

2010/11 University Students' Council
Meeting #7
November 24, 2010

Posted Motion #1

Whereas, at the October 27, 2010 meeting of the full Council the Elections Committee was tasked to develop a referendum question to determine if part-time students want to be added to the USC's health plan coverage;

Be it resolved that, the University Students' Council permit the following referendum question to be included on the ballot of the 2011 USC Spring Elections:

Do you support the University Students' Council implementing health plan coverage for part-time students that would cost \$99.89 per year (for 12 months of coverage), and would come into effect September 1, 2011? There may be adjustments to this fee annually to cover premium and administrative cost adjustments and adjustments to the program design.

Students taking 3.0 or fewer course credits at one time would be eligible for coverage.

Students with outside coverage could opt-out of the health plan and be refunded the applicable health fee. Students may add their family (spouse and dependents) for an additional fee.

YES _____

NO _____

POSTALIAN/Santucci

Posted Motion #2

Whereas, Section 8.00 of By-Law #2 of the University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario reads:

8.00 INFORMATION-BASED CAMPAIGN

8.01 Where the USC has no interest in the outcome of a referendum or plebiscite, but where said Council supports the provision of information to the electorate, the USC, by a simple majority vote of Council, may provide financing for an information-based campaign in accordance with the financing rules prescribed in Part B, Section 9.00.

- (1) If a referendum or plebiscite is student-initiated, then Council may only choose to run an information-based campaign if the petitioning student group or group of students does not wish to be a registered interested party.
- (2) If a referendum or plebiscite is Council-initiated, then Council may choose to run an information-based campaign.
- (3) If Council chooses not to run an information-based campaign, then any student group or group of students may apply to be a registered interested party;

Whereas, the Spring Referendum is a Council-initiated referendum;

Whereas, the Election Committee wishes Council to consider whether the USC has an interest in the outcome of the referendum, and subsequently what type of referendum campaign should take place;

Be it resolved that, the USC does not have an interest in the outcome of the referendum;

Be it further resolved that, an Information-Based campaign take place during the referendum.

POSTALIAN/Santucci

Posted Motion #3

Whereas, Section 8.00 of By-Law #2 of the University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario reads:

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Whereas, the Spring Referendum is a Council-initiated referendum;

Whereas, the Election Committee wishes Council to consider whether the USC has an interest in the outcome of the referendum, and subsequently what type of referendum campaign should take place;

Be it resolved that, the USC has an interest in the outcome of the referendum;

Be it further resolved that, a Registered Interested Party campaign take place during the referendum.

POSTALIAN/Santucci

Posted Motion #4

Whereas, WUSC (Western) has requested a student levy of _____ be added to student fees on behalf of their organization to support their mandate of entirely subsidizing the cost of an education at Western for a student refugee;

Whereas, WUSC (Western) is a USC ratified club;

Whereas, the Finance Committee reviewed the presentation and request at the meeting on November 10, 2010;

Whereas, the USC cannot impose an additional student fee on students without permission of the students by way of referendum;

Be it resolved, the Elections Committee be tasked with developing a referendum question for the ballot in the February 2011 elections to determine if students wish for an additional student fee of _____ to subsidize the mandate of WUSC (Western);

Felice/Ferris

Posted Motion #5

Whereas, the USC Grants Committee is currently separate from the Finance Standing Committee;

Whereas, the USC Grants Committee is chaired, ex officio, by the Vice-President Finance;

Be it resolved, the USC Grants Committee be established as a sub-committee of the Finance Standing committee, name unchanged;

Be it further resolved, the Vice President Finance, as chair of the committee, report results of Grant Committee meetings to the USC Finance Standing Committee

Be it further resolved, the by-laws and terms of reference be updated to reflect this change;

Felice/Ferris

Posted Motion #6

Whereas, the USC Finance Committee is underutilized and replicable of the USC Finance Standing Committee since the governance structure changes;

Whereas, USC Finance Committee requires a sub-committee to focus explicitly on the budget process,

Be it resolved, the USC Finance Committee be established as a sub-committee of the Finance Standing Committee, to be known as the Budget Committee

Felice/Ferris

Posted Motion #7

Whereas, the USC contracts with the London Transit Commission (LTC) to provide students with an eight month bus pass each year for a nominal fee;

Whereas, the LTC did not provide service to students from November 16th 2009 until December 14th 2009 as a result of a labour strike;

Whereas, the terms of the USC-LTC contract specify that the USC will receive a refund for each student in the event of a disruption in service. The amount of this refund in 2009 was \$0.56 per student per day;

Whereas, the USC and USC Executive were determined to return the refunded money to the affected students by launching a campaign in February 2010 to return cheques in the amount of \$18.93 to all FTE students;

Whereas, the USC exhibited due diligence in all efforts made to communicate with students;

Whereas, approximately \$175,000 in bus pass cheque refunds has still not been collected by the affected students at this point in time;

Whereas, the cheques have now stale dated and there is an additional cost to reissuing these cheques;

Be it resolved, the USC council establish an ad hoc committee to determine how this money should be allocated;

Be it further resolved, the ad hoc committee be comprised of any interested USC councillor;

Be it further resolved, the ad hoc committee be chosen at the 7th meeting of council on Wednesday, November 24th 2010;

Be it further resolved, the USC executive be invited to ad hoc committee meetings to inform deliberations of the ad hoc committee;

Be it further resolved, the ad hoc committee meet at least once before the end of the semester to establish the method for determining how the bus pass cheque refund money be allocated, and to elect a chair;

Be it further resolved, any current Western student (full-time and part-time) as well as the USC executive be able to make an application for this money in the month of January. The application process to be determined by the ad hoc committee;

Be it further resolved, the ad hoc committee be responsible for communication with students to inform them of the opportunity to make a presentation before the committee;

Be it further resolved, the ad hoc committee return to the council during the final meeting in January with final recommendations for the allocation of the bus pass cheque refunds for final approval by the USC council as a whole.

Felice/Ferris

Posted Motion #8

Whereas, the AOC (Advertising Oversight Committee) decided that students should not have to provide anything more than their name or email address to any third party on campus.

Whereas, a number of non-profit fundraisers on campus require the collection of information beyond name and email address for proper administration of their activities.

Whereas, there is no explicit USC policy prohibiting the collection of personal information by non-profit organizations operating on campus by USC associated student groups.

Be it resolved that, an approved USC affiliated fundraiser may collect student information beyond name and email address if they meet the following requirements:

- i. they are a registered non-profit under the Canada Revenue Agency Charity Listings,
- ii. they must provide written assurances that the collected information remains private and is not sold or distributed to another party,
- iii. and, they must provide the ability to prevent any further contact from the organization outside the stated purpose for which they provide the initial information.

SOUSA/Axford/

Posted Motion #9

Whereas, the current committee name is the Student Life Standing Committee,

Whereas, the role of the committee is to monitor the activity of the Student Events portfolio,

Be it resolved that, the committee changes its name from the Student Life Standing Committee to Student Events Standing Committee.

AXFORD/Sousa

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Posted Motion #10

Whereas the Agenda and Operations Committee shares its initials with the Advertising Oversight Committee,

Whereas the Agenda and Operations Committee would like to be more approachable,

Whereas by rearranging the order of words in the name, the desired changes are accomplished without losing clarity,

Be it resolved that the AOC be changed to the Committee of Council Operations and Agenda (COCOA).

KIM/Santucci

Posted Motion #11

Whereas Council mandated that the Agenda and Operations Committee bring back a review of the new council schedule on the December 8th meeting;

Whereas the new schedule has not been in place for that long;

Whereas a bit more time would allow for a better understanding of the challenges faced by the new schedule and would produce more conclusive results;

Be it resolved that the schedule review be moved to the first Duly Called Meeting of Council in January.

KIM/Santucci

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Posted Motion #12

Whereas the USC has been tasked with completing the Governance Review started last year;

Whereas the review that started last year was not completed;

Whereas effective corporations and governments have clearly defined roles for their executive and their management;

Whereas the USC aspires to being effective;

Whereas any change to the Executive Council must be enacted prior to the Spring Election period;

Be it resolved that Council elects an ad hoc Committee to finish the Governance Review;

Be it further resolved that the Committee have the following mandated goals to accomplish, quoted from the Governance Review:

- (1) Review and recommend a clear division of labour between the Executive portfolios, and also review portfolio mandates to improve productivity, job satisfaction and governance.
- (2) Review and define the role of the Executive Council in their role as the corporation's Board of Directors, and the General Manager in the day-to-day management of the corporation
- (3) Review and recommend policies to enhance the accountability of the Executive Officers and Speaker of Council, which may include the accountability of their reporting relationships, method of election/selection, and removal from office.

Be it further resolved that the membership of the Committee be as such:

- 6 members of Council (selected by Council, 1 member from each standing committee and the Agenda and Operations Committee)
- 2 members of the Executive (to be selected by the Executive Council)

Be it further resolved that the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be selected by the committee during their first meeting;

Be it further resolved that the recommendations of the committee be brought to council no later than February 16th, 2011

KIM/Santucci