UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' COUNCIL

2026-2027 EXECUTIVE ROADMAP



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As an organization created to empower and support our students throughout their educational experience, it is particularly important to acknowledge and recognize the power of education as a tool for healing and reconciliation. The USC always seeks to empower students on our campus to voice their perspectives on the issues that matter most to them, but we must recognize that there is still immense work to be done, at the USC and across Western's campus. We must remain active in our process of learning and unlearning to ensure that we take responsibility for educating ourselves on the history of the lands that we are situated upon and their impacts on those that lived upon them first.

With this, we wish to acknowledge that Western University and our Affiliate Colleges are located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Attawandaron peoples, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum.

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INTRODUCTION

Dear students,

We are excited to present the 2026–2027 USC Executive Roadmap. This document is not a restatement of a Presidential Platform, but rather a short collection of themes that will guide how we operate this year to fulfill our mission in enhancing the educational experience and quality of life for all undergraduate students at Western.

We have had the absolute pleasure over the past months being onboarded to the USC's structure, history, and culture. Over the last 60 years, USC student leaders have left a lasting legacy on Western's campus and we cannot wait to be the next iteration to take on this mantle. Serving the student body as USC Executives is one of the greatest honours on this campus and in order for us to do it effectively, we want students to know how we plan on supporting and uplifting them this year.

Our four areas of focus are specifically divided to cover Executive's portfolios and initiatives: "Your Voice on Campus and Beyond" encompasses our advocacy efforts, "Putting the You in USC" aims at making students feel more connected to your student government, "Service and Resource Innovation" focuses on making it easier for students to access the USC, and "Improving the Student Experience" is all about helping students find connection and belonging on our campus.

This year, we have changed the content of the Executive Roadmap compared to previous years. Taking a thematic rather than a line-by-line operational approach to the Roadmap provides us the opportunity to group any future initiatives in a way to be adaptable to the ever changing needs of our student bodies. Many of the specific items in the Presidential Platform are already under work, with progress updates planned for future Council meetings. Taking the thematic direction with the Roadmap also gives us the ability to be intentional with our goals, and pinpoint exactly why we are doing something and who it will benefit.

Being a student is busy enough, so rest assured the USC has you covered. From your favourite Spoke bagel to using your LTC bus pass to fun at a club event or hosting the next big name artist, USC is engrained in your university life. Proudly student-led, we are committed to being your voice in advocacy and your partner in creating the best campus experience for your time here. The rest of the summer is going to be a hectic but exciting time as we continue to plan out the year. We cannot wait to welcome you back to campus.

Sincerely,

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PRIORITY THEMES

Your Voice On and Beyond Campus

From youth employment and housing, to academic rights and mental health, the policies created on and off campus have a real impact on your student life. That's why the USC is committed to engaging with university stakeholders and all levels of government to ensure that students are at the table, and that your priorities are impossible to ignore. To do this, we will focus on more dialogue with students around our advocacy initiatives, relationship building with decision makers, and data-informed recommendations **to be the respected, trusted voice in the room**.

Putting the "You" in USC

Bringing back a popular campaign from the 1990s, "Putting the You in USC" aims to make students feel more connected to us because **you have a bigger stake in the USC than you think**. Students determine the next president, your purchasing trends influence new menu items at The Spoke, and your voice informs our advocacy stances. While not every one of the 37,000 students represented by the USC engage directly with us, we remain steadfast in fulfilling our mission to enhance the educational experience and quality of life for ALL undergraduate students at Western.

Service and Resource Innovation

The USC is probably a larger organization than you realize with over 70 full-time and 250 part-time employees. In order to operate effectively, we need policies to guide and govern our vast daily operations. However, these procedures shouldn't be a barrier for students to connect with the USC. Leaning into digital innovations and an evaluation of our services and systems, our goal this year is to **make all domains of the USC more accessible and efficient** through upstream measures.

Improving the Student Experience

At the end of your undergraduate career, you leave with more than just a degree. You are taking with you lifelong friendships, once-in-a-lifetime experiences, and a forever connection with Western. Whether through the USC's own programs and services, or advocacy to Western, we help curate the student experience. From concerts to therapy dogs to trivia nights and off-campus events, the USC and our associated Clubs System are committed to hosting a wide-range of events, programming, and initiatives so that **every student can find their people, place, and purpose during their time at Western**.

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