



6h MEETING OF COUNCIL 2022/2023

TIME:

25 January 2023
01 February 2023
7:00PM

PLACE:

Community Room

ZOOM INFO FOR OBSERVERS:

Isabella DiMenna is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

TOPIC: USC meeting

TIME: 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 963 2713 9377

Passcode: 925714

Turning Point: Janu2023

1. **Call to Order (07:03pm)**
2. **Land Recognition**
3. **O Canada**
4. **Western Song**
5. **Roll Call**
6. **Comments from the Chair**
7. **Approval of Agenda (Cohen/Maheshwari/passes)**
8. **Approval of Minutes (Kermack/Nomerovsky/passes)**
 - a. **20221123_(Minutes) Meeting of Council 5_Parts A and B**
9. **Presentations**
 - a. Mark Daley, *Chief Digital Information Officer* - 15 minutes
 - b. Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (15 minutes)-*M. Metcalfe, Executive Director, CASA*
10. **Board of Directors Report**
11. **For Action**
 - For Election**
 - a. Election of Councillors to University Affairs Recognition and Awards Student Awards Committee ([Motion 1](#), [Appendix A](#)) - *E. Gardner, USC President*



- b. Election of OUSA Spring General Assembly Delegates ([Motion 2](#), [Appendix B](#)) - *E. Gardner, USC President* (to take place in the second part of the meeting)
- c. Election of a Councillor for the Exec Hiring Committee ([Motion 3](#), [Appendix C](#))

First Reading (to be heard on January 25, 2023)

Executive Reports

- a. Motion to Approve Executive Reports ([Motion 4](#), [Appendix D](#)) - *E. Gardner, USC President*

External Affairs Standing Committee

- a. Provincial Budget Submission Recommendation ([Motion 5](#), [Appendix E](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*
- b. Motion Regarding the CASA Observership ([Motion 6](#), [Appendix F](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*

Motion to recess (10 minutes), reconvened at 9:05 PM (Gardner/Sriharan/no objections)

Governance and Finance Standing Committee

- a. Amendment to Executive Officers Salaries Procedure ([Motion 7](#), [Appendix G](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*
- b. Review of Role of USC During Labour Dispute ([Motion 8](#), [Appendix H](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*
- c. Amending Standing Resolutions of Council ([Motion 9](#), [Appendix I](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*
- d. Adjustment of Policy Manual to Reflect New Executive Officers Responsibilities ([Motion 10](#), [Appendix J](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*
- e. Amendments to the Standing Orders of Council to remove the "O Canada" song ([Motion 11](#), [Appendix K](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*

Agenda and Council Operations Standing Committee

- a. Amendment of Bylaw #1 for new VPSS & VPOP Positions ([Motion 13](#), [Appendix M](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*

For Information

- a. Standing Committee Chair Reports

Motion to adjourn (Kitamisi/Ouslis/no objections) at 9:22

**Meeting will adjourn until February 1, 2023 at 7:00
Call to order 7:37 on February 1, 2023**



Second Reading (February 1, 2023)

12. For Action

For Election

- a. Election of OUSA Spring General Assembly Delegates ([Motion 2](#), [Appendix B](#)) - *E. Gardner, USC President*

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- j. Amendments to the Standing Orders of Council to remove the "O Canada" song ([Motion 11](#), [Appendix K](#))-*E. Biswurm, Vice-President Governance and Finance*

Agenda and Council Operations Standing Committee

- b. Amendment of Bylaw #1 for new VPSS & VPOP Positions ([Motion 12](#), [Appendix L](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*

13. For Discussion

- a. Midterm Scheduling -*Siddharth Maheshwari, Huron Councillor*

14. New Business

15. Questions and Comments from the Western Community

16. Termination Kitamisi/Cohen/no objections 8:54



Motion 1

Election of Councillors to University Affairs Recognition and Awards Student Awards Committee

Whereas the University Affairs Portfolio facilitates Recognition and Awards for the student body every year;

Whereas the membership for the Recognition and Awards Committee to adjudicate the awards calls for two USC Councillors to be elected to this body;

Be it resolved that Council elect two (2) Councillors to the University Affairs Portfolio's Student Award Committee.

GARDNER/Kermack/passes (unanimous)

Nominees

Mohan (self)

Qayum (self)



University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario

Motion 2

Election of OUSA Spring General Assembly Delegates

Be it resolved that council elect (6) delegates to represent Western at the OUSA Spring General Assembly 2023 in March.

GARDNER/Turner/passes (unanimous)



Motion 3

Selection of Councillors for Executive Hiring Committees

Be it resolved that Council select one (1) Councillor to sit on the Executive Hiring Committees for the 2023-2024 hiring cycle.

GARDNER/Kitamisi/passes (unanimous)

Nominees

Maheshwari (self)



University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario

Motion 4

Executive Reports

Be it resolved that Council accept the executive reports for January 2023.

GARDNER/Cohen/passes (unanimous)



University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario

Motion 5

Motion Regarding Provincial Budget Submission Recommendations

Whereas the provincial government will be accepting written submissions for the pre-budget consultations in advance of the upcoming 2023 provincial budget.

Be it resolved that Council approves the Provincial Pre-Budget Submission Recommendations.

GARDNER/Ouslis/passes



Motion 6

Motion Regarding the CASA Observership

Whereas the USC partakes in federal advocacy on topics such as student financial aid, mental health, and interregional transit;

Whereas the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is a robust federal advocacy organization with an established rapport with government;

Whereas CASA's Observer Status comes at no cost and would allow the USC to assess the effectiveness of membership and alignment of organizational values;

Be it resolved that Council endorse VP External Affairs, Jessica Look, to apply on behalf of the USC for Observer Status with CASA.

GARDNER/Kermack/passes



Motion 7

Amendment to Executive Officers Salaries Procedure

Be it resolved that, Council approve the following changes to the Executive Officers Salaries Procedure to better reflect the manner in which Executive Salaries are reached.

GARDNER/Kitamisi/passes



Motion 8

Review of Role of USC During Labour Dispute

Whereas, the USC has previously discussed its position in labour disputes occurring on Western's Campus.

Be it resolved that, Council approve the following policy with no changes.

GARDNER/Maheshwari/passes



Motion 9

Amending Standing Resolutions of Council

Whereas, the USC has several Standing Resolutions that occasionally provide useful practices/procedures, but often become outdated due to no review structure and an esoteric governance practice.

Whereas, there are several other existing policy pieces where the valuable standing resolutions solutions would be better suited.

Be it resolved that, Council amend the Standing Resolutions of Council.

Be it further resolved that, Council approve the following changes to policies that carry the more valuable practices from the Standing Resolutions of Council.

GARDNER/Sriharan/passes



Motion 10

Adjustment of Policy Manual to Reflect New Executive Officers Responsibilities

Whereas, the USC has approved the change of the Vice-President Student Support and Programming and Vice-President Governance and Finance to the Vice-President Orientation and Programming and Vice-President Student Services respectively.

Whereas, the Policy manual outlines what Executive is responsible for many of the USC's operations when applicable.

Be it resolved that, Council approve the following changes to policies that better reflect the revised responsibilities of the Executive Officers.

GARDNER/Cohen/passes



Motion 11

Amendments to the Standing Orders of Council to Remove "O-Canada" song

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 includes removing the "O Canada" song.

MAHESHWARI/Mohan/passes

Motion to extend debate period to allow for a proposed amendment: Gardner/Kermack

Amendment (Sarofiem/Kitamisi/fails with 3 in favor/26 opposed/5 abstentions): Separate Land Acknowledgment and O Canada by the Western Song



Motion 12

Amendment of Bylaw #1 for new VPSS & VPOP Positions

Whereas, the USC has approved the change of the Vice-President Student Support and Programming and Vice-President Governance and Finance to the Vice-President Orientation and Programming and Vice-President Student Services respectively.

Whereas, Bylaw #1 outlines what Executive is responsible for many of the USC's operations when applicable as well as Executive membership on the Board of Directors.

Be it resolved that, Council approve the following changes to Bylaw #1 that better reflect the revised responsibilities of the Executive Officers and the position of Secretary Treasurer on the Board of Directors.

GARDNER/Nomerovsky



Appendices

Appendix A

- Copy of Nomination of Students-at-Large to Awards and Recognition Committee

Appendix B

- Copy of OUSA Delegate Election Motion Spring 2023

Appendix C

- 20221123_Selection of Councillors for Executive Hiring Committees

Appendix D

- Executive Update - Council January 22-23

Appendix E

[Motion Regarding Provincial Budget Submission Recommendations](#)

Appendix F

[Motion Regarding the CASA Observership](#)

Appendix G

- Copy of Motion - Amendment to Executive Officers Salaries Procedure

Appendix H

- Copy of Motion - Review of Role of USC During Labour Dispute

Appendix I

- Copy of Amending Standing Resolutions of Council

Appendix J

- Copy of Adjustment of Policy Manual to Reflect New Executive Officers Responsibilities

Appendix K

- 20221026_(Minutes) Meeting of Council 4_Parts A and B

Appendix L

- Amendment of Bylaw #1 for new VPSS & VPOP Positions