1st MEETING OF COUNCIL 2023/2024

TIME:
June 18, 2023
10:00AM

PLACE:
Community Room

ZOOM INFO FOR OBSERVERS:
Isabella DiMenna is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: USC meeting #1
Time: Jun 18, 2023 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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1. Call to Order (10:16AM)
2. Land Recognition
3. Western Song
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Agenda (Sahni/Ouslis/passes/unanimous)
6. Approval of Minutes
7. Comments from the Chair
8. Announcements
9. Presentations
10. Board of Directors Report
11. For Action

For Election
   a. Election of Standing Committee Chairs (Motion 1)-S. Ajak, USC President
   b. Ratification of Standing Committee Membership (Motion 2)-Mover
   c. Election of Councillor to Clubs Governance Hiring Committee (Motion 3)-Mover

Executive Reports
   a. Motion to Approve Executive Reports (Motion 4, Appendix A)-S. Ajak, USC President

For Action
a. Amending Council Composition Procedure and Standing Orders of Council (Motion 5, Appendix B)- P. Kermack, Social Science Councillor
b. Commissioning Advocacy Policy Papers (Motion 6, Appendix C)- S. Ajak, USC President
c. Amendments to the Clubs Governance Board Terms of Reference (Motion 7, Appendix D)- S. Ajak, USC President

12. For Information
13. For Discussion
14. Questions and Comments from Western Community
15. New Business
16. Termination
Motion 1

Standing Committee Chair Elections

Whereas, USC Standing Committees of Council require a Chair to organize and facilitate the annual Standing Committee meeting process;

Be it resolved that, members of Council nominate themselves or another voting-member of Council;

Be it resolved that, each candidate receive (2) two minutes for a speech, and field (2) two questions from Council relating to their candidacy;

Be it resolved that, Council elect (1) one Standing Committee Chair for each of the Governance and Finance, External Advocacy, and University Affairs Standing Committees of Council;

Be it further resolved that ballots are destroyed following the election.

AJAK/Salofsky/passes
Motion 2

Ratification of the 2023-2024 Standing Committees

Be it resolved, that Council ratify the 2023/2024 Standing Committees:

University Affairs Standing Committee
Roma MacDonald
Stavros Liakakos
Juliana Meli
Jordan Killen
Verena Fanous
Jiya Sahni
Mariana Batista
Sanjana Jones
Anya Sarma
Annika Thornton

External Affairs Standing Committee
Sofia Ouslis
Nathan Ayele
Mia Hag
Victoria Sasu
Peter Kermack
Anna Basu
Yara Ubaidat
Grace Flaherty
Madeline Bickley

Governance and Finance Standing Committee
Allison Salofsky
Armaan Bawa
Eric Ding
Daniel Tellez-Jimenez
Domenic Di Stasi
Maia Lan
Hana Ghattas
Alex Tan
Laura Crowe
Austin Wang

LIAKAKOS/Ghattas/passes
Motion 3

Election of Councillor to Clubs Governance Board Hiring Committee

Whereas proposed changes to the Clubs Governance Hiring Committee would require the election of a Councillor to sit on a hiring panel, and;

Whereas the hiring process will take place over the summer;

Be it resolved that Council elect one (1) Councillor to sit on the Clubs Governance Board hiring committee.

AJAK/Tellez Jimenez/passes

Nominees
Sahni
Haug
Motion 4

Executive Reports

Be it resolved that Council accept the executive reports for May-June 2023

AJAK/Haug/passes (unanimous)
Motion 5

Amending Council Composition Procedure and Standing Orders of Council

Whereas, the Speaker of Council is currently listed as a voting member of council within Bylaw #1.

Whereas, the Speaker of Council is the only voting member not elected directly by students.

Be it resolved that, the USC amend the Council Composition Procedure and Standing Orders of Council to better reflect the Speaker of Council’s position as a voting member.

KERMACK/Wang/passes
Motion 6

Commissioning Advocacy Policy Papers

Whereas policy papers should be commissioned by Council, and;

Whereas the current Mental Health, Experiential Learning, and Tuition Policy Papers are up for review, and;

Whereas the USC has no standing policy on housing, and;

Whereas housing affordability and quality is increasingly of concern to students and decision makers;

Be it resolved that Council commission policy papers on Mental Health, Experiential Learning, Tuition, and Housing to be completed in the 2023-2024 term.

AJAK/Haug/passes (unanimous)
Motion 7

Amendments to the Clubs Governance Board Terms of Reference

Whereas the current hiring process does not set Clubs Governance Board members up for success in the year, and;

Whereas changes to the Clubs Governance Board Terms of Reference require Council approval;

Be it resolved that Council approve changes to the Clubs Governance Board Terms of Reference so that members can be hired as part of a more structured process, and are able to start earlier in the school year.

AJAK/Wang/passes (unanimous)
Appendices

Appendix A
23/24 Executive Reports

Appendix B
Copy of Copy of Amending Council Composition Procedure

Appendix C
2023-2024 Commissioning Advocacy Policy Papers

Appendix D
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