



## #7 MEETING OF COUNCIL 2025/2026

**TIME:**

Part 1:  
February 25, 2026  
6:30 PM

Part 2:  
March 4, 2026  
6:30 PM

**PLACE:**

Part 1: UCC 269,  
Community Room

Part 2: UCC 269,  
Community Room

**ZOOM INFO FOR OBSERVERS:**

Armaan Jassal is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**TOPIC:** USC meeting**TIME:** 6:30 PM

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**Join Zoom Meeting:**

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**Meeting ID:** 945 3033 5611**Passcode:** 795889**Echo360 Part 1:** 341711**Echo360 Part 2:** 795889**Echo Login Instructions:**  Logging in to Echo 360

1. **Call to Order (6:35 PM)**
2. **Land Recognition**
  - a. Delivered by Kathleena Henricus (USC President)
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Approval of Agenda (O. Chou/J. McKenzie)**
5. **Approval of Minutes (D.Thompson/A. Bobkowicz)**
  - a.  20260121\_(Minutes) Meeting of Council (2 parts)
    - i. Amendment - Inclusion of budget presentation after the reading of motion 7 (K. Henricus/T. Turke) - passes
6. **Comments from the Chair**
7. **Announcements**
  - a. Comments from Steve Xia, Incoming USC President
8. **Board of Directors Report**



- a. Delivered by Grace Wu, *Chair of the Board of Directors (max 15 mins, Q&A permitted)*

## 9. Presentations

- a. VPUA & VPEA Candidate Presentations (*Max 3 minutes per candidate for initial introductory speeches, up to 2 minutes per question response, Total Q&A time allotment 30 minutes for general questions, 15 minutes for individual questions per candidate type .*) ([Motion 1](#), [Appendix A](#))
  - i. Chairs Notes - Guidelines for Councillors and Candidates:
    1. All incoming and outgoing councillors (voting and non-voting) may ask questions; observers and proxies may not
    2. Incoming councillors may ask questions from the gallery and must state their name and position
    3. Questions must be single-part, clearly identified as general (for all candidates to answer) or specific (for one candidate to answer), and no longer than one minute to convey
    4. Candidates have up to two minutes to respond; time extensions are not permitted per question.
    5. Speaker maintains the speakers' list and closes Q&A when time expires or the list is exhausted (whichever happens first)
    6. VPUA and VPEA candidates deliver opening remarks of up to three minutes each
    7. Each VP Q&A section includes up to 30 minutes of general questions (ie. one question that all candidates answer) and 15 minutes of targeted questions (ie. one question that one candidate answers)
    8. Only eligible incoming and outgoing voting members may vote; proxy holders do not vote.
    9. Some voters may be casting both outgoing and incoming ballots (if they belong to an exempt group). Those individuals will receive a separate email with instructions on how to proceed.
    10. Voting links will be issued via SimplyVoting to UWO emails between February 26, 2026, 8:00am and February 27, 2026, 8:00am
  - b. Candidates: Sabreen Kaur Sukhija (VPUA), Stephan Titizian (VPEA)

## 10. For Action (First Reading)

### Governance and Finance Standing Committee



- a. Motion to Adopt the Advocacy Approvals Policy and Procedure ([Motion 2](#), [Appendix B](#)) - P. Adikari/K. Henricus
  - i. *Chairs note: Agenda was amended in ASOSC to allow this motion to be read ahead of the other motions.*
- b. Motion to Adopt the Executive Portfolio Review Policy and Procedure ([Motion 3](#), [Appendix C](#)) - P. Adikari/K. Henricus
  - i. *Chairs note: Agenda was amended in ASOSC to allow this motion to be read ahead of the other motions.*
- c. Continued Exploration of a Rewards Program for USC Eateries ([Motion 4](#), [Appendix D](#)) - C. Churchill/K. Henricus
- d. Motion to Amend the Speaker and Deputy Speaker Terms of Reference ([Motion 5](#), [Appendix E](#)) - K. Henricus, President/H. Wasty
- e. Council Approval of the Executive Budget and Fee Bill ([Motion 6](#), [Appendix F](#)) - K. Henricus, President/O. Bowes
  - i. *Chairs note: Amended at ACOSC to reflect minor forecasting updates in the VPOP portfolio. The VPOP budget was revised from \$521,246.00 to \$514,320.00 (-\$7,140.00), reducing the total budget from \$1,332,620.00 to \$1,325,480.00.*

**11. Adjourning 9:23 - Speaker/D. Thompson**

**Meeting will adjourn until March 4, 2026 at 6:30 PM**

**Second Reading (March 4, 2026) - Resume**

**12. Presentations**

- a. OUSA Campus Visit - Maximum 15 minutes, Q&A permitted W/ debate rules applied)
- b. Executive Reports (max 15 mins per presenter, Q&A permitted W/ debate rules applied)
  - i. Executive Reports - K. Henricus, President
  - ii. Executive Reports - J. Ijam, VPUA
  - iii. Executive Reports - O. Sayyed, VPEA
  - iv. Executive Reports - R. Whelpley, VPOP
  - v. Executive Reports - W. Masse, VPSS
  - vi. Executive Reports - S. Ahmad, VPSE

**13. For Action**



**Motion 1 (00:20:09 of the February 25, 2026 recording) - [Appendix A](#)**

**VPUA/EA Delegate Presentations**

**Be it resolved that** Council hold the VPEA and VPUA delegate presentation as part of their General Meeting on February 25th for candidates, conducted in accordance with the VP Delegate Q&A Guidelines.

**Motion 7 (1:07:50 of the March 4, 2026 recording) - [Appendix G](#)**

**Motion to Approve the February 2026 Executive Reports**

**Be it resolved that** Council accept the Executive reports for February, 2026

**K. HENRICUS/Seconder/PASSES**

**Motion 2 (1:09:05 of the March 4, 2026 recording) - [Appendix B](#)**

**Advocacy Approvals Policy and Procedure**

**Whereas:** Council has identified a lack of clarity when it comes to its jurisdiction and accountability structure;

**Whereas:** this poses a real risk to the legitimacy of the USC;

**Be it resolved that:** Council approve the Advocacy Approvals Policy and Procedure.

**P. ADIKARI /K. Henricus/PASSES**

**Motion 3 (1:10:52 of the March 4, 2026 recording) - [Appendix C](#)**



### **Executive Portfolio Review Policy and Procedure**

**Whereas:** Council has explicit oversight of Executive Budgets;

**Whereas:** Council does not always have insight into the impact of the budgets they approve;

**Be it resolved that:** Council approve the Executive Portfolio Review Policy and Procedure.

**P. ADIKARI /K. Henricus/PASSES**

*Motion to amend - P. Adikari/C. Ghuman*

*Amend s. 3.1 from "This policy shall apply only to those Executive-led services and programs that do not have an existing governance body providing oversight. Refer to the Executive Portfolio Review Procedure for a full list of applicable programs and services." to state "This policy shall apply only to those Executive-led services and programs that do not have an existing governance body (or contractual obligation) providing oversight."*

***Passes unanimously***

*Motion to Amend- P. Adikari/H. Wasty*

*Add 5.4 stating "5.4 This policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis. The results of the review shall be presented to Council no later than the February Council meeting."*

***Passes unanimously***

**Motion 4 (1:18:09 of the March 4, 2026 recording) - [Appendix D](#)**

### **Continued Exploration of a Rewards Program for USC Eateries**

**Whereas:** USC-operated food and beverage outlets such as The Spoke, The Cove, and The Wave play a significant role in student life and the student experience;

**Whereas:** students are increasingly value-conscious and loyalty or rewards programs are commonly used to encourage engagement and repeat patronage;

**Be it resolved that:** the University Students' Council direct the USC Executive to continue exploring the feasibility of implementing a loyalty or rewards program for USC eateries;



**Be it further resolved that:** the Executive report back to Council with further findings, options, and recommendations following consultations and analysis.

**C. CHURCHILL/Seconder/PASSES**

**Motion 5 (1:20:03 of the March 4, 2026 recording) - [Appendix E](#)**

**Motion to Amend the Speaker and Deputy Speaker Terms of Reference**

**Whereas:** the USC has approved a new full-time Governance Intern position that includes the Speaker of Council function; and

**Whereas:** the current Speaker and Deputy Speaker Terms of Reference no longer fully reflect the approved staffing structure and operational hiring timelines;

**Be it resolved that:** Council approve the proposed administrative amendments to the Speaker of Council and Deputy Speaker of Council Terms of Reference.

**K. HENRICUS/Seconder/PASSES**

**Motion 6 (1:21:35 of the March 4, 2026 recording) - [Appendix F](#)**

**Council Approval of the 2026-2027 Executive Budget and Fee Bill**

**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 2026-2027 Executive Budget.

**Be it further resolved that,** Council approve a 2% increase to the fees that that USC directly administers, except;



**Be it further resolved that,** Council approve a 4% increase to the Student Life fee;

**Be it further resolved that,** Council approve a 3% increase to the Government and Advocacy Services fee;

**Be it further resolved that,** Council approve a 3% increase to the Orientation Week fee

**Be it further resolved that,** Council approve all fees governed by contractual obligations as agreed upon.

**K. HENRICUS/Seconder/PASSES**

**14. For Information**

**15. For Discussion**

**16. Questions and Comments from Western Community**

**17. New Business**

- a. *Chairs note: Items brought forward must be action items requiring a Council decision (not discussion or announcements), be time-sensitive, and unable to wait until the next meeting.*

**18. Termination (8:38) - Speaker/H. Gandhi**



## Appendices

### Appendix A

[Presentation\\_VPEA and VPUA Delegate Q&A\\_20260202](#)

### Appendix B

[Copy of 20250130\\_Advocacy Approvals Motion](#)

### Appendix C

[Copy of 20250130\\_Executive Portfolio Review Motion](#)

### Appendix D

[Motion\\_ To Action Continued Exploration of a Rewards Program for USC Eateries Motion...](#)

### Appendix E

[Motion\\_Approval of Amendments to the Speaker and Deputy Speaker Terms of Reference](#)

### Appendix F

[Copy of F2027 Budget and Fee Bill Approval\\_Council](#)

### Appendix G

[Motion\\_Approval of February Executive Reports\\_20260225](#)