



7h MEETING OF COUNCIL 2022/2023

TIME:

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7:00PM

PLACE:

Community Room

Zoom Info For Observers

Topic: USC Meeting

Time: Mar 1, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 937 7766 3438

Passcode: 028258

Turning Point: f2023

1. **Call to Order (07:03pm)**
2. **Land Recognition**
3. **Western Song**
 - a. **VPGF Biswurm led Council in singing the Western song**
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Comments from the Chair**
6. **Approval of Agenda Mohan/Maheshwari**
 - a. **VPUA and EA Speeches in second half of meeting (March 1, 2023)**
(Gardner/Kitamisi/passes)
7. **Approval of Minutes (Mohan/Gardner/passes)**
 - a. **20230125_(Minutes) Meeting of Council 6_Parts A and B**
8. **Presentations**
 - a. **The Executive Roadmap Update (30 minutes)-K. Abbaszadeh, Vice-President**
Communications and Public Affairs
 - b. **2023-2024 Budget (20 minutes)-E. Gardner, USC President**
9. **Board of Directors Report**
10. **For Action**

First Reading (to be heard on February 15, 2023)

Executive Reports

- a. **Motion to Approve Executive Reports ([Motion 1](#), [Appendix A](#))**



Recess (8:25-8:32)

External Affairs Standing Committee

- a. Student Financial Aid Policy Paper PCR Approval ([Motion 2](#), [Appendix B](#))-E.
Gardner, USC President

Governance and Finance Standing Committee

- a. Motion Regarding Council Approval of USC Budget ([Motion 3](#), [Appendix C](#))-E.
Gardner, USC President
- b. Motion Regarding Changes Proposed in Policy Review ([Motion 4](#), [Appendix D](#))-E. *Gardner, USC President*
- c. Motion Regarding Repealing the Teaching Awards Rules of Procedure ([Motion 5](#), [Appendix E](#))
- d. Motion Regarding Indigenous Students Association Resource Membership ([Motion 6](#), [Appendix F](#))-E. *Gardner, USC President*

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 until March 1, 2023 at 7:00

Second Reading (to be heard March 1, 2023)

ADDED: Presentations and Q&A with Vice Presidential Candidates (University Affairs and External Affairs)

5 minute presentation per candidate

15 minute question period

Motion to extend by 10 minutes (Gardner/Cohen/no objections)

Motion to extend by 10 minutes (Kermack/Maheshwari/no objections)

11. For Action

Executive Reports

- a. Motion to Approve Executive Reports ([Motion 1](#), [Appendix A](#))

External Affairs Standing Committee

- a. Student Financial Aid Policy Paper PCR Approval ([Motion 2](#), [Appendix B](#))-E.
Gardner, USC President

5 minute recess Gardner/Kitamisi/no objections; resume at 8:31pm

Governance and Finance Standing Committee

- a. Motion Regarding Council Approval of USC Budget ([Motion 3](#), [Appendix C](#))-E.
Gardner, USC President
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- c. Motion Regarding Repealing the Teaching Awards Rules of Procedure ([Motion 5](#), [Appendix E](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*
 - d. Motion Regarding Indigenous Students Association Resource Membership ([Motion 6](#), [Appendix F](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*
- 12. For Discussion**
 - 13. Questions and Comments from the Western Community**
 - 14. New Business**
 - 15. Termination** Cohen/Kitamisi/no objections (8:41)

Motion 1

Executive Reports

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

GARDNER/Seconder/passes (unanimous)



Motion 2

Student Financial Aid Policy Paper PCR Approval

Whereas the USC does not have an up-to-date policy paper on Student Financial Aid;

Whereas advocating for an accessible post-secondary experience for students is a priority for the USC;

Whereas the University Affairs and External Affairs Portfolios have run consultations, conducted research, and produced Principles, Concerns and Recommendations for a Student Financial Aid Policy Paper;

Be it resolved that Council approve the Principles, Concerns, and Recommendations for the Student Financial Aid Policy Paper.

GARDNER/Mohan/passes (unanimous)



Motion 3

Council Approval of USC Budget

Whereas, students are facing many financial barriers that have been highlighted by a return to in person campus activity;

Whereas, the USC has seen a shift in the ways that students are interacting with their studies and campus;

Whereas, the USC recognizes the importance of rebuilding student supports and campus life to tackle financial barriers and campus engagement;

Whereas, this budget invests in bolstering student supports and in revitalizing campus culture and traditions;

Be it resolved that, Council approve the 2023-2024 Executive Budget.

Be it further resolved that, Council approve the 2023-2024 Fee Bill.

GARDNER/Kitamisi/passes (unanimous)



Motion 4

Changes Proposed in Policy Review

Whereas, the USC conducts regular review of its policies to ensure they are accurate and up to date.

Be it resolved that, Council approve the following changes to the Advocacy Papers Policy and Deputy Speaker Terms of Reference.

GARDNER/Sriharan/passes (unanimous)



Motion 5

Teaching Awards Rules of Procedure

Whereas, the USC no longer awards "Teaching Awards,"

Be it resolved that, The USC puts the teaching awards on hold for academic year 2022/2023; and,

Be it resolved that, The VP University Affairs' review this policy and reassess its possibility for future years, in consultation with groups/people such as the UA standing committee and the Recognition & Awards Coordinator

MOHAN/Qayum/passes (unanimous)



Motion 6

Indigenous Students Association Resource Membership

Whereas The Indigenous Student's Coordinator is no longer a position at the USC;

Whereas The USC is committed to decolonization and amplifying Indigenous voices;

Be it resolved that The USC approve appointment of the Indigenous Students Association President as a resource member to council;

Be it further resolved that The USC adopt the updated council composition as presented in [Appendix F](#)

GARDNER/Maheshwari/passes (unanimous)



Appendices

Appendix A

[Executive Reports](#)

Appendix B

[Copy of Motion: Student Financial Aid Policy Paper](#)

Appendix C

[Copy of Council Approval of USC Budget](#)

Appendix D

[Copy of Changes Proposed in Policy Review Motion](#)

Appendix E

[Copy of Repealing the Teaching Awards](#)

Appendix F

[Copy of Indigenous Students Association Resource Membership](#)