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To: Ryerson University Election Procedures Committee

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From: Irene Kim, Returning Officer

Re: **Ryerson Architectural Science Society Referendum 2016, Request for arc.soc Levy ("ARC.SOC Referendum 2016")**

**ARC.SOC Referendum 2016 passed.
YES votes met the 50% +1 threshold to determine the outcome of the referendum.**

SUMMARY

On January 26, 2016 the Board of Governors of Ryerson University approved the holding of a referendum among undergraduate Architectural Science students to seek approval for the creation of a fee to fund the operation of the Ryerson Architectural Science Society.

Voting for the **ARC.SOC Referendum 2016** was conducted over four days, March 14 to 17, 2016. Of the 468 eligible voters 115 cast a ballot: 82 were marked YES and 31 were marked NO (2 voters declined to indicate a preference).

Ryerson Architectural Science Society Referendum 2016, Request for arc.soc Levy has determined that sufficient number of students enrolled in full-time undergraduate Architectural Science program are agreeable to the creation of a fee of \$50 per semester, applicable in Fall and Winter semesters, to be paid by all students enrolled in the full-time undergraduate Architectural Science program, beginning in September 2017 and increased annually for inflation reference to the Toronto Consumer Price Index, to support the operation of the Ryerson Architectural Science Society.

TABULATION OF VOTES

VOTING RESULTS	
Eligible voters	468
Ballots submitted	115
YES votes	82
NO votes	31
Votes cast	113
Declined to vote	2
Participation rate	24.6%

INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE ARC.SOC REFERNDUM 2016

BACKGROUND

Student leaders from the Department of Architectural Science have been working together for the last year and a half developing the vision, organizational structure, constitution, and financial plans for arc.soc. This student society will link students within the program to students across the university, expand extracurricular project opportunities, and develop networks to broaden exposure of students to the profession and industry. This is a student-led organization similar in structure and purpose to the student societies in engineering, commerce, arts, science, and communication and design.

PROPOSAL

The Ryerson Election Procedures Committee will hold a referendum amongst Architectural Science program students to seek approval for the creation of a fee of \$50.00 per semester, applicable in the fall and winter semesters, for a total fee of \$100.00 per academic year, starting in September 2017. This fee is to be paid by all students enrolled in the full-time undergraduate Architectural Science program to fund the creation and operation of the Ryerson Architectural Science 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 \$50.00 per semester, applicable in Fall and Winter semesters, to be paid by all students enrolled in the full-time undergraduate Architectural Science program, starting in September 2017 and increased annually for inflation referenced to the Toronto Consumer Price Index to fund the operation of the Ryerson Architectural Science Society?