#02 MEETING OF COUNCIL 2025/2026 MINUTES

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

TIME: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 @ 6PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

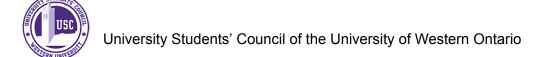
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- 1. Call to Order (6:03 PM)
- 2. Land Recognition
- 3. Western Song
- 4. Roll Call
- **5.** Approval of Agenda(O. Bowes/O. Chou)
 - a. moved
- **6.** Approval of Minutes (P. Adikari/M. Whiteside)
 - a. 2025.07.27 (Minutes) Meeting of Council 1
 - b. moved
- 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



a. Motion for Recess (A. Jassal/H. Wasty) - Recess until 7:09 PMi. Passes

11. For Action

Motion 1 (1:10:27 of the August 20, 2025 recording) - Appendix A

Executive Reports

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

K. HENRICUS/M. Whiteside/pass

Motion 2 (1:14:27 of the August 20, 2025 recording) - Appendix B

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/S. Abedi/pass

Motion 3 (1:17:29 of the August 20, 2025 recording) - Appendix C

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.

Motion to Amend s. 2.4 to strike "and bringing forward the results of the selection process to the External Affairs Standing Committee for approval."

K. HENRICUS/H. Wasty/passes

K. HENRICUS/H. Wasty/passes

Motion 4 (1:40:05 of the August 20, 2025 recording) - Appendix D

Federal Budget Submission Recommendations



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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/H. Wasty/passes

- 12. For Information
- 13. For Discussion
- 14. Questions and Comments from Western Community
- 15. New Business
- 16. Termination (P. Adikari/O. Chou) Termination 7:44

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Appendices

Appendix A

August Council Executive Report _2025.08.20.pdf

Appendix B

■ Motion_Election Policy Reform

Appendix C

■ Motion to Amend OUSA Delegate Selection Policy

Appendix D

- Federal Budget Submission Recommendations August 20, 2025
- 20250820 Voting Records