



#3 MEETING OF COUNCIL 2026/2027 **MINUTES**

TIME:

Part 1: September 23,
2026, 7 PM

Part 2: September 28,
2026, 7PM

PLACE:

UCC269C

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Topic: USC Council Meeting

Time: Sep 23, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. **Call to Order (7:10PM)**
2. **Land Recognition**
 - a. Delivered by Tishe Suleman
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Approval of Agenda (B. Dunn/J. Antonelli/CARRIES)**
 - a. **Amendment:** Add Motion to Elect One (1) Chair to the Student Life Standing Committee (**Motion 2**) (Time Sensitive) (**J. Antonelli/T. Hamilton/CARRIES**)
5. **Approval of Minutes (D. Abdel-Rahman/H. Lai/CARRIES)**
 - a.  MINUTES 20260819 2026-2027_(Minutes) Meeting of Council
6. **Comments from the Chair**
7. **Announcements**
8. **For Election**

Recess until 7:35PM (Speaker/B. Dunn)

Called Back to Order at 7:41PM



Motion 1 (00:00:18 of the September 23rd, 2026 recording) - [Appendix A](#)

Motion to Elect Delegates to the 2026 OUSA General Assembly

Whereas the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) is a student-led advocacy organization governed by member student associations;

Whereas student delegates from each institution review and approve policy papers at OUSA's General Assemblies;

Be it resolved that Council elect up to ten (10) student delegates to represent Western University at the OUSA Fall General Assembly 2026 in October.

Candidates: Jasmine Antonelli, Asad Awawdeh, Sanad Bizanti, Zahra Chaudhry, Ella Crawford, Daniel Cruz, Breandén Dunn, Katelyn Everard, Chahat Ghuman, Tyson Hamilton, Shahrukh Khan, Himm Lai, Vince Pham, Genevieve Todd, Salaamat Toure, Kamiylah Tynes-McKenzie, Alexandra Vanigasooriyar, Lauren Walker

Successful Candidates: Jasmine Antonelli, Breandén Dunn, Himm Lai, Asad Awawdeh, Daniel Cruz, Tyson Hamilton, Kamiylah Tynes-McKenzie, Vince Pham, Sanad Bizanti, Lauren Walker

S. XIA/T. Turk/CARRIES

Recess until 8:50PM (Speaker/B. Dunn)

Called Back to Order at 8:50PM

9. Presentations

a. Executive Reports

(max 15 mins per presenter, Q&A permitted W/ debate rules applied)

- i. September Executive Reports - S. Xia, President
- ii. September Executive Reports - S. Kaur Sukhija, VP UA
- iii. September Executive Reports - S. Titizian, VP EA
- iv. September Executive Reports - S. Huc, VP OP
- v. September Executive Reports - H. Munniwala, VP SS
- vi. September Executive Reports - A. Gill, VP SE

- b. Position Paper Restructuring Proposal - S. Kaur Sukhija, VP UA & S. Titizian, VP EA *(max 15 minutes, Q&A permitted W/ debate rules applied)*



- c. Western Student Senators (WSS) Introduction and Senate Update –
Brooklin Begg and Asad Awawdeh, Chair and Vice-Chair of the WSS (15 mins, Q&A permitted)

10. Board of Directors Report (Board Chair Report (2026.9.23).pdf)

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

11. Report from ACOSC (20260923 Report from ACOSC.pdf)

- a. Delivered by Braedan Lovie, *Chair of ACOSC (max 15 mins, Q&A permitted)*

12. For Action

For Election

Motion 2 - (2:35:12 of the September 23rd, 2026 recording) - No Appendix

Motion to Elect One (1) Chair to the Student Life Standing Committee

Whereas, USC Standing Committees of Council require a Chair to organize and facilitate the annual Standing Committee meeting process;

And whereas, USC General Council has not yet been able to elect a Standing Committee Chair for the Student Life Standing Committee.

And whereas, Continued inability to elect a Chair poses a governance risk to the facilitation of Student Life meetings as well as ACOSC meetings.

And whereas, ACOSC has conferred on the recommendation to open nominations at the September General Council Meeting at their September Meeting.

And whereas, the Membership of the Student Life Standing Committee has already been ratified at the August General Council Meeting.

Be it resolved that, Members of the Student Life Standing Committee nominate themselves.

Be it further resolved that, each candidate receive (2) two minutes for a speech, and field (2) two questions from Council relating to their candidacy;



Be it further resolved that, USC General Council elect (1) one Standing Committee Chair of the Student Life Standing Committee.

Be it further resolved that ballots are destroyed following the election

Successful Candidates: N. McCuaig (uncontested)

J. Antonelli/D. Abdel-Rahman/CARRIES

Motion 3 - (2:38:13 of the September 23rd, 2026 recording) - [Appendix B](#)

Motion to Elect Two (2) Councillors to the Library Student Advisory Council

Whereas the LSAC requires undergraduate representation to ensure student perspectives inform Western Libraries' policies and services;

Whereas the absence of student-elected members would limit the quality of feedback and accountability;

Be it resolved that Council elect two (2) Councillors to serve on the Library Student Advisory Council for the 2026–2027 term.

Successful Candidates: V. Balogun, B. Dunn (uncontested)

S. XIA/T. Suleman/CARRIES

Motion 4 - (2:41:50 of the September 23rd, 2026 recording) - [Appendix C](#)

Motion to Elect One (1) Councillor to the EDI Committee

Whereas the USC EDI Committee requires a student representative from Council to support inclusive and equity-driven organizational practices;

Be it resolved that Council elect one (1) member to serve on the EDI Committee for the 2026–2027 term.



Candidates: S. Khan, D. Ongdassyn, T. Suleman

Successful Candidate: T. Suleman

S. XIA/A. Zabian/CARRIES

Executive Reports

Motion 5 - (2:52:30 of the September 23rd, 2026 recording) - [Appendix D](#)

Executive Reports

Be it resolved that Council accept the executive reports for September 2026.

S. XIA/B. Dunn/CARRIES

13. Adjournment (10:46PM) - (Speaker/T. Turk)

Meeting will adjourn until September 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Call to Order: 7:05pm

14. For Action

Advocacy Standing Committee

Motion 6 - (09:59 of the September 28th, 2026 recording) - [Appendix E](#)

Motion to Approve the 2025 Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Policy Paper

Whereas: The USC policy paper renewal cycle on the Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Policy Paper was 2025-2026 term;

Whereas: Advocating for a strong, inclusive, and high-quality learning and academic experience for students is a priority for the USC;

Be it resolved that: the 2025-2026 Vice President University Affairs ran consultations,



conducted research, ran focus group, and produced a Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Policy Paper;

Be it further resolved that: The Council approve the renewed Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Policy Paper

S. XIA/N. Bhalloo/CARRIES

Motion 7 - (11:30 of the September 28th, 2026 recording) - [Appendix F](#)

Motion to Approve the 2025 Student Accessibility Policy Paper

Whereas: The USC policy paper renewal cycle for the Student Accessibility Policy Paper was the 2025-2026 term;

Whereas: Advocating for all students to receive an accessible, barrier-free education in a dignified and equitable manner is a priority for the USC;

Whereas: the 2025-2026 Vice President of External Affairs ran consultations, conducted research, ran focus groups, and produced a Student Accessibility Policy Paper;

Be it resolved that: Council approves the renewed Student Accessibility Policy Paper

S. XIA/D. Abdel-Rahman/CARRIES

Motion 8 - (13:05 of the September 28th, 2026 recording) - [Appendix G](#)

Motion to Commission the USC Human Rights Policy Paper

Whereas the University Students' Council (USC) foremost exists to advocate for and represent undergraduate students at Western University;

Whereas Western's student body has, throughout the University's history, consistently advocated for human rights policies both within the institution and in relation to broader Canadian and global affairs, including but not limited to Indigenous & civil rights, opposition to



apartheid in South Africa, the genocides in Rwanda and Darfur, and Israel's apartheid regime against Palestinians;

Whereas Western University's operations intersect with human rights across numerous domains, including its investments, academic and commercial partnerships, procurement practices, and relationships with international students and scholars, creating an ongoing need for clear, dynamic policy guidance on how the University navigates these considerations;

Whereas both the 2024-2025 USC and the 2025–2026 USC passed motions to advocate to Western University to incorporate human rights considerations and divestment from weapons manufacturers into its investment policy;

Whereas the University Students' Council (USC) released a survey in 2025 with the question "Should the University Students' Council advocate that Western University incorporate human rights considerations into its investment policy, specifically divesting from companies that engage in or are complicit in human rights abuses, as defined by United Nations standards, including but not limited to weapons manufacturers" with a 90% "Yes" response;

Whereas the Faculties of Science, Social Science, Music, Arts and Humanities, Health Sciences, Engineering, FIMS, as well as Huron have passed parallel motions in the 2025-2026 academic year advocating for the adoption of human rights considerations into Western's investment policy;

Whereas over the course of the 2025–2026 academic year, over 70 USC clubs, the Society of Graduate Students, CUPE 2361, and UWOFA passed motions advocating for the University to incorporate human rights considerations into its policies;

Whereas In August-September of 2024, Western enacted a modified MAPP 1.1, restricting the ability for students to demonstrate in any form on campus, and later proposed a restricting students from demonstrating in a way that "discredits the university";

Whereas it was only after extensive mobilization by students, in collaboration with other campus groups, that the restrictive provisions within MAPP11 were repealed and amended;

Whereas MAPP 1.1, the campus demonstration policy, is scheduled for further review in the coming years;



Whereas Western University, currently and in its history, has admitted several students and scholars from conflict-affected regions who face significant barriers to obtaining the visas or permits necessary to begin or continue their studies, putting them at risk of immediate death or other harm;

Whereas policy papers contain recommendations aimed at external decision makers that USC Executives can draw from in their advocacy. Policy papers are approved by Council, and with that, have more authority and legitimacy than if they were the personal opinions of individuals. The USC focuses on evidence-based advocacy, with recommendations informed by both research and student consultation;

Be it resolved that the USC commission the "Human Rights Policy Paper," addressing human rights as they relate to, at minimum: responsible investing; responsible academic partnerships; responsible commercial partnerships; the right to demonstrate on campus; and support for students and scholars at risk.

M. EL SHENTNAWY/A. Zabian/CARRIES

Governance and Finance Standing Committee

Motion 9 - (17:23 of the September 28th, 2026 recording) - [Appendix H](#)

Motion to Approve Administrative Revisions to the Executive Reporting Policy

Whereas: USC Policies are reviewed on a rolling basis

Whereas: minor amendments are needed to clarify the Executive Reporting Policy;

Be it resolved that: Council approve the amended Executive Reporting Policy as presented.

S. XIA/B. Dunn/CARRIES



Motion 10 - (18:50 of the September 28th, 2026 recording) - [Appendix I](#)

Motion to Approve the Operational & Executive Budget Policy & Procedure

Whereas: the USC's Board of Directors has approved the Operational and Executive Budget Approval Policy and associated procedures;

Whereas: Council approval is also required to establish Council's responsibilities within the budget approval process;

Be it resolved that: Council approve the Operational and Executive Budget Approval Policy and the Executive Budget Approval Procedure as presented.

S. XIA/J. Joseph/CARRIES

Motion 11 - (20:20 of the September 28th, 2026 recording) - [Appendix J](#)

Motion to Approve Annual Edits to the Standing Orders of Council

Whereas the Standing Orders of Council are subject to an annual review as outlined in By-Law #1;

Whereas the review identified no edits to be made to the Standing Orders of Council at this time;

Be it resolved that Council approve the Standing Orders of Council as presented.

S. XIA/T. Hamilton/CARRIES

15. For Information

S. Xia: RSVP for platform update event upcoming October 5th, 2026

S. Titizian: Pints and Politics announcement

16. For Discussion

17. Questions and Comments from Western Community

18. New Business

19. Termination (7:22PM) - Speaker / P. Sharma



Appendices

Appendix A

[Motion_Election of Fall OUSA Delegates_20260904](#)

Appendix B

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Appendix D

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Appendix E

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Appendix H

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