



TO: Election Procedures Committee
FROM: Jennifer Webster, Returning Officer
DATE: November 3, 2023
RE: Lincoln Alexander Law Student Society Fee Referendum Results

The student leadership of the Lincoln Alexander School of Law (“LASL”) at Toronto Metropolitan University (“University”) received approval from the Board of Governors to hold a referendum among all students enrolled in the juris doctorate program in the LASL, asking for their support of a fee to fund the operation of the Lincoln Alexander Law Student Society (“LALSS”).

BACKGROUND

On September 26th, 2023 the Board of Governors approved the holding of a referendum among all students enrolled in the LASL, to seek approval to create a levy to fund the activities of the LALSS. If successful, a fee of One Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$140.00) would be instituted for students enrolled in the LASL Juris Doctor program. The funds would be used by the LALSS to support their operations including the support of its clubs, associations, programs, and events.

THE REFERENDUM QUESTION

The referendum question asked was:

Do you agree to the creation of a fee of \$140 per academic year to support the operation of the Lincoln Alexander Law Students’ Society, to be paid by all students enrolled in the Juris Doctor (JD) program in the Lincoln Alexander School of Law, commencing in the Fall 2024 term, and indexed annually to the Toronto Consumer Price Index?

THE RESULTS

The referendum took place from October 4, 2023 to November 2, 2023 with voting from October 31, 2023 to November 2, 2023. The results from the voting are:

Students Eligible to Vote	445
Ballots Submitted:	167
Votes Cast:	163
YES Vote:	72
NO Vote:	91
Declined to Vote:	4
Participation Rate:	37.53%

SUMMARY

According to the University's Referendum Procedures 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 unsuccessful.

Therefore, based on the applicable procedures and the results of the referendum, it has been determined that a sufficient number of students in the LASL did not agree to the creation of a fee in the amount of \$140.00 per academic year to fund the operation of the Lincoln Alexander Law Student Society.