University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario

#4 MEETING OF COUNCIL 2026/2027

TIME:
7PM, October 28th, 2026

PLACE:
UCC269C

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Topic: USC Council Meeting - October
Time: Oct 28, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. **Call to Order (7:03pm)**
2. **Land Recognition**
    a. Delivered by K. Tynes-McKenzie
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Approval of Agenda (D. Abdel-Rahman**/*J. Antonelli*/CARRIES**)**
5. **Approval of Minutes (J. Joseph**/*K. Tynes-McKenzie*/CARRIES**)**
    a. 20260923 2026-2027_(Minutes) Meeting of Council
6. **Comments from the Chair**
7. **Announcements**
8. **Board of Directors Report (** Board Chair Memo (2026.10.28).pdf **)**
    a. Delivered by Sukhman Sunner, *Chair of the Board of Directors (max 15 mins, Q&A permitted)*

9. Presentations

a. Update from Western's Senate - *B. Begg, Senator-at-Large (max 15 mins, Q&A permitted)*

b. October Executive Reports
(max 15 mins per presenter, Q&A permitted W/ debate rules applied)
i. October Executive Reports - *S. Xia, President*
ii. October Executive Reports - *S. Kaur Sukhija, VP UA*
iii. October Executive Reports - *S. Titizian, VP EA*
iv. October Executive Reports - *S. Huc, VP OP*
v. October Executive Reports - *H. Munniwala, VP SS*
vi. October Executive Reports - *A. Gill, VP SE*

*Recess until 8:17PM (**Speaker**/B. Dunn)*

Called Back to Order at 8:21PM

10. For Action

Executive Reports

Motion 1 (1:22:40 of the October 28th, 2026 recording) - Appendix A

Motion to Accept Executive Reports

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

S. XIA/*B. Dunn*/CARRIES

Advocacy Standing Committee

Motion 2 (1:24:40 of the October 28th, 2026 recording) - Appendix B

Motion to Rewrite the Experiential and Work Integrated Learning Policy Paper

Whereas: The USC policy paper renewal cycle on the Experiential and Work Integrated

Learning policy paper is 2026-2027 term;

And whereas: The University has identified access to Work-Integrated Learning opportunities as a priority under section 2.2 of its Future of Teaching & Learning: Strategic Action Areas, 2026;

And whereas: The Provincial and Federal government has identified Work-Integrated Learning opportunities as a priority area;

And whereas: Section 7.2.2 of the Advocacy Approvals Policy empowers Council to task the Executive Officers to rewrite the paper, should its primary objective be deemed still relevant though in need of alteration;

And whereas: the Advocacy Standing Committee has conferred on the recommendation to rewrite the Experiential and Work-Integrated Learning policy paper;

Be it resolved that: The Council rewrite the Experiential and Work Integrated Learning policy paper during the 2026-2027 term;

Be it further resolved that: The Vice-President, University Affairs and Vice-President, External
Affairs lead the rewrite in consultation with relevant stakeholders and present the revised policy paper to Council for approval prior to the end of the 2026–2027 executive term.

S. XIA/*J. Antonelli*/CARRIES

Motion 3 (1:27:30 of the October 28th, 2026 recording) - Appendix C

Motion to Rewrite the Student Financial Aid Policy Paper

Whereas: The USC policy paper renewal cycle on the Student Financial Aid policy paper is 2026-2027 term;

And whereas: Recent changes to OSAP have shifted the provincial student financial aid landscape and created new areas for government and university-based advocacy;

And whereas: a rewrite is required to ensure our recommendations reflect current government policy and university landscape; therefore outlining relevant, timely advocacy priorities;

And whereas: Section 7.2.2 of the *Advocacy Approvals Policy* empowers Council to task the

Executive Officers to rewrite the paper, should its primary objective be deemed still relevant though in need of alteration;

And whereas: the Advocacy Standing Committee has conferred on the recommendation to rewrite the Student Financial Aid policy paper;

Be it resolved that: The Council rewrite the Student Financial policy paper during the 2026-2027 term;

Be it further resolved that: The Vice-President, University Affairs and Vice-President, External Affairs lead the rewrite in consultation with relevant stakeholders and present the revised policy paper to Council for approval prior to the end of the 2026–2027 executive term.

S. XIA/*H. Lai*/CARRIES

Motion 4 (1:29:27 of the October 28th, 2026 recording) - Appendix D

Motion to Renew the Student Housing Policy Paper

Whereas: The USC policy paper renewal cycle on the Student Housing policy paper is 2026-2027 term;

Whereas: Advocating for affordable and accessible student housing by addressing housing insecurity, amplifying student voices, and promoting safe, inclusive, and sustainable living options for all is a priority for the USC;

And whereas: Section 7.2.1 of the *Advocacy Approvals Policy* empowers Council to renew policy papers should their primary objective be incomplete;

And whereas: The recommendations under the current Student Housing policy paper are still ongoing points of advocacy for the USC;

And whereas: the Advocacy Standing Committee has conferred on the recommendation to renew the Student Housing policy paper;

Be it resolved that: The Council renew the Student Housing policy paper during the 2026-2027 term.

S. XIA/*J. Joseph*/CARRIES

Motion 5 (1:31:15 of the October 28th, 2026 recording) - Appendix E

Motion to Renew the Tuition & Institutional Financial Sustainability Policy Paper

Whereas: The USC policy paper renewal cycle on the Tuition & Institutional Financial Sustainability policy paper is 2026-2027 term;

And whereas: Advocating for affordable tuition and strong institutional funding to ensure students can access quality education without facing unnecessary financial barriers is a priority for the USC;

And whereas: Section 7.2.1 of the *Advocacy Approvals Policy* empowers Council to renew policy papers should their primary objective be incomplete;

And whereas: The recommendations under the current Tuition and Institutional Financial Sustainability policy paper are still ongoing points of advocacy for the USC;

And whereas: the Advocacy Standing Committee has conferred on the recommendation to renew the Tuition and Institutional Financial Sustainability policy paper;

Be it resolved that: The Council approve to renew the Tuition & Institutional Financial Sustainability policy paper during the 2026-2027 term.

S. XIA/*O. Rinawi*/CARRIES

Motion 6 (1:33:05 of the October 28th, 2026 recording) - Appendix F

Motion to Renew the Mental Health Policy Paper

Whereas: The USC policy paper renewal cycle on the Mental Health policy paper is 2026-2027 term;

And whereas: Advocating for mental health and wellness by fostering a supportive campus community, reducing stigma, and ensuring students have access to the resources and support they need to thrive is a priority for the USC;

And whereas: Section 7.2.1 of the *Advocacy Approvals Policy* empowers Council to renew policy papers should their primary objective be incomplete;

And whereas: The recommendations under the current Mental Health policy paper are still ongoing points of advocacy for the USC;

And whereas: the Advocacy Standing Committee has conferred on the recommendation to renew the Mental Health policy paper;

Be it resolved that: The Council renew the Mental Health policy paper during the 2026-2027 term.

S. XIA/*D. Abdel-Rahman*/CARRIES

Motion 7 (1:35:20 of the October 28th, 2026 recording) - Appendix G

Motion to Endorse the 2026-2027 University Budget Submission

Whereas: Each year, the University Affairs Portfolio is responsible for the USC's Budget Submission to the university;

Whereas: the Budget Submission should be reflective of the needs of the student body;

Whereas: the Vice President University Affairs has identified recommendations related to USRI, Work Integrated Learning, and Academic Advising Support as crucial themes in our advocacy this year;

And whereas: the Advocacy Standing Committee has endorsed the above recommendations;

Be it Resolved: that Council endorse the University Affairs Budget Submission Recommendations.

S. XIA/*J. Antonelli*/CARRIES

11. **For Information**
12. **For Discussion**
13. **Questions and Comments from Western Community**
14. **New Business**
15. **Termination Speaker**/*Baltazar* **(8:41PM)**

Appendices

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Appendix B
Motion_ Rewrite the Experiential and Work Integrated Learning Policy Paper_20261028

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