#### **#02 MEETING OF COUNCIL 2025/2026**

TIME:

Wednesday August 20, 2025

6PM

PLACE: Zoom **ZOOM INFO FOR OBSERVERS:** 

Armaan Jassal is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**TOPIC:** 2nd USC meeting

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Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 945 3033 5611

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- 1. Call to Order ()
- 2. Land Recognition
- 3. Western Song
- 4. Roll Call
- **5.** Approval of Agenda(MOVER/Seconder)
- **6.** Approval of Minutes (MOVER/Seconder)
  - a. 2025.07.27 (Minutes) Meeting of Council 1
- 7. Comments from the Chair
- 8. Announcements
- 9. Presentations
  - a. Executive Reports K. Henricus, President
  - b. Executive Reports J. Ijam, VPUA
  - c. Executive Reports O. Sayyed, VPEA
  - d. Executive Reports R. Whelpley, VPOP
  - e. Executive Reports W. Masse, VPSS
  - f. Executive Reports S. Ahmad, VPSE
  - g. Election Policy Reform K. Henricus, President 15 min.
- 10. Board of Directors Report Grace Wu
- 11. For Action



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#### **Executive Reports**

a. Motion to Approve Executive Reports (Motion 1, Appendix A) - K. Henricus, USC President

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

- a. Elections Policy Reform (Motion 2, Appendix B) K. Henricus, USC President
- b. Amend the OUSA Delegate Selection Policy (<u>Motion 3</u>, <u>Appendix C</u>) *K. Henricus*, *USC President* 
  - i. Chair Note: This item was submitted after the agenda deadline and was therefore unable to move through the standard standing committee review process. However, it meets the threshold of new business under the Standing Orders and has been placed on the agenda For Action for Council's consideration as approved by ACOSC.

#### **External Affairs Standing Committee**

- c. Federal Budget Submission Recommendations (<u>Motion 4</u>, <u>Appendix D</u>) *K. Henricus, USC President*
- 12. For Information
- 13. For Discussion
- 14. Questions and Comments from Western Community
- 15. New Business
- **16.** Termination ()(Mover/Seconder)



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## Motion 1

## **Executive Reports**

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

K. HENRICUS/Seconder/pass or fail

#### Motion 2

#### **Elections Policy Reform**

**Whereas** The USC has experienced procedural and perception-related challenges in the administration and oversight of election complaints;

**Whereas** trust in student elections depends on transparent, consistent, and independent complaint resolution processes;

**Whereas** the proposed *USC Electoral Code* and related governance reforms aim to improve structural oversight, streamline complaint triaging, and provide clear education and expectations for all candidates and elections adjudicators;

**Whereas** these changes are informed by legal counsel, operational review, and student consultation, and align with USC's broader commitment to democratic integrity;

**Be it resolved** that Council approves the implementation of the Electoral Code and accompanying elections governance reforms for the 2025 - 2026 elections cycle.

K. HENRICUS/Seconder/pass/fail

#### Motion 3

# Amendments to the OUSA Delegate Selection Policy to Enable Affinity-Based Representation

**Whereas**: The current USC delegate selection policy for OUSA General Assemblies does not include any provision for prioritizing the inclusion of students with lived experience related to equity-deserving groups when such communities are the subject of policy papers.

**Whereas:** This gap in representation risks undermining the effectiveness and legitimacy of the USC's advocacy at OUSA by failing to include voices with direct insight into the issues being debated.

**Be it resolved that:** Council approve an amendment to the OUSA Delegate Selection Policy to reserve one voting delegate seat for self-identifying students when a policy paper under consideration substantially addresses the concerns of an affinity or equity-deserving group

**Be it further resolved that:** This policy shall be implemented as a pilot for the Fall 2025 OUSA General Assembly and be subject to a formal review by April 2026, with a recommendation brought to Council no later than August 2026.

K. HENRICUS/Seconder/pass/fail

#### Motion 4

## **Federal Budget Submission Recommendations**

**Whereas** the federal government will be accepting written submissions for the pre-budget consultations in advance of the upcoming 2026 federal budget;

**Be it resolved that** the Agenda and Operations Standing Committee of Council approves the 2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission Recommendations.

K. HENRICUS/Seconder/pass or fail



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## **Appendices**

## Appendix A

**INSERT REPORTS** 

## Appendix B

■ Motion\_Election Policy Reform

## Appendix C

■ Motion to Amend OUSA Delegate Selection Policy

## Appendix D

■ Federal Budget Submission Recommendations August 20, 2025