

ELECTION PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

APPEAL PANEL DECISION

IN THE APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

APPELLANT:



RESPONDENT: Catherine Redmond, Returning Officer

DATE OF HEARING: May 6, 2015

DECISION: Appeal allowed. The Appellant's nomination shall be accepted and processed by the Returning Officer.

REASONS: The Appellant is an alumni representative on the Board of Governors. The Appellant missed the deadline to submit her nomination form for re-election.

The Returning Officer communicated the start and end dates of the nomination period clearly on the Board of Governors Elections website.

The Appellant submitted that she was under the mistaken understanding that since she had been elected in 2014 to complete the last year of a three-year term, her nomination would be automatically carried forward to the 2015 election process and she would not have to repeat the process that she underwent in 2014.

The Appellant's situation is unique. Also, the alumni nomination process was amended in 2014 to provide for nomination forms to be forwarded to the Ryerson University Alumni Association Board of Directors for review. The Appellant's nomination form did undergo that review in 2014.

The allowance of the appeal would not prejudice the other alumni candidates whose names have already been published as candidates in the Ryerson Alumni Magazine and online, and who have had more time to campaign than the Appellant.

For these reasons, the Appeal Panel allows the appeal and orders the Returning Officer to accept and process the Appellant's nomination form.

DATED as of the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015



Julia Shin Doi, Chair

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