



TO: Ryerson University Election Procedures Committee

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FROM: Irene Kim, Returning Officer

DATE: November 5, 2015

RE: **Faculty of Arts Referendum 2015, Request for Ryerson Arts Society Levy**

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**Faculty of Arts Referendum 2015 passed.**

**YES votes met the 50% + 1 threshold to determine the outcome of the referendum.**

#### **SUMMARY**

On September 28, 2015 the Board of Governors of Ryerson University approved the holding of a referendum for the Faculty of Arts to seek approval of a fee to fund the operation of the Ryerson Arts Society.

Voting for the **Faculty of Arts Referendum 2015** was conducted over four days, November 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Of the 4956 eligible voters, 444 cast a ballot: 220 were marked YES and 217 were marked NO (7 voters declined to indicate a preference).

Thus, the **Faculty of Arts Referendum 2015, Request for Ryerson Arts Society Levy** has determined that sufficient number of students enrolled in Faculty of Arts full-time undergraduate programs are agreeable to the creation of a fee of \$30 per semester, applicable in Fall and Winter semesters beginning in September 2016, adjusted for inflation annually referenced to the Toronto Consumer Price Index, to be paid by all students enrolled in Faculty of Arts full-time undergraduate programs to support the operation of the Ryerson Arts Society.

## RESULTS DETAILS

Eligible voters:	4956
Total ballots cast:	444
Voter turnout:	9.0%
YES votes:	220
NO votes:	217
Ballots declining to vote:	7
Total votes registered:	437

## INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE FACULTY OF ARTS REFERENDUM 2015 PROCLAMATION

### BACKGROUND

Throughout the summer, student leaders from psychology, sociology, history, politics, economics and finance, and arts and contemporary studies, worked together to develop the vision, organizational structure, constitution, and financial plans for a new society that would link students from different programs within the Faculty of Arts. This is a student-led, faculty-wide organization similar in structure and purpose to the Ryerson Engineering Student Society, the Ryerson Commerce Society, and the Ryerson Communication and Design Society.

### PROPOSAL

The Ryerson Election Procedures Committee will hold a referendum amongst students enrolled in Faculty of Art full-time undergraduate programs, to seek approval for the creation of a fee of \$30.00 per semester, applicable in Fall and Winter semesters, for a total fee of \$60.00 per academic year, starting in September 2016, to be paid by all students enrolled in Faculty of Arts full-time undergraduate programs, to fund the creation and operation of the Ryerson Arts Society. The compulsory fee is to be adjusted for inflation annually, referenced to the Toronto Consumer Price Index.

### QUESTION

**Do you agree to the creation of a fee of \$30.00 per semester, applicable in Fall and Winter semesters, to be paid by all students enrolled in Faculty of Arts full-time undergraduate programs, starting in September 2016 and increased annually for inflation referenced to the Toronto Consumer Price Index to fund the operation of the Ryerson Arts Society?**