



Date: April 5, 2018

To: Ryerson University Election Procedures Committee
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From: Catherine Redmond, Returning Officer

Re: **Ted Rogers Students' Society Referendum 2018**

The Ted Rogers Students' Society Referendum 2018 has failed.

The NO votes met the 50% +1 threshold to determine the outcome of the referendum.

SUMMARY

On January 29, 2018 the Board of Governors of Ryerson University approved the holding of a referendum among full-time program students to seek approval for a levy increase to support the Ted Rogers Students' Society.

Voting for the **Ted Rogers Students' Society Referendum 2018** was conducted over four days, April 2-5, 2018. Of the 10,693 eligible voters 787 cast a ballot: 215 were marked YES and 566 were marked NO (6 voters declined to indicate a preference).

The **Ted Rogers Students' Society Referendum 2018** has determined that an insufficient number of undergraduate students enrolled in the Ted Rogers School of Management are agreeable to a levy increase of \$25.00 per semester, applicable in the fall and winter terms, to be paid to the Ted Rogers Students' Society. The compulsory fee is to be adjusted for inflation annually, referenced to the Toronto Consumer Price Index.

TABULATION OF VOTES

VOTING RESULTS	
Eligible voters	10,693
Ballots submitted	787
YES votes	215
NO votes	566
Votes cast	781
Declined to vote	6
Participation rate	7.4%

INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE TRSS REFERNDUM 2018

BACKGROUND

The Ted Rogers Students’ Society (TRSS) was established in 2003 as the Ryerson Commerce Society (RCS) with a constitution that was approved by the Board of Governors. TRSS currently represents 31 student groups and course unions and approximately 10,000 undergraduate students, numbers that signal significant growth since its founding in 2003. The society, operating under their 3 pillars that serve the Academic, Social, and Professional development needs of its members, provides funding for all 31 groups and their initiatives which bring in professional organizations from every academic stream to engage with the students. They provide free services for students such as agendas, breakfasts, snacks, and study accommodations during exams. TRSS has paid particular attention to the professional development interests of its members by providing financial support for students to attend regional and national conferences and competitions for commerce students. TRSS, aligning itself with values and priorities of the university, has also engaged in Experiential Learning opportunities such as Startup Certified, the Ryerson Global Innovation Challenge, and the Zone Learning Analytics School.

PROPOSAL

The Ryerson Election Procedures Committee will hold a referendum amongst full-time undergraduate students enrolled in the Ted Rogers School of Management to seek approval for a levy increase of \$25.00 per semester to the existing fee for a total of \$110.00 per year, applicable in the fall and winter terms, to be paid to the Ted Rogers Students’ Society. The compulsory fee is to be adjusted for inflation annually, referenced to the Toronto Consumer Price Index.

QUESTION

Do you agree to the levy increase of \$25.00 per semester, applicable in the fall and winter terms, to be paid to the Ted Rogers Students' Society by all undergraduate students enrolled in a full time program at the Ted Rogers School of Management, starting in September 2019, increased annually for inflation referenced to the Toronto Consumer Price Index?