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ELECTION PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

APPEAL PANEL DECISION

IN THE APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

APPELLANT: [REDACTED]

RESPONDENT: Catherine Redmond, Returning Officer

DATE OF HEARING: Tuesday, February 28, 2012

DECISION: The appeal is denied and the decision of the Returning Officer is upheld.

The Appellant appealed the decision of the Returning Officer that the Appellant is not eligible to stand as a candidate for a student position on the Board of Governors on the grounds that the Appellant is not registered in a program or course of study at Ryerson University leading to a degree, diploma or certificate of the University pursuant to section 4.4 of the *Election Policies and Procedures*.

The Appellant submitted that Ryerson's Administrative Management Self-Service (RAMSS) indicated that the Appellant's program was [REDACTED].

The Returning Officer submitted that the Appellant was not currently registered for a course and therefore, not registered in a program or course of study according to the Registrar who was not able to verify the Appellant as a student. The Returning Officer further submitted that it was the established practice of the Election Procedures Committee to require a candidate for a student position on the Board of Governors to be registered for a course at the time they stood for election and throughout their term of office. The Returning Officer noted that the Appellant was not on the Registrar's list of students eligible to vote in the election for the Board of Governors..

The *Ryerson University Act*, s. 1(1)(i) defines "student" to mean "a person who is registered as such in a program or a course of study at the University that leads to a degree, diploma or certificate of the University." Subsection 4(1)(f) provides that the Board of Governors of Ryerson University shall be composed of "three members elected by the students from among themselves for a term of one year.(emphasis added)"

Based on the evidence and the provisions of the *Ryerson University Act*, the Appeal Panel upholds the decision of the Returning Officer that the Appellant is not eligible to stand as a candidate for a student position on the Board of Governors as the Appellant is not currently registered as a student.

DATED as of the 29th day of February, 2012.

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Julia Shin Doi, Chair

APPEAL PANEL:

Julia Shin Doi, Shinae Kim (CESAR), Olga Payne (Staff)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Josie Lee (Secretary), Rob Centa (Counsel), Sean Carson (Guest)