



Arts & Humanities Students' Council

Western University | London, Ontario

MEETING #02 Monday, October 4th, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Meeting conducted in UC 3110

1. Call to Order

- i. The meeting was called to order at **6:07 pm**

2. Land Recognition - Cole (Theatre Community Commissioner)

- i. We would like to acknowledge the history of the traditional territory on which this university stands. We would also like to respect the longstanding relationships of the three local First Nations groups of this land and place in Southwestern Ontario.

The Attawandaran (Neutral) peoples once settled this region alongside the Algonquin and Haudenosaunee peoples, and used this land as their traditional beaver hunting grounds.

The three other longstanding Indigenous groups of this geographic region are: the Anishinaabe Peoples (also referred to as the Three Fires Confederacy including the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatami Nations); the Haudenosaunee Peoples (also known as the Iroquoian people or Six Nations including Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Onondaga, Seneca, and Tuscarora); and the Leni-Lunaape Peoples (also referred to as the Delaware and/or Munsee).

The three First Nations communities closest in proximity to this University are: Chippewa of the Thames First Nation (part of the Anishinaabe); Oneida Nation of the Thames (part of the Haudenosaunee); and Munsee-Delaware Nation (part of the Leni-Lunaape).

- ii. A personal take on your what they mean to you, how they resonate with you or why is this relevant to you (either before or after reading the recognition)

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Agenda

5. Presentations

- i. DC Updates
 - i. Iconoclast is accepting submissions of visual art, writing, and more!
 - ii. Classics Society is hiring Exec positions
 - iii. School of Thought is now on Instagram! @uwoschoolofthought
 - a. They are also hiring exec positions
 - iv. GSSC and VAASA are hiring as well!
- ii. Charity Presentation
 - i. The options brought forward by the Philanthropy Commissioner are: Atlohsa, United Way Middlesex, Thames Valley Children's Centre, 519 Pursuit, Humane Society, London Food Bank
 - ii. Council voted for Atlohsa
- iii. Hello from and welcome to Dr. Faflak!

6. Motions

- i. Charity Ratification Motion
 - i. Motion to approve the vote for Atlohsa as the AHSC's chosen Charity for the 2021/22 school year



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- a. **Moved by VP Events**
 - b. **Seconded by USC Councillor**
 - ii. Motion passed **unanimously**
- ii. Spanish Club Motion
 - i. Motion to allow a Graduate student to be an executive member of the Spanish Club Departmental Committee this year, despite the club regularly being for undergrad students
 - a. **Moved by DC Commissioner**
 - b. **Seconded by AVP Presidential**
 - ii. Council raised concerns about this becoming a regular occurrence as the clubs and departmental committees are meant for undergraduate students, and the funding comes from undergraduate students
 - iii. An amendment was proposed to limit this motion to this year with the specific case, as a single student is up for hire for this position
 - a. **Moved by President**
 - b. **Seconded by Languages and Cultures DR**
 - b. A point was made that if an undergraduate student and a graduate student were both up for position, the undergraduate student should have priority.
 - c. Amendment passed **unanimously**
 - iv. Amended motion passed **unanimously**

7. Executive and Councillor Announcements / Reports

- i. President
 - i. Our First-year positions have been hired!
 - ii. The process of getting our AHSC student bursaries approved by the Senate and the Office of the Registrar is currently in the works
- ii. USC Councillor
 - i. The meeting motion recaps that our USC Councillor has introduced on our social media will now become a USC-wide initiative
 - ii. The USC is debating a motion to remove the USC's special treatments for Greek Life
 - a. The motions would entail no longer:
 - a. Providing spaces at a subsidized rate,
 - b. Giving support in hosting rush events, and
 - c. Offering resource member positions
- iii. Vice President Academics
 - i. An update to Self-Reported Absences: Students will receive 2 SRAs for **the entire year**
 - ii. We've hired our First Year Academics Associate!
 - iii. The Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies mixer is this Friday, October 8th
 - iv. If you have any final grade concerns from a Distance Studies course from the Spring or Summer semester, the deadline for appeals is October 15th
 - v. Follow our Departmental Representatives on Instagram!
 - a. @gray_uwoenglishdr
 - b. @rachael_uwofrenchdr
 - c. @sydneyphilosophydr
 - d. @westernclassicsociety
- iv. Vice President Communications



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- i. We've hired our First Year Comms Associate!
- ii. The Comms portfolio is working on an external google Calendar for all students to keep track of our events!
- iii. Symposium and Semicolon's theme this year is *Evolve*
- iv. Don't forget to follow us on Tiktok @ahscwesternu
- v. Vice President Events
 - i. We've hired our new First Year Events Associates!
 - ii. Department Mixers every Friday of this month
- vi. Vice President Finance
 - i. We've hired our First Year Finance Associate!
 - ii. The SDF Budget has been ratified!
 - iii. Timeline for SDF Grant applications will be released soon!
- vii. Vice President Equity
 - i. We've hired our First Year Equity Associate!
 - ii. The Equity portfolio is still looking for an Advocacy Research Coordinator
 - a. Responsibilities include research for future EDI training, consultations for campaign elections, and more

8. Member Reports

9. New Business

- i. Open discussion RE: thoughts on Greek Life x USC motions
 - i. Led by President Bradley and Councillor Tsang

10. Adjournment

- i. **The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.**