



#04 MEETING OF COUNCIL 2024/2025

TIME:

Wednesday,
November 27, 2024
7 PM

PLACE:

Community room
269C

ZOOM INFO FOR OBSERVERS:

Matteen Pezeshki is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

TOPIC: USC meeting

TIME: Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024 Time Zone(US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/92973379260>

Meeting ID: 929 7337 9260

Passcode:

Turning Point:

1. **Call to Order (insert time)**
2. **Land Recognition** (Shreya Menon)
3. **Western Song**
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a.
6. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a.  20241030_(Minutes) Meeting of Council
7. **Comments from the Chair**
8. **Announcements**
9. **Presentations**
10. **Board of Directors Report**
 - a. Board Update and Highlights - Ethan Berry, Chair (20 Minutes)
11. **For Action**

For Election

 - a. Election of Councillor to Board of Directors Nominating Committee ([Motion 1](#), [Appendix A](#)) - E. Kalaydjian, President
 - b. Election of Councillors to Purple Care Trustee Hiring Panel ([Motion 2](#), [Appendix B](#)) - E. Kalaydjian, President



For Ratification

- a. Motion to Ratify Updated Standing Committee Membership ([Motion 3](#), [Appendix C](#)) - *E. Kalaydjian, President*

First Reading (to be heard on November 27, 2024)

External Affairs Standing Committee

- a. Motion to Approve USC Pedestrian Safety & Transit Position Paper ([Motion 5](#), [Appendix E](#)) - *E. Kalaydjian, President*

University Affairs Standing Committee

- a. Human Rights-Based Divestment Motion ([Motion 6](#), [Appendix F](#)) - *Hussain Jan, Science Councillor*

12. Termination (insert time)

Meeting will adjourn until December 4, 2024 at 7:00



Second Reading (December 4, 2024)

12. Presentations

- a. Budget Process Presentation - E. Kalaydjian, USC President (20 Minutes)
- b. Executive Reports - E. Kalaydjian, President
- c. Executive Reports - M. Batista, VPUA
- d. Executive Reports - M. Wodchis-Johnson, VPEA
- e. Executive Reports - S. Fullerton, VPOP
- f. Executive Reports - D. Klapper, VPSS
- g. Executive Reports - S. Menon, VPSE

13. For Action

Executive Reports

- b. Motion to Approve Executive Reports ([Motion 4](#), [Appendix D](#))

External Affairs Standing Committee

- b. Motion to Approve USC Pedestrian Safety & Transit Position Paper ([Motion 5](#), [Appendix E](#)) - *E. Kalaydjian, President*

University Affairs Standing Committee

- b. Human Rights-Based Divestment Motion ([Motion 6](#), [Appendix F](#)) - *Hussain Jan, Science Councillor*

14. Questions and Comments from Western Community

15. New Business

16. Termination (insert time)



University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario

Motion 1

Election of Councillor to Board of Directors Nominating Committee

Be it resolved that Council elect one (1) Councillor to sit on the Board of Directors Nominating Committee.

E. KALAYDJIAN/Seconder



Motion 2

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.

E. KALAYDJIAN/Secunder



Motion 3

Motion to Ratify Updated Standing Committee Membership

Be it resolved, that Council ratify the updated 2024/2025 Standing Committees:

External Advocacy Standing Committee

Chair: Hussain Naseer UI Haq

Vice-Chair: Margaret Gleed

Secretary: Jane Yang

Mihir Pandya

Parsa Sadeghian

Mauritius Sarofiem

Habiba Hussein

Benjamin Boulanger (R)

Chichi Sharma

Fatima Khan

Emrys Bourdeau

Taliya Rizvi (R)

University Affairs Standing Committee

Chair: Richard Li

Vice-Chair: Jenna Ijam

Secretary: Ridley Smith

Grace Gall (R)

Chantel Bennett

George Triantafillakis

Liam Solomon

Asha Saha

Saad Ahmad

Angela Teoderascu

Carl Lubano

Virginia Johnson Steeves

Sophia Ratanshi

Yu Xin (Steve) Xia (R)

Noah Matsakawo

Chloe Vanderlugt

Vishnu Sripathi



Olivia Kyriakopoulos
Sophia Ratanshi
Grace Gillet
Ricardo Soto
Elsie Thomson

Governance and Finance Standing Committee

Chair: Ryan Malabanan
Vice- Chair: Tessa Smith
Secretary: Melissa Avigliano
Ziad Anan
Melissa Avigliano
Aidan Bobkowicz
Gregory Chai
Ethan Dreyshner
Emma Watt
Gregory Chai
Paige Howlett
Maria Parisis
Gayatri Sharma
Nadine Nossibeh
Hala Kayed
Yara Ubaidat (R)

E. KALAYDJIAN/Seconder



University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario

Motion 4

Executive Reports

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

E. KALAYDJIAN/Seconder



Motion 5

Motion to Approve USC Pedestrian Safety & Transit Position Paper

Whereas, transit and pedestrian safety is an issue that affects all students and staff at Western;

Whereas, the USC's transit policy and pedestrian safety policy are expired and outdated;

Whereas, updated recommendations must be utilized in our advocacy to Western, the city, and the provincial and federal governments;

Be it resolved that Council pass the Pedestrian Safety & Transit Position Paper.

E. KALAYDJIAN/Seconder



Motion 6

Human Rights-Based Divestment Advocacy and Student Poll

Whereas, responsible investment is integral to Western University's values and the USC's mission of ethical governance.

Whereas, on May 2, 2024, the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights presented a report "urging investors to integrate human rights considerations into their environmental, social, and governance (ESG) and sustainability approaches, to align them with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights."

Whereas, human rights considerations should form a critical component of responsible investing practices.

Whereas, ongoing University investments in companies allegedly violating human rights standards could undermine Western's commitment to ethical practices.

Be it resolved that the USC formally advocates that Western University incorporate human rights considerations into its investment policy, specifically divesting from companies that engage in or are complicit in human rights abuses, as defined by United Nations standards, including but not limited to weapons manufacturers.

Be it further resolved that (BIFRT) the USC conducts a campus-wide survey poll on this issue, which includes the question:

"Should the University Students' Council advocate that Western University incorporate human rights considerations into its investment policy, specifically divesting from companies that engage in or are complicit in human rights abuses, as defined by United Nations standards, including but not limited to weapons manufacturers?"

BIFRT the USC runs a minimum two-week informational campaign that begins a minimum of one week before the release of the survey to provide students with information to make an educated response.

BIFRT the USC will bring the findings of the survey and their formal recommendations forward to significant university stakeholders.

H. JAN/Seconder



Appendices

Appendix A

- ☰ Copy of Motion Regarding the Selection of Councillor for the Board of Directors Hiring Co...

Appendix B

- ☰ Copy of Motion Regarding the Selection of Councillors for the Purple Care Trustee Hiring ...

Appendix C

- ☰ Copy of Motion To Ratify Updated Standing Committee Membership

Appendix D

Insert Executive Reports

Appendix E

- ☰ Copy of Pedestrian Safety & Transit Position Paper Motion (2024)

Appendix F

- ☰ Human Rights-Based Divestment Motion