



#9 MEETING OF COUNCIL 2023/2024 (MINUTES)

TIME:

Wednesday
April 24, 2024
7:00PM

PLACE:

Zoom

ZOOM INFO FOR OBSERVERS:

Isabella DiMenna is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

TOPIC: 9th USC meeting

TIME: April 24, 2024

07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: USC meeting #9

Time: Apr 23, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/95071973086>

Meeting ID: 950 7197 3086

Passcode: 964383

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1. Call to Order (07:12pm)
2. Land Recognition
3. Western Song
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Agenda (Kermack/Flaherty/approved as amended)
 - a. ADD: Bill 166 Recommendations Kermack/Salofsky/no objections
6. Approval of Minutes (Ghattas/MacDonald/approved)
 - a. [20240320 \(Minutes\) Meeting of Council 8](#)
7. Comments from the Chair
8. Announcements
9. Presentations
10. Board of Directors Report
11. For Action



Executive Reports

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

KERMACK/Salofsky/passes (unanimous)

Motion 2 (00:42:43 of the April 24, 2024 recording) - [Appendix B](#)

Motion to Approve USC Housing Policy Paper

Whereas, housing has become a growing concern for Western students and students across the country.

Whereas, the USC has limited current stances on housing issues, hindering its ability to advocate on housing.

Whereas, Council has tasked the Executive to create a housing policy paper to support this advocacy.

Be it resolved that Council approve the Housing Policy Paper.

S.AJAK/Ghattas/passes (unanimous)

Motion 3 (00:44:55 of the April 24, 2024 recording) - [Appendix C](#)

Motion Regarding Official Council Stance for Food Insecurity

Whereas, Food insecurity among post-secondary students in Canada is a significant concern, impacting their mental health, physical well-being, and academic performance.

Whereas, The USC currently lacks an official stance on food insecurity, which impedes the development of effective advocacy, policies, and programs to address this issue.



Be it resolved that, The USC commits to advocating for the implementation of long-term strategies that address food insecurity among students, enhance their well-being, and ensure access to nutritious and sustainable food options.

S.AJAK/Batista/passes (unanimous)

Motion 4 (00:47:38 of the April 24, 2024 recording) - [Appendix D](#)

Motion to Approve USC Tuition and Sector Sustainability Policy Paper

Whereas, tuition and the financial sustainability of the post-secondary sector are issues that impact student experience and access to post-secondary education.

Whereas, the USC's current policy paper on tuition is set to expire at the end of this council term

Whereas, the USC currently has limited to no stances on government funding to post-secondary institutions and other sources of funding, the lack of which may cause tuition to rise

Whereas, Council has tasked the Executive to create a Tuition and Sector Sustainability policy paper to support this advocacy

Be it resolved that Council approve the Tuition and Sector Sustainability Policy Paper, to expire in the 2025-2026 council term.

Be it further resolved that starting in the 2025-2026 council term, the Tuition and Sector Sustainability Policy Paper always be renewed in the same council term as the Student Financial Aid Policy Paper.

S.AJAK/Ratanshi/passes (unanimous)

Motion 5 (00:50:39 of the April 24, 2024 recording) - [Appendix E](#)

Approval of the Experiential and Work Integrated Learning Policy paper



Whereas The USC policy paper renewal cycle on the experiential learning paper is 2023-2024 term;

Whereas advocating for a strong learning and academic experience for students is a priority for the USC;

Whereas the Vice President University Affairs has run consultations, conducted research, ran focus group and produced an Experiential and Work- Integrated Policy Paper;

Be it resolved that The USC approve the renewed Experiential and Work-Integrated Learning Policy Paper

R. MACDONALD/Salofsky/passes (unanimous)

Motion 6 ADDED (00:53:09 of the April 24, 2024 recording)

Bill 166 Motion

Whereas, the USC has no standing recommendations that would allow the external affairs portfolio to comment on Bill 166.

Whereas, the Bill has the potential to have a big impact on students' experiences on campus.

BIRT Council approve the following recommendations:

1. The Minister should require in her Directive that Student Mental Health and Racism and Discrimination Policies should be reviewed every 2 years instead of every 5
2. The Minister should require in her Directive that student input in the review process, including the involvement of student associations
3. The Minister should require in her Directive institutions to provide voluntary training to members of the campus community on the policies' content and processes
4. The Minister should require in her Directive that policies for student mental health include information on short and long-term accommodation
5. The Minister should require in her Directive that policies for student mental health include:
 - a. Reporting processes
 - b. Timelines within complaints



- c. Accommodations for students subject to incidents of hate
- d. Appeals process
- 6. The Minister should require that the annual report to the Board of Governors include data around number of and nature of reports and other efforts around addressing racism and religious discrimination

KERMACK/Jan/passes (unanimous)

12. For Information

13. For Discussion

14. Questions and Comments from Western Community

15. New Business

16. Termination Wasty/Kermack/no objections 8:06

[20240424 Meeting #9 Voting Record](#)



Appendices

Appendix A

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[Gazette Complaint Procedure](#)

Appendix B

[Housing Policy Paper Motion](#)

Appendix C

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Appendix D

[Tuition and Sector Sustainability Policy Paper Motion](#)

Appendix E

[EL/WIL Motion](#)