



## #7 MEETING OF COUNCIL 2023/2024

**TIME:**

Wednesday  
February 14, 2023  
7:00PM

**PLACE:**

Community Room

**ZOOM INFO FOR OBSERVERS:**

Isabella DiMenna is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**TOPIC:** 7th USC meeting

**TIME:** February 14, 2023

07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**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. [20240124\\_\(Minutes\) Meeting of Council\\_6](#)
7. **Comments from the Chair**
8. **Announcements**
9. **Presentations**
  - a. VP Candidates - 2 minutes per candidate (Q&A - February 28, 2024)
  - b. EDID Strategic plan - *Opiyo Oloya, Associate Vice-President of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion* and *Lesley Oliver, EDI Specialist* (February 28, 2024) - 25 minutes
10. **Board of Directors Report**
11. **For Action**

**First Reading (to be heard on February 14, 2024)**

**Election**

- a. Motion to Elect Councillors to Student Rental Experience Working Group (SREWG) ([Motion 1](#), [Appendix A](#))



### **Executive Reports**

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

### **Governance and Finance Standing Committee**

- a. Motion Regarding Council Approval of USC Budget ([Motion 3](#), [Appendix C](#))-S. Ajak, *USC President*
- b. Motion to Request Financial Presentations from Western Gazette, Marching Band and Radio Western ([Motion 4](#), [Appendix D](#))- L. Crowe, *Kings President*

### **University Affairs Standing Committee**

- a. Motion to Approve Policy Recommendations LGBTQ2S+ Students on Western Campus ([Motion 5](#), [Appendix E](#))- S. Liakakos, *Social Science Councillor*
- b. Motion to Improve USC and HBK Relationship ([Motion 6](#), [Appendix F](#))- M. Rudranantha, *Brescia President*

**Meeting will adjourn until February 28, 2024 at 7:00**

## **Second Reading (February 28, 2024)**

### **12. Presentations**

- a. EDID Strategic plan - Opiyo Oloya, *Associate Vice-President of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion* and Lesley Oliver, *EDI Specialist* - 25 minutes
- b. VP Candidates - Q&A period - 25 minutes

### **13. For Action**

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### **14. For Information**



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- 15. For Discussion**
- 16. Questions and Comments from Western Community**
- 17. New Business**
- 18. Termination**



## **Motion 1**

### **Motion to Elect Councillors to 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** council voted, during its November sitting, to create the Student Rental Experience Working Group (SREWG) and approve its Terms of Reference

**Be It resolved that** Council elect three (3) Councillors at the second sitting of the February council meeting to participate in the working group, in line with its Terms of Reference

**MOVER/Seconder**



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## **Motion 2**

### **Executive Reports**

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

**MOVER/Seconder**



### **Motion 3**

#### **Motion Regarding Council Approval of USC Budget**

**Whereas**, students are facing many financial barriers as a result of a wider affordability crisis;  
and

**Whereas**, the USC has seen a shift in the ways that students are interacting with their studies  
and campus; and

**Whereas**, the USC recognizes the importance of rebuilding our connection with students and  
the need to really understand where students are coming from;

**Be it resolved that**, Council approve the 2024-2025 Executive Budget.

**Be it further resolved that**, Council approve the 2024-2025 Fee Bill.

**S.AJAK/Secunder**



#### **Motion 4**

### **USC Requesting Financial Standing Review and Presentation from Western Gazette, Marching Band and Radio Western**

**Whereas** the Governance and Finance Committee met to review the draft budget for USC where questions were raised around clarification on spending of the Western Gazette, Marching Band and Radio Western.

**Whereas** it is the right of the council to audit and question where the ancillary funding is being used.

**Whereas** the council wants to ensure that student funding is being allocated correctly and spent appropriately.

**Whereas** many students are currently facing many financial difficulties it is imperative a thorough audit of ancillary fees are conducted.

**Be it resolved that** the Western Gazette, Marching Band and Radio Western present a financial report and conduct an audit of their finances in a presentation for the council.

**L.CROWE/Seconder**



## **Motion 5**

### **Approval Policy Recommendations LGBTQ2S+ Students on Western Campus**

**Whereas** University Affairs Portfolio have been collaborating to find ways of better supporting queer and LGBTQ2S+ students on campus;

**Whereas** The USC does not currently have a stance regarding or identifying areas to support and remove barriers for LGBTQ2S+ students;

**Whereas** advocating on behalf students that have identified themes of lack of connection or sense of community for queer students on campus.

**Be it resolved that** The USC approves the policy stance on LGBTQ2S+ for Western Students on campus

**Be it further resolved that** The USC adopt two (2) recommendations presented in appendix.

**S. LIAKAKOS/Seconder**





## Motion 6

### Motion to Improve USC and HBK Relationship

**Whereas**, the USC represents over roughly 5000 affiliate students at the affiliates campus and 150 affiliate soph student leaders that are not being involved, respected or included by the USC.

**Whereas**, this is an opportunity for the USC to repair, amend and fix the fractured relationship between USC sophs and HBK sophs.

**Whereas**, given the integration of Brescia University to Western, this is an opportunity for the USC to show the importance of including and involving the affiliates universities.

**Whereas**, the HBK Head Soph Team has made attempts to try to fix this fractured relationship with the USC.

**Be it resolved that** the USC improve communications and increase the inclusion with the HBK Head Soph Team and Soph leaders.

**Be it further resolved that** the HBK are well represented on the USC social Media. Including posting about the affiliate soph teams to redirect students towards the affiliate instagram pages. To ensure equal exposure to main campus soph teams.

**Be it further resolved that** the USC provides updated information about HBK on the USC orientation website.

**Be it further resolved that** the USC begin to foster a positive and inclusive environment for all team members.

**Be it further resolved** the USC includes into the soph training discussion around respect towards all teams and individuals which include the HBK sophs.

**Be it further resolved that** the USC actively works towards a more equitable treatment towards all teams which includes the HBK equally with western teams.

**Be it further resolved that** the USC hold space for HBK Head Soph Team and LST Members and sophs to provide feedback and hold the USC accountable



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**Be it further resolved that** the USC should advocate for all students including HBK and advocate for Western about issues that sophs raise during O week.

**Be it further resolved that** the training to main campus soph teams on HBK to include where the campuses are and what the teams look like to adequately direct students correctly.

**MOVER/Seconder**



## Appendices

### Appendix A

[Copy of 2023.01.15 - Motion to Elect Councillors to Student Rental Experience Working G...](#)

### Appendix B

Executive Reports

### Appendix C

[20240205\\_Council Approval of USC Budget](#)

### Appendix D

[Copy of 2023.02.14 Motion for Financial Presentations](#)

### Appendix E

[Copy of LGBTQAI Stance](#)

### Appendix F

[Copy of HBK Head Sophs Clause](#)