



## 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

**Motion 1** (00:13:56 of the March 22, 2023 recording) - [Appendix A](#)

### **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

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

**Motion 2** (00:16:09 of the March 22, 2023 recording) - [Appendix B](#)

### **Executive Reports**

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

**GARDNER/Kitamisi/passes** (unanimous)

**Motion 3** (00:32:19 of the March 22, 2023 recording) - [Appendix C](#)

### **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;



**Motion 3** (00:32:19 of the March 22, 2023 recording) - [Appendix C](#)

**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** (00:35:55 of the March 22, 2023 recording) - [Appendix D](#)

**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** (00:37:54 of the March 22, 2023 recording) - [Appendix E](#)

**Amending Council Composition Procedure**



**Motion 5 (00:37:54 of the March 22, 2023 recording) - [Appendix E](#)**

**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 (00:39:35 of the March 22, 2023 recording) - [Appendix F](#)**

**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 (00:41:58 of the March 22, 2023 recording) - [Appendix G](#)**

**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 (00:51:00 of the March 22, 2023 recording) - [Appendix H](#)**

**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



**Motion 8 (00:51:00 of the March 22, 2023 recording) - [Appendix H](#)**

**OUSLIS/Gardner/passes (unanimous)**

**Motion 9 ADDED (00:53:40 of the March 22, 2023 recording) - [Appendix I](#)**

**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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- 12. For Information**
- 13. For Discussion**
- 14. Questions and Comments from Western Community**
- 15. New Business**
- 16. Termination @ 7:56 Kitamisi/Gardner/no objections**



## 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

### Appendix I ADDED:

- ☰ Blue Community Proposal for Western