



## 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**

<https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/99203585931>

**Meeting ID:** 992 0358 5931

**Passcode:** 116769

**Echo360:** 139357

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**



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- 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*
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- 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;

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**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**



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#### **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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