, since there has been significant delay from when this topic was initially discussed with USC Executive, this statement will be released in the next two (2) days.

TURNER/Mohan/passes/unanimous

Motion to suspend the rules (Turner/Maheshwari/passes)



**Meeting will adjourn until November 9, 2022 at 7:00
Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm (Kermack/Nomerovsky)
Reconvened at 7:05 on November 9, 2022**

Second Reading (November 9, 2022)

Motion 1 (00:07:45 of the November 9, 2022 recording) - [Appendix A](#)

Executive Reports

Be it resolved that Council accept the executive reports for October 2022.

GARDNER/Maheshwari/passes/unanimous

Motion 2 (00:09:22 of the November 9, 2022 recording) - [Appendix B](#)

Creation of a Training Review Working Group

Whereas, Undergraduate student training modules have regularly been insufficient,

Whereas, there is minimal consultation on module formulation and subsequent feedback,

Whereas, there is ambiguity regarding the organization and execution of training modules and centralization of the process,

Whereas, students and student leaders find themselves ill-equipped to carry out their responsibilities and commitments,

Whereas, various modules are counterproductive to their goals,

Be it resolved that, the USC establish a working group designated as the Training Review Working Group in accordance with the proposed terms of reference.



Be it further resolved that the USC nominate four (4) councillors and four (4) students-at-large to the Training Review Working Group.

MAHESHWARI/Turner/passes/unanimous

(Elections to take place at November meeting of Council)

Motion 3 (00:12:13 of the November 9, 2022 recording) - [Appendix C](#)

University Budget Submission Recommendations

Whereas each year, the University Affairs Portfolio is responsible for the USC's Budget Submission to the university;

Whereas the Budget Submission should be reflective of the needs of the student body;

Whereas the Vice President University Affairs has identified **Mental Health, Gender Equity, Racial Equity, and Academic Support/Programs** as crucial themes in our advocacy this year;

Be it Resolved that Council endorse the University Affairs Budget Submission recommendations.

Be it further resolved that the Vice President University Affairs share the final budget with Council in their November executive updates.

GARDNER/Maheshwari/passes/unanimous



Motion 4 (00:13:35 of the November 9, 2022 recording) - [Appendix D](#)

Amendments to the Standing Orders of Council

Whereas, voting members of Council often have news, developments, or student opportunities to share with their peers.

Whereas, there has not been a good space in council meetings for that sort of discussion.

Whereas, following a land acknowledgement with "O Canada" is seen as hypocritical and detrimental to our Mission.

~~**Be it resolved that**, Council approve amendments to the Standing Order of Council that include an Announcements section and removes the "O Canada" song.~~

Be it resolved that, Council approve amendments to the Standing Order of Council that includes the addition of an Announcements section.

Be it further resolved that the Announcement section be limited to fifteen (15) minutes.

GARDNER/Van Oirschot

Amendment: Kermack/Mohan/passes

Split the current BIRT into two, so that the motion reads:

Be it resolved that, Council approve amendments to the Standing Order of Council that includes the addition of an Announcements section.

Be it resolved that, Council approve amendments to the Standing Order of Council that includes removing the "O Canada" song.

Amendment: Kermack/Ding/passes

Split the motion

Motion to table second BIRT to January meeting: Gardner/Turner/passes



Amendment: Turner/Gardner/passes

Add: Be it further resolved that the Announcement section be limited to fifteen (15) minutes.

Motion 5 (00:23:50 of the November 9, 2022 recording) - [Appendix E](#)

Amending Council Standing Orders:

Questions and Comments from the Western Community

Whereas, the regular agenda for council meetings does not have an opportunity for members of the Western community to voice any concerns or questions they have to the USC Council.

Whereas, adding this section to the council standing orders would allow for increased engagement of students in the business of the council.

Whereas, this proposal aligns with all 5 values of the USC Charter. Most specifically, this will make the Council more directly accountable to students.

Be it resolved that, Council approved the attached changes to the Standing Orders of Council.

Be it further resolved that the Question and Comment period be limited to fifteen (15) minutes.

MOHAN/Maheshwari/passes

Amendment: Turner/Maheshwari/passes

Be it further resolved that the Question and Comment period be limited to fifteen (15) minutes.

Amendment: Turner/Maheshwari/fails



Be it further resolved that the Question and Comment period excludes questions and comments from members of the media that pertain to the meeting on which they are reporting.

Amendment to the amendment: Gardner/Maheshwari/passes

Change "Gazette" to "media"

Amendment: Turner/Maheshwari/fails

Be it further resolved that the questions must pertain to the issues addressed in the meeting.

Motion to recess for 5 minutes: Nomerovsky/Cohen

Resume at 8:08

**Motion to refer back to governance and finance standing committee:
Maheshwari/Gardner/fails**

Motion 7 - ADDED (01:22:30 of the November 9, 2022 recording) - [Appendix G](#)

Lifting USC's Standing Order of Neutrality on Labour Disputes

Whereas, the University of Western Ontario Faculty Association requested the provincially-appointed conciliator file a No Board report with the Ministry of Labour last Thursday (Appendix 1);

Whereas, UWOFA can legally strike 17 days after the Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development releases the no-board notice to Western University and the union;

Whereas, the USC, as per Motion 2 of the 6th Meeting of the 2017/2018 USC, is under a standing order to "maintain neutrality in an effort to return students to the classroom in a labor dispute" (Appendix 2);

Whereas, neutrality amounts to taking no stance or action in relation to the labor dispute, thus limiting the USC's ability to advocate on behalf of students during labor negotiations or a strike;



Be it resolved that the USC Council lift the standing order that the USC must main neutrality during labor disputes; and,

Be it further resolved that the USC Executive provide a weekly update to USC Council on the status of labor negotiations between Western University and UWOFA until an agreement is met.

MOHAN/Turner/tabled indefinitely

Amendment: Turner/Kitamisi/fails

Be it resolved that the USC maintain a stance of neutrality and adopt a position of education and information.

Motion to table indefinitely: Mohan/Gardner/passes

13. For Discussion

ADDED: LifeLine

14. New Business

15. Termination (9:13) Nomerovsky/Ouslis

[Voting Record](#)



Appendix A

[Executive Updates - Council October 22-23](#)

Appendix B

[Motion Regarding Establishment of Training Review Working Group \(TRWG\) \[26th Octob...](#)

Appendix C

[Motion_UA Budget Submission Recommendations](#)

Appendix D

[Announcements Tweak to Standing Orders](#)

Appendix E

[Proposed Changes to Standing Orders of Council](#)

Appendix F ADDED:

[USC MOTION FOR IRAN - OCT 26.pdf](#)

Appendix G ADDED:

[Motion Regarding Standing Order of Neutrality on Labour Negotiations](#)