



#5 MEETING OF COUNCIL 2023/2024

TIME:

Wednesday
November 22, 2023
7:00PM

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November 29, 2023

PLACE:

Community Room

ZOOM INFO FOR OBSERVERS:

Isabella DiMenna is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: November Part 1

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/96725571699>

Meeting ID: 967 2557 1699

Passcode: 128268

Echo360:

1. **Call to Order (07:00pm)**
2. **Land Recognition**
3. **Western Song**
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Approval of Agenda**
6. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a.  20231025_(Minutes) Meeting of Council
7. **Comments from the Chair**
8. **Announcements**
9. **Presentations**
 - a. CASA (20 minutes)-*E. Poirier, Vice-President External Affairs*
 - b. Interfraternity & Panhellenic Council Relations (20 minutes)-*Ouslis, S., Eckenswiller, E., Walker, M., and Zolf, E.*
10. **Board of Directors Report**
11. **For Action**

For election

Board of Directors Hiring Panel ([Motion 1](#), [Appendix A](#))-*S. Ajak, USC President*

First Reading (to be heard on November 22, 2023)



Executive Reports

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

External Affairs Standing Committee

- a. CASA Referendum Question ([Motion 3](#), [Appendix C](#))-S. Ajak, USC President
- b. Motion to Establish Student Rental Experience Working Group (SREWG) ([Motion 4](#), [Appendix D](#)) - A. Wang, Social Science Councillor

Governance and Finance Standing Committee

- a. Motion Regarding Faculty Councils Account Policy ([Motion 5](#), [Appendix E](#))-S. Ajak, USC President

University Affairs Standing Committee

- a. Interfraternity & Panhellenic Council Relations ([Motion 6](#), [Appendix F](#))- S. Ajak, USC President
- b. Approval of the Student Mental Health Policy Paper ([Motion 7](#), [Appendix G](#))-S. Ajak, USC President

Meeting will adjourn until November 29, 2023 at 7:00

Second Reading (November 29, 2023)

12. For Action

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- d. Approval of the Student Mental Health Policy Paper ([Motion 7](#), [Appendix G](#))-S.
Ajak, USC President
- 13. For Information**
- 14. For Discussion**
 - a. LTC Negotiations-*E. Poirier, Vice-President External Affairs*
- 15. Questions and Comments from Western Community**
- 16. New Business**
- 17. Termination**



University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario

Motion 1

Selection of Councillor for the Board of Directors Hiring Committee

Be it resolved that Council elect one Councillor to sit on the Board of Directors Nominating Committee.

AJAK/Secunder



University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario

Motion 2

Executive Reports

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

AJAK/Secunder



Motion 3

CASA Referendum Question

Whereas, federal advocacy remains an important part of the USC's advocacy strategy.

Whereas, membership in a strong federal advocacy organization facilitates that strategy.

Whereas, the CASA report as written by the VP External Affairs recommends that the USC join CASA.

BIRT the USC council approve the following referendum question:

Should the USC join the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations at the cost of \$2.44 per full-time student, subject to an annual increase by CPI?

BIFRT the USC take the affirmative side and run a campaign on the affirmative.

AJAK/Secunder



Motion 4

Motion to Establish Student Rental Experience Working Group (SREWG)

Whereas, Canada is in the midst of an unprecedented housing crisis, which has prompted the USC to explore ways to improve the student housing experience at Western

Whereas, the overwhelming majority of upper-year students at Western rent off-campus housing

Whereas, a group of Ivey students, under the name of the "Student Rental Experience Project" (SREP) desires to collaborate with the USC in the form of a Working Group in order to help facilitate tenants' rights education and protection for student renters

BIRT Council create a Student Rental Experience Working Group (SRWEG) and approve its Terms of Reference as attached, with the purpose of "identifying challenges students experience while renting housing and developing solutions to combat those challenges"

WANG/Seconder



Motion 5

Faculty Councils Account Policy

Whereas Council requested a one-year review period when approving this policy in 2022, and

Whereas amendments have been made to align the policy with the current Executive structure,

BIRT Council approves the amended Faculty Council Accounts policy.

AJAK/Secunder



Motion 6

Interfraternity & Panhellenic Council Relations

Whereas, Fraternity and Sorority organizations represent over 1,000 undergraduate students on Western campus and are not being represented as a student group by the USC; and,

Whereas, the USC wishes to adopt an approach of restorative justice in its relationship with fraternities; and,

Whereas, both the Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council have expressed an interest in re-integrating into the USC Community; and,

Whereas, both Councils have provided written commitments to actively engage in anti-gender based violence education, as well as their policies and processes for addressing gender based violence should it occur;

Be it resolved that, the Interfraternity Council be provided with access and resources to gender based violence prevention education, access to USC spaces at no cost, and access to bookings on Concrete Beach,

Be it further resolved that, the Panhellenic Council be provided with access and resources to gender based violence prevention education, Sororities access to USC spaces at no cost for meetings, philanthropy and recruitment events, and access to bookings on Concrete Beach'

Be it further resolved that the USC commits to ongoing dialogue with both Councils,

Be it further resolved that all three parties agree to ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the relationship in the spirit of restorative justice, and

Be it further resolved that both organizations remain independent of each other, but remain in constant collaboration with each other as outlined.

AJAK/Ouslis



Motion 7

Approval of the Student Mental Health Policy Paper

Whereas The USC policy paper renewal cycle on the mental health paper is 2023-2024 term;

Whereas advocating for students within the mental health world needs to be a priority for the USC;

Be it resolved that The USC approves the new Student Mental Health Policy Paper.

AJAK/Secunder



Appendices

Appendix A

[Copy of 20231122_Selection of Councillor for the Board of Directors Hiring Committee](#)

Appendix B

[EXECUTIVE REPORTS](#)

Appendix C

[Copy of CASA Referendum Question Motion](#)

Appendix D

[Copy of 2023.11.07 - DRAFT Motion to Establish Student Rental Experience Working Group](#)

Appendix E

[20231106_Faculty Council Accounts Policy](#)

Appendix F

[Copy of 2023.10.25 Motion - Interfraternity & Panhellenic Council](#)

Appendix G

[Copy of Motion to Approve Mental Health Policy Paper](#)