



#06 MEETING OF COUNCIL 2024/2025

TIME:

Part 1: Wednesday,
February 12, 2025
7PM

Part 2: Wednesday,
February 26, 2025
7:00 PM

PLACE:

Part 1: Zoom (moved
from UCC 269)
Part 2: UCC 269

ZOOM INFO FOR OBSERVERS:

Matteen Pezeshki is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

TOPIC: 6th USC meeting

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/96465823893>

Meeting ID: 964 6582 3893

Passcode:

Echo Poll: 295387

1. **Call to Order (7:02)**
 2. **Land Recognition** (E. Kalaydjian, President)
 3. **Western Song**
 4. **Roll Call**
 5. **Approval of Agenda (N. Matsakawo/A. Saha)**
 6. **Approval of Minutes (G. Chai/N. Matsakawo)**
 - a. **20250122_(Minutes) Meeting of Council**
 7. **Comments from the Chair**
 8. **Announcements - non voting items only**
 9. **Presentations**
 - a. Executive Reports - E. Kalaydjian, President
 - b. Executive Reports - M. Batista, VPUA
 - c. Executive Reports - M. Wodchis-Johnson, VPEA
 - d. Executive Reports - S. Fullerton, VPOP
 - e. Executive Reports - D. Klapper, VPSS
 - f. Executive Reports - S. Menon, VPSE
 10. **Board of Directors Report**
 - a. Board Update and Highlights - Ethan Berry, Chair (20 Minutes)
- Recess (7:53-7:58 PM)



11. For Action

For Election

- A. Motion to Elect Three (3) Outgoing Council Representatives to the Hired VP Panel ([Motion 1](#), [Appendix A](#)) (E. Kalaydjian, G. Chai)
 - i. 2 Minutes Speech, 30 seconds for questions (10 minutes maximum)
 - 1. Nominees: M. Avigliano, A. Saha, G. Triantafillakis, A. Teodorascu
 - 2. Successful Candidates: M. Avigliano, A. Saha, A. Teodorascu

Executive Reports

- A. Motion to Approve Executive Reports ([Motion 2](#), [Appendix B](#)) (E. Kalaydjian, N. Matsakawo)

Governance and Finance Standing Committee

- A. Motion to Approve Amendments Standing Committee Terms of Reference ([Motion 3](#), [Appendix C](#)) - E. Kalaydjian, USC President, R. Soto
- B. Motion to Approve Amendments to Constituency Council President Terms of Reference ([Motion 4](#), [Appendix D](#)) - E. Kalaydjian, N. Matsakawo
- C. Motion to Approve Amendments to Peer Support Centre Usage Policy ([Motion 7](#), [Appendix G](#)) - E. Kalaydjian, USC President, M. Pandya

First Reading (to be heard on February 12, 2025)

Governance and Finance Standing Committee

- A. Motion to remove the Health Science Resource Members from the USC ([Motion 5](#), [Appendix E](#)) - G. Triantafillakis, Health Sciences President, A. Teoderascu
- B. Motion Regarding Council Approval of USC Budget ([Motion 6](#), [Appendix F](#)) - E. Kalaydjian, (seconder required in part 2)
 - a. Motion: Brief Budget Presentation/Budget - Overview E. Kalaydjian/R. Malabanan (passes)
 - i. In favor: 28
 - ii. Opposed: 0
 - iii. Abstain: 0

University Affairs Standing Committee

- A. Motion to Approve the BIPOC and Religious Students Position Paper ([Motion 8](#), [Appendix H](#)) - E. Kalaydjian, (seconder required in part 2)

Meeting will adjourn until February 26, 2025 at 7:00 PM (R. Malabanan, M. Avigliano)



Meeting resumed February 26, 2025 at 7:00 PM

9. Presentations

- A. VP Candidates Presentations (February 26, 2025) - Pt. 1: UA Candidates will have 3 minutes per candidate speech, Total Q&A time allotment 30 minutes for general questions, 15 minutes for individual questions; Pt. 2: EA Candidates will have 3 minutes per candidate speech, Total Q&A time allotment 30 minutes for general questions, 15 minutes for individual questions; Simply Vote Closes on February 28th

Second Reading (February 26, 2025, 7:00 PM):

Governance and Finance Standing Committee

- C. Motion to remove the Health Science Resource Members from the USC ([Motion 5](#), [Appendix E](#)) - G. Triantafillakis, *Health Sciences President*
- D. Motion Regarding Council Approval of USC Budget ([Motion 6](#), [Appendix F](#)) - E. Kalaydjian, *USC President*

University Affairs Standing Committee

- B. Motion to Approve the BIPOC and Religious Students Position Paper ([Motion 8](#), [Appendix H](#)) - E. Kalaydjian, *USC President*

- 12. **For Information** - *non voting items, agenda submission required*
- 13. **For Discussion** - *non voting items, agenda submission required*
- 14. **Questions and Comments from Western Community**
- 15. **New Business** - *time-sensitive, voting items only*
- 16. **Termination** (0)



Motion 1

Motion to Elect Three (3) Outgoing Council Representatives to the Hired VP Recruitment Panel (58:26)

Whereas: The hiring process for the hired Vice-President roles requires three (3) outgoing Councillors to sit on the panel; and

Whereas: The interview process will take place in person in March, 2025;

Be it resolved that: Council elect three (3) outgoing Councillors to sit on the Vice-President hiring panel.

E. KALAYDJIAN/G. Chai



University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario

Motion 2 (01:22:06)

Motion to Approve Executive Reports

Be it resolved that Council accept the executive reports for February 2025.

E. KALAYDJIAN/N. Matsakawo



Motion 3 (01:23:20)

Motion to Approve Amendments Standing Committee Terms of Reference

Whereas: The USC conducts continuous review of all documents in its policy manual on a rolling basis;

Whereas: The current Standing Committee Terms of Reference require amendments to improve clarity, streamline responsibilities, and align committee activities with USC's strategic goals;

Be it resolved that: Council approves the proposed revisions to the Standing Committee Terms of Reference.

E. KALAYDJIAN/R. Soto



Motion 4 (01:24:47)

Amendments to Constituency Council President Terms of Reference

Whereas: The USC conducts continuous review of all documents in its policy manual on a rolling basis;

Whereas: The Constituency Council President Terms of Reference requires minor changes that aim to improve the clarity, transparency, and organization of the document, ensuring that Constituency Council Presidents can effectively fulfill their responsibilities;

Be it resolved that: Council approves the proposed revisions to the Constituency Council President Terms of Reference.

E. KALAYDJIAN/N. Matsakawo



Motion 5

Motion to remove the Health Science Resource Members from the USC

Whereas: Health Sciences is the only faculty with resource members voted on through the USC election, causing overrepresentation and confusion as programs already have councillor representation.

Whereas: This has led to inequities and confusion during elections, giving Health Sciences more voices in council compared to other faculties.

Be it resolved that: The USC Policy Manual Council Composition Procedure be amended to remove the Presidents of the Associations of Nursing, Kinesiology, and Health Studies as Non-Voting members.

Be it further resolved that: The USC only elects the FHSSC President and the four USC Councillors from the faculty of Health Sciences.

G. TRIANTAFILLAKIS/A. Teoderascu



Motion 6

Motion Regarding Council Approval of USC Budget

Whereas, the cost of living is a concern to students, and;

Whereas, the political environment is changing rapidly, and the USC needs to be well positioned to respond, and;

Be it resolved that, Council approve the 2025-2026 Executive Budget.

Be it further resolved that, Council approve the 2025-2026 Fee Bill.

E. KALAYDJIAN/Secunder



Motion 7 (01:26:22)

Motion to Approve Amendments to Peer Support Centre Usage Policy

Whereas: The USC conducts continuous review of all documents in its policy manual on a rolling basis;

Whereas: The current Peer Support Centre Usage Policy contains outdated references and lacks clarity in some areas;

Whereas: Unclear space usage principles and governance structures may affect the accessibility and effectiveness of the service;

Be it resolved that: Council approves the proposed revisions to the Peer Support Centre Usage Policy.

E. KALAYDJIAN/M. Pandya



Motion 8

Motion to Approve BIPOC and Religious Students Position Paper

Whereas, the USC's policy paper addressing the needs of BIPOC and religious students on campus is soon to expire from the USC's policy library;

Whereas, the university community is increasingly diverse, and students from BIPOC and religious backgrounds face unique challenges that must be addressed to ensure equitable access to opportunities and support;

Whereas, advocating for BIPOC and religious students is a critical priority for the USC, aligning with our mission of fostering an inclusive campus community;

Whereas, consultations have been conducted with students and university stakeholders, and a BIPOC and Religious Students Policy Paper has been developed in response;

Be it resolved that council approves the BIPOC and Religious Students Policy Paper.

E. KALAYDJIAN/Seconder



Appendices

Appendix A

[Copy of Motion to Elect 3 Outgoing Council Representatives to the Hired VP Recruitment ...](#)

Appendix B

[Copy of February Executive Report](#)

Appendix C

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Appendix E

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Appendix F

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Appendix G

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Appendix H

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