



8th MEETING OF COUNCIL 2023/2024

TIME:

22 March 2023
7:00PM

PLACE:

Community Room

Topic: USC Meetings

Time: Mar 22, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/95331694379>

Meeting ID: 953 3169 4379

Passcode: 944759

Turning Point: 106076

1. **Call to Order (07:04pm)**
2. **Land Recognition**
3. **Western Song**
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Amendment Adamesco/Kermack: add Blue Community Proposal; passes
6. **Approval of Minutes/passes**
 - a. [20230215_\(Minutes\) Meeting of Council_Parts A and B](#)
7. **Comments from the Chair**
8. **Announcements**
9. **Presentations**
10. **Board of Directors Report**
11. **For Action**
 - For Election**
 - a. Election of Councillor to Purple Care Trustee Hiring Panel ([Motion 1](#), [Appendix A](#))-E. Gardner, USC President



First and Second Reading (to be heard on March 22, 2023)

Executive Reports

- a. Motion to Approve Executive Reports ([Motion 2](#), [Appendix B](#))

External Affairs Standing Committee

- a. Student Financial Aid Policy Paper Approval ([Motion 3](#), [Appendix C](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*

Governance and Finance Standing Committee

- a. Motion Regarding Working Group Policy Amendment ([Motion 4](#), [Appendix D](#))-*S. Maheshwari, USC Councillor*
- b. Motion Regarding Amending Council Composition Procedure ([Motion 5](#), [Appendix E](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*
- c. Motion Regarding Repealing Standing Resolutions of Council and amending Standing Orders of Council and Fees and Financial Statement Policy ([Motion 6](#), [Appendix F](#))-*E. Gardner, USC President*

University Affairs Standing Committee

- a. Motion to Prioritize Advocacy to Include Kosher and Halal Food Options within Residence and On-Campus Eateries ([Motion 7](#), [Appendix G](#))-*P.Kermack, USC Councillor*
- b. Motion Regarding Senate Chair Report at USC Meetings-S. Ouslis, USC Councillor ([Motion 8](#), [Appendix H](#))

12. For Information

13. For Discussion

14. Questions and Comments from Western Community

15. New Business

16. Termination @ 7:56 Kitamisi/Gardner/no objections



Motion 1

Election of Councillor to Purple Care Trustee Hiring Panel

Be it resolved that Council elect one (1) outgoing, non-returning Councillor to sit on the Purple Care Trustee Hiring Panel.

GARDNER/Cohen/passes (unanimous)

Ouslis nominates Nomerovsky; accepts



University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario

Motion 2

Executive Reports

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

GARDNER/Kitamisi/passes (unanimous)



Motion 3

Student Financial Aid Policy Paper 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 Student Financial Aid Policy Paper.

GARDNER/Adamesco/passes (unanimous)

Amendment: Gardner/Adamesco/passes

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Add a recommendation:  **SFA Changes**



Motion 4

Working Group Policy Amendment

Whereas, there exist ambiguities in working group policy,

Whereas, existing practices are not reflected in the policy,

Be it resolved that, the listed changes to working group policy be approved.

S. MAHESHWARI/Cohen/passes (unanimous)



Motion 5

Amending Council Composition Procedure

Whereas, the USC has not received a candidate to represent the Western English Learning Center.

Be it resolved that, the USC amend the Council Composition Procedure to reflect the absence of this position.

GARDNER/Kermack/passes (unanimous)



Motion 6

Repealing 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 approve the following changes to the Standing Orders of Council that allow executives to be in attendance during In-Camera Council Sessions.

Be it resolved that, Council approve a new Fees and Financial Statement Policy.

Be it further resolved that, Council repeal the Standing Resolutions of Council.

GARDNER/Jung/passes (unanimous)



Motion 7

Prioritize Advocacy to Include Kosher and Halal Food Options within Residence and On-Campus Eateries

Whereas the USC has outlined its advocacy efforts through the [Racial and Religious Student Policy Paper](#).

Whereas Western Hospitality Services has yet to include Kosher and Halal food options in all residence and on-campus eateries.

Whereas the most optimal time to implement the inclusion of Kosher and Halal food options is during the summer months, prior to the arrival of incoming students.

Be it resolved that the USC prioritize advocacy through Western Hospitality Services to provide Kosher and Halal food options within all residence and on-campus eateries.

Be it resolved that the USC pursues this advocacy with the intent to implement such food options no later than the first residence move-in day.

Be it resolved that the Vice President University Affairs provide an update regarding their Halal and Kosher food options advocacy efforts at the July 2023 council meeting.

KERMACK/Cohen/passes (unanimous)



Motion 8

Senate Chair Report at USC Meetings

Whereas, There is a lack of update concerning academics to students

Be it resolved that, council approves that the Chair of Senate, or Senate designate, provides a quarterly presentation to the USC

OUSLIS/Gardner/passes (unanimous)



ADDED:

Blue Community Proposal

Whereas, the pandemic exacerbated the use of single use products in order to prevent transmission;

Whereas, Western has not made significant progress in reducing plastic waste on campus post-pandemic;

Whereas, Huron University College and Brescia University College have both committed to being Blue Communities;

Be it resolved that Council approves the President and VPUA's Blue Community Proposal for Western.

ADAMESCO/Bader-Shamai/passes (unanimous)

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Appendices

Appendix A

- ☰ Copy of 20221123_Selection of Councillors for the Purple Care Trustee Hiring Committee

Appendix B

- ☰ Executive Updates - Council March 22-23

Appendix C

- ☰ Copy of Motion to Approve Student Financial Aid Policy Paper

Appendix D

- ☰ Copy of Motion Regarding [Working Group Policy Amendment] [22nd March, 2023]

Appendix E

- ☰ Copy of Amending Council Composition Procedure

Appendix F

- ☰ Copy of Repealing Standing Resolutions of Council

Appendix G

- 📖 Copy of Motion to Prioritize Advocacy of Kosher and Halal Food Options in Residence an...

Appendix H

- ☰ Copy of Motion Regarding Senate Chair Report at USC Meetings

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- ☰ Blue Community Proposal for Western