



#04 MEETING OF COUNCIL 2024/2025 **MINUTES**

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

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Meeting ID: 929 7337 9260

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Turning Point: 745397

1. **Call to Order (7:16 PM)**
2. **Land Recognition** (Shreya Menon)
3. **Western Song**
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Approval of Agenda** (LI/Jan)
6. **Approval of Minutes** (BENNETT/Matsakawo)
 - a. **20241030_(Minutes) Meeting of Council**
7. **Comments from the Chair**
8. **Announcements**
9. **Presentations (Dec. 4th, Second Part of the Nov. 27th Meeting)**
 - 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
10. **Board of Directors Report**
 - a. Board Update and Highlights - Ethan Berry, Chair (20 Minutes)



11. For Action

Motion 1 (00:35:18 of the November 27, 2024 recording) - [Appendix A](#)

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/G. Chai (*passes*)

Motion 2 (00:40:20 of the November 27, 2024 recording) - [Appendix B](#)

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/G. Sharma (*passes*)

Motion 3 (00:44:00 of the November 27, 2024 recording) - [Appendix C](#)

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)
Jaskaran Singh Beniwal (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

Hussain Jan

Aidan Bobkowicz

Gregory Chai

Ethan Dreyshner

Emma Watt

Gregory Chai

Paige Howlett

Maria Parisis

Gayatri Sharma

Nadine Nossibeh

Hala Kayed

Yara Ubaidat ®

1. *Amendment - Add Hussain Jan to Governance and Finance listing (JAN/second)*
 - a. *Passes, unanimous*
2. *Amendment - Remove duplication of G. Chai (CHAI/second)*
 - a. *Passes, unanimous*

E. KALAYDJIAN/ Z. Anan (passes)

Termination (7:58) (G. CHAI/M.Gleed)

Second Reading (December 4, 2024)

Motion 4 (00:48:30 of the December 4, 2024 recording) - [Appendix D](#)

Executive Reports

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

E. KALAYDJIAN/F. Khan (passes)



Motion 5 (01:07:10 of the December 4, 2024 recording) - [Appendix E](#)

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/M. Parisis (passes)

Motion 7 (ADDED) (01:27:40 of the December 4, 2024 recording)

Suspend Robert's Rules of Order

Be it resolved that Council suspend the council's procedure to allow the introduction of an additional section for community members to speak prior to motion 6.

M. SAROFIEM/H. Jan (fails)

Motion 6 (01:19:13 of the December 4, 2024 recording) - [Appendix F](#)

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.

Amendment - Add appendix as addendum to the original motion - H. Jan, G. Sharma (Passes)

H. JAN/J. Ijam (passes)



- 12. Questions and Comments from Western Community**
- 13. New Business**
- 14. Termination (9:09PM) - *H.Jan***



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

- ☰ Copy of Council Executive Report - November

Appendix E

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

Appendix F

- ☰ Human Rights-Based Divestment Motion

- ☒ 20241127 Meeting #4 Voting Record