



TO: Ryerson University Election Procedures Committee

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FROM: Irene Kim, Returning Officer

DATE: November 5, 2015

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

Faculty of Science Referendum 2015 did not pass.

YES votes did not meet the 50% + 1 threshold to determine the outcome of the referendum.

SUMMARY

On March 30, 2015 the Board of Governors of Ryerson University approved the holding of a referendum for the Faculty of Science to seek approval of a fee to fund the operation of the Ryerson Science Society.

Voting for the **Faculty of Science Referendum 2015** was conducted over four days, November 2nd to 5th, 2015. Of the 2930 eligible voters, 452 voters cast a ballot: 199 were marked YES and 245 were marked NO (8 voters declined to indicate a preference).

Thus, the **Faculty of Science Referendum 2015, Request for Ryerson Science Society Levy** has determined that insufficient number of students enrolled in Faculty of Science full-time undergraduate programs are agreeable to the creation of a fee of \$22.50 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 Science full-time undergraduate programs to support the operation of the Ryerson Science Society.

RESULTS DETAILS

Eligible voters:	2930
Total ballots cast:	452
Voter turnout:	15.4%
YES votes:	199
NO votes:	245
Ballots declining to vote:	8
Total votes registered:	444

INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE REFERENDUM 2015 PROCLAMATION

BACKGROUND

The student leaders from the Faculty of Science course unions have been working together for over two years developing the vision, organizational structure, constitution, and financial plans for a new student society linking students in programs within the Faculty of Science. 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 Science full-time undergraduate programs, to seek approval for the creation of a fee of \$22.50 per semester, applicable in Fall and Winter Semesters, for a total fee of \$45.00 per academic year, starting in September 2016, to be paid by all students enrolled in Faculty of Science full-time undergraduate programs, to fund the creation and operation of the Ryerson 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 \$22.50 per semester, applicable in Fall and Winter semesters, to be paid by all students enrolled in Faculty of Science 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 Science Society?