



#9 MEETING OF COUNCIL 2025/2026 **MINUTES**

TIME:

Part 1:

Date

6:30 PM

PLACE:

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

Part 1: April 22, 2026 6:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 945 3033 5611

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Echo360 Part 1: 712494

New ECHO ID: **340868**

Echo Login Instructions:  Logging in to Echo 360

1. **Call to Order (6:46 PM)**
2. **Land Recognition**
 - a. Delivered by Braedan Lovie
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Approval of Agenda (B.Lovie/D. Thompson)**
5. **Approval of Minutes (M. Abedi/O. Bowes)**
 - a.  MINUTES 20260323_(Minutes) Meeting of Council (2 parts)
6. **Comments from the Chair**
7. **Announcements**
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. Student Experience Presentation
(max 15 mins per presenter, Q&A permitted W/ debate rules applied)
 - i. Co-Curricular Record Relaunch, *Jacob Clarke, Experiential Learning Coordinator*

 - 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
10. Recess until 7:46 (7:51) (Speaker/H. Wasty)

11. For Action (First Reading)

Motion 1 (0:56:30 of the April 22, 2026 recording) - [Appendix A](#)

Motion to Approve the April 2026 Executive Reports

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

K. HENRICUS/J. Graham/PASSES

Motion 2 (0:58:00 of the April 22, 2026 recording) - [Appendix B](#)

Motion to Approve the Updated Strategic Plan, *For Students, By Students*

Whereas: The current strategic plan is outdated and has not been updated since COVID or during the lifecycle of current undergraduates on campus.

Whereas: An outdated strategic plan hinders our ability to make effective long-term investments that serve students in a post-COVID academic environment

Be it resolved that: Council approve an updated strategic plan, *For Students, By Students*



K. HENRICUS/T. Turk/PASSES

Motion 3 (0:59:58 of the April 22, 2026 recording) - [Appendix C](#)

Motion to Approve Minor Administrative Amendments to the Bus Pass Policy

Whereas: the USC regularly reviews its policies and procedures to ensure clarity and consistency;

Whereas: the Bus Pass Policy requires minor administrative updates;

Be it resolved that: Council approve the administrative amendments to the Bus Pass Policy as presented.

K. HENRICUS/D. Sanyaolu/PASSES

Motion 4 (1:01:45 of the April 22, 2026 recording) - [Appendix D](#)

**Motion to Reaffirm USC Advocacy for
Divestment and Human Rights in Western's Responsible Investing Policy**

Whereas Western University maintains a Responsible Investing Policy intended to guide ethical investment practices;

Whereas the January 2026 draft and current policy lacks human rights considerations aligned with internationally recognized frameworks and divestment from weapons manufacturers;

Whereas a USC-administered student survey conducted during the 2024-2025 academic year demonstrated approximately 90% support for divestment from companies involved in weapons manufacturing and for stronger ethical investment practices;

Whereas the 2024-2025 USC passed a motion to advocate to Western University to incorporate human rights considerations and divestment from weapons manufacturers into its investment policy;



Whereas The Faculties of Science, Engineering, Social Science, Music, Arts and Humanities, and Health Sciences, as well as Huron and King's have passed parallel motions advocating for the adoption of human rights considerations in the 2025-2026 school year;

Whereas over 70 campus clubs, the Society of Graduate Students, CUPE 2361, and UWOFA have publicly called for divestment and the incorporation of human rights considerations into university investment practices;

Whereas Western's Senate passed a motion recommending that the Board of Governors incorporate commitments to internationally recognized human rights and international law into Western's investment policy, and pursue divestment from weapons manufacturers and companies complicit in human rights violations;

Be it resolved that the University Students' Council (USC) reaffirms its commitment to advocate for the incorporation of human rights considerations into Western University's investment policies, and for divestment from companies involved in weapons manufacturing and companies complicit in human rights violations;

Be it resolved that the USC communicate these positions to the University administration, the Board of Governors, and any relevant advisory committees involved in the Responsible Investing Policy revision process.

Be it further resolved, that the USC will upload a graphic on the WesternUSC instagram stating that the USC Reaffirms their stance on USC Advocacy for Divestment and Human Rights in Western's Responsible Investing Policy prior to April 28th 2026

C. GHUMAN & Z. NADEEM/S.Khan/PASSES

Motion 5 (1:45:20 of the April 22, 2026 recording) - [Appendix E](#)

**Motion to Endorse the Accessibility
Position Paper Draft Recommendations as Interim Advocacy Priorities**

Be it resolved that Council endorse the Student Accessibility draft recommendations as interim advocacy priorities to guide USC advocacy efforts;



Be it further resolved that this endorsement does not constitute approval of an advocacy paper or standing policy under the Advocacy Papers Policy;

Be it further resolved that this endorsement shall expire at September 2026 Council Meeting, at which time the recommendations must be reviewed, formalized through the Advocacy Papers process, or lapse.

K. HENRICUS/T. Turk/PASSES

Motion 6 (1:47:27 of the April 22, 2026 recording) - [Appendix F](#)

Motion to Approve Federal Budget Recommendations

Whereas the federal government has advanced its budget timeline, requiring submissions by April 30;

And whereas this change reduces the time available for USC submissions;

Be it resolved that the USC acknowledges the revised federal budget deadline and supports the necessary adjustments to internal processes to meet this timeline;

Be it further resolved that the appropriate USC Executive Members and staff be authorized to finalize and submit the required materials by April 30.

K. HENRICUS/H. Wasty/PASSES

Motion 7 (1:52:50 of the April 22, 2026 recording) - [Appendix G](#)

**Motion to Endorse the Teaching, Learning, and Assessment
Draft Recommendations as Interim Advocacy Priorities**



Be it resolved that Council endorse the Teaching, Learning, and Assessment draft recommendations as interim advocacy priorities to guide USC advocacy efforts;

Be it further resolved that this endorsement does not constitute approval of an advocacy paper or standing policy under the Advocacy Papers Policy;

Be it further resolved that this endorsement shall expire at September 2026 Council Meeting, at which time the recommendations must be reviewed, formalized through the Advocacy Papers process, or lapse.

K. HENRICUS/B. Lovie/PASSES

12. For Information

13. For Discussion

14. Questions and Comments from Western Community

15. 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.*

i. *K Henricus/ O. Bowes- Be it resolved that, in the event of an absence of the outgoing president, the incoming president should provide day to day supervision of and support for the COO and outgoing VPs for May 2026.*

1. *In favour: 20*

2. *Opposed: 0*

3. *Abstain:0*

16. Termination (10:19) - S. Xia/Speaker



Appendices

Appendix A

☰ April Council Executive Report _2026.04.22.

Appendix B

☰ Approval of the Updated Strategic Plan, For Students, By Students

Appendix C

☰ Copy of Motion _Approval of Amendments to the Bus Pass Policy_20260402

Appendix D

☰ Motion _Responsible_ Investment Human Rights Considerations_20250924

Appendix E

☰ Copy of 2026 Accesibility Policy Paper Draft Recs

Appendix F

☰ Motion to Approve Adjustments to the Federal Budget Submission Timeline

Appendix G

☰ Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Policy Paper Recommendations

✚ 20260422 Voting Records