



#6 MEETING OF COUNCIL (MINUTES) 2023/2024

TIME:

Wednesday
January 24, 2024
7:00PM

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January 31, 2024
7:00PM

PLACE:

Community Room

ZOOM INFO FOR OBSERVERS:

Isabella DiMenna is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

TOPIC: 6th USC meeting

TIME: January 24 and 31, 2024

07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

PART 1:

Join Zoom Meeting

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PART 2:

Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 558301

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PART 1: jan2024

PART 2: Jan2024part2

1. **Call to Order (07:03pm)**
2. **Land Recognition**
3. **Western Song**
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Approval of Agenda WANG/Ouslis/passes**
 - a. **AJAK/Salofsky/passes**



- i. **Move: OUSA elections to second part of the Council meeting 36/0/0**
 - ii. **Add: Presentation from VPCPA 36/0/0**
 - iii. **Move: vote on VPCPA motion in first half of meeting 36/0/0**
 - iv. **Move: EA Motions after exec reports 35/0/1**
 - v. **Add: In camera session after External Affairs Motions 35/0/1**
6. **Approval of Minutes LIAKAKOS/Sahni**
 - a. **20231122_(Minutes) Meeting of Council_5**
7. **Comments from the Chair**
8. **Announcements**
9. **Presentations**
 - a. Mark Daley, *Chief AI Officer* - 25 minutes
 - b. Climate Crisis Coalition - 10 minutes
 - c. Added: Changes to VPCPA Role-*T. Long, Vice-President Communications and Public Affairs*
10. **Board of Directors Report**
11. **For Action**

Motion 2 (00:02:25 of the January 24, 2024 recording) - [Appendix B](#)

Selection of Councillors for Executive Hiring Committees

Be it resolved that Council select three (3) Councillors to sit on the Executive Hiring Committees for the 2024-2025 hiring cycle.

S. AJAK/Tan/passes (unanimous)

Nominations:

Haug nominates Kermack, accepts

Tan nominates Ghattas, accepts

Liakakos self nominates

Motion 3 (00:03:35 of the January 31, 2024 recording) - [Appendix C](#)

Election of Councillor to Clubs Governance Board Selection Committee



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

S. AJAK/Ghattas/passes (unanimous)

Nominations

Sahni nominates DiStasi, accepts

Motion 4 (00:05:00 of the January 31, 2024 recording) - [Appendix D](#)

Election of Councillors to Purple Care Trustee Hiring Panel

Be it resolved that Council elect three (3) outgoing, non-returning Councillors to sit on the Purple Care Trustee Hiring Panel.

S. AJAK/Flaherty/passes

Nominations

Ghattas nominates Tan, accepts

Sahni nominates Chadha, accepts

Liakakos nominates Salofsky, accepts

Motion 5 (00:06:46 of the January 31, 2024 recording) - [Appendix E](#)

Election of Councillors to Speaker Hiring Panel

Be it resolved that Council elect two (2) outgoing, non-returning Councillors to sit on the Speaker Hiring Panel.

S. AJAK/MacDonald/passes (unanimous)

Nominations



Flaherty nominates Thornton, accepts
Ghattas nominates Lan, accepts

Motion 10 (01:09:55 of the January 24, 2024 recording) - [Appendix J](#)

**Motion Regarding Amending the Vice-President
Communications and Public Affairs Position**

Whereas the VP Communications and Public Affairs title and role are not clearly connected to the USC's Strategic Plan; and,

Whereas the role of VP Communications and Public Affairs currently has a much smaller applicant pool than that of other Vice-President positions;

Be it resolved that the title be changed to Vice-President Student Engagement;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 3 and the Executive Officers Terms of Reference be updated to include student engagement (as attached).

S.AJAK/Wang/passes (unanimous)

Meeting will adjourn until January 31, 2024 at 7:00
Liakakos/Ayele/no objections to adjourning at 9:58



**Second Reading (January 31, 2024)
Reconvene at 7:02**

Speaker: asks for a motion to suspend Robert's Rules to allow a presentation from Western Libraries; passes

12. For Action

Motion 1 (00:18:55 of the January 31, 2024 recording) - [Appendix A](#)

Election of OUSA Spring General Assembly Delegates

Be it resolved that council elect seven (7) delegates to represent Western at the OUSA Spring General Assembly 2024 in March.

S. AJAK/Elmaghraby

Motion 6 (01:7:35 of the January 31, 2024 recording) - [Appendix F](#)

Executive Reports

Be it resolved that Council accept the executive reports for January 2024.

AJAK/Liakakos

Motion 7 (01:08:42 of the January 31, 2024 recording) - [Appendix G](#)

University Affairs 2023-2024 Budget Submission



Whereas each year, the University Affairs Portfolio is responsible for the USC's Budget Submission to the university;

Whereas the Budget Submission should be reflective of the needs of the student body;

Whereas the Vice President University Affairs has identified recommendations related to has identified **Mental Health, Gender Equity, and Racial Equity** as crucial themes in our advocacy this year;

Be it Resolved that Council endorse the University Affairs Budget Submission

S. LIAKAKOS/Flaherty

Motion 8 (01:10:02 of the January 31, 2024 recording) - [Appendix H](#)

**Approval of Changing Experiential Learning to
Work integrated Learning Policy Paper**

Whereas Western USC has a well-written experiential learning paper that advocates for increasing experiential learning opportunities for students at Western and expanding these opportunities across all programs.

Whereas the current paper defines experiential learning as an umbrella term for Work-Integrated Learning (WIL), Community Engaged Learning (CEL), and Career-Integrated Learning (CIL), we hope to rebrand the paper to specifically focus on Work-Integrated Learning (WIL).

Whereas CEL and CIL are both integrated within the syllabi of courses, WIL is taken beyond course-work and is implemented through co-ops, internships, and practicums. Students must go through the application and interview process to acquire WIL opportunities, similar to what they will face post-graduation.

Whereas CEL and CIL are seen in many programs at Western, WIL can be further expanded upon.



Be it resolved that Council allow our current Experiential Learning Paper to be rebranded to a Work-Integrated Learning paper.

LIAKAKOS/MacDonald

Motion 9 (01:12:12 of the January 31, 2024 recording) - [Appendix I](#)

Motion Regarding Ratification of Board Amendment to Bylaw 1

Be it resolved that Council ratify the amendments to Bylaw 1 that were approved by the Board of Directors on January 12, 2024.

AJAK/Sasu

Motion 11 (01:13:08 of the January 31, 2024 recording) - [Appendix K](#)

Motion to Ratify Municipal Advocacy Week Recommendations

Whereas the USC is an important stakeholder in municipal affairs.

Whereas the USC is advocating on a variety of issues on behalf of students at the municipal level through Municipal Advocacy Week

Be it resolved that Council ratify the following recommendations for Municipal Advocacy Week 2024:

1. The City of London should reconvene the Town and Gown committee to discuss municipal post-secondary issues
2. The City of London should coordinate with Western University to ensure effective snow removal around campus borders
3. The City of London should include student housing in its Housing Supply Action Plan



4. The City of London should include business case #P-25 (Proactive Municipal Compliance) in its 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget
5. The City of London should include business case #P-51 (Transit Service Hours Growth) in its 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget
6. The City of London should include business case #P-53 (Road Safety Enhancements) in its 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget

S.AJAK/Kermack

Motion 12 (01:13:55 of the January 31, 2024 recording) - [Appendix L](#)

Motion on Stance on Increasing University Operating Grants

Whereas Ontario ranks last in provincial funding for postsecondary institutions

Whereas this places financial constraints on university budgets, driving up tuition costs

Whereas the Blue-Ribbon Panel on Ensuring Financial Sustainability for the Postsecondary Sector has outlined several recommendations on improving financial sustainability, including increasing operating grants through weighted grant units.

Be it resolved that: Council approve the following policy stance: “The Ministry of Colleges and Universities should make a one-time 10% increase in the Weighted Grant Unit funding for postsecondary institutions, with subsequent increases each year equal to increases in CPI or 2%, whichever is greater, as recommended by the Blue-Ribbon Panel Report”

S.AJAK/Ayele



Motion 13 (01:14:35 of the January 31, 2024 recording) - [Appendix M](#)

Motion to Expand Tuition Policy Paper Scope

Whereas the USC currently has no stances on university revenue sources outside of tuition

Whereas provincial operating grants are the other major source of funding for universities, and have not been increased since 2008

Whereas this has left universities at a crisis point for funding and has increased discussions of lifting the tuition freeze on domestic tuition and increasing tuition costs

Be it resolved that Council approve the expansion and renaming of the "Tuition Policy Paper" to the "Tuition and Sector Sustainability Policy Paper"

S.AJAK/Haug

13. For Information

- a. Update on Council Composition Review Procedure ([Appendix N](#))-S. Ajak, *USC President*

14. For Discussion

- a. LTC Negotiations-E. Poirier, *Vice-President External Affairs*

*FOR IN CAMERA SESSION: Ajak/Elmagrahby **Passes Unanimously***

15. Questions and Comments from Western Community

16. New Business

17. Termination

- a. **SALOFKY/Sasu/no objections**



Appendices

Appendix A

- 20240124_OUSA Delegate Election Motion Spring 2024

Appendix B

- 20240124_Selection of Councillors for Executive Hiring Committees

Appendix C

- 20240124_Selection of Councillors for the CGB Selection Committee

Appendix D

- 20240124_Selection of Councillors for the Purple Care Trustee Hiring Committee

Appendix E

- 20240124_Selection of Councillors for the Speaker Hiring Committee

Appendix F

- January - All Executive

Appendix G

- Copy of UA Budget Submission 23-24

Appendix H

- Copy of Experiential Learning to Work integrated Learning Policy Paper Motion

Appendix I

- 2024.01.24 Ratification of Board Amendment to Bylaw 1

Appendix J

- Copy of 2024.01.24 Motion - VPCPA Amendments

Appendix K

- Copy of Motion to Ratify Municipal Advocacy Week Recommendations

Appendix L

- Copy of Operating Grants Policy Stance Motion



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Appendix M

 Copy of Tuition Policy Paper Expansion Motion