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RE: **Faculty of Community Services Society Fee Referendum 2022**

The student leadership of the Faculty of Community Services (“FCS”) at Toronto Metropolitan University (“University”) received approval from the Board of Governors to hold a referendum among all students enrolled in full-time undergraduate degree programs in FCS, asking for their support of the operation of the Faculty of Community Services Society (“FCSS”).

BACKGROUND

On March 29th, 2022 the Board of Governors approved the holding of a referendum among all Community Services to seek approval to create a levy to fund the activities of the Faculty of Community Services Society (“FCSS”). If successful, a FCSS fee of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) would be instituted for students enrolled in full-time undergraduate degree programs in FCS. The funds would be used by the FCSS to support their programming including the support of professional development and mental health initiatives for FCS students, group grants for conferences, academic, networking, social events, and support for FCSS clubs, collegial affiliated groups, and collegial course unions.

THE REFERENDUM QUESTION

Do you agree to the creation of a fee of \$60 per academic year (Fall and Winter terms) to support the operation of the Faculty of Community Services Society, to be paid by all students enrolled in full-time undergraduate degree programs in the Faculty of Community Services, starting after September 2023, and indexed annually to the Toronto Consumer Price Index?

The referendum took place from October 5, 2022 to November 9, 2022 with voting from November 7, 2022 to November 9, 2022.

THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTRONIC VOTE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Students Eligible to Vote	6,887
Ballots Submitted:	629
Votes Cast:	623
YES Vote:	451
NO Vote:	172
Declined to Vote:	6
Participation Rate:	9.1%

SUMMARY

According to the University's Referendum Policy there is no minimum quorum (voter turnout) required to validate a referendum and there must be a 50% + 1 vote threshold to determine the outcome. As the above results demonstrate, the Referendum question was successful.

Therefore, based on the applicable policy and the results of the referendum, it has been determined that a sufficient number of students agreed to the creation of a fee in the amount of \$60.00 per academic year (Fall and Winters terms), to be paid by all students enrolled in full-time undergraduate degree programs in the Faculty of Community Services, starting after September 2023, and indexed annually to the Toronto Consumer Price Index.