



Date November 9, 2017

To: Ryerson University Election Procedures Committee
Julia Shin Doi, Chair
Michelle Chaisson, Secretary
Joseph Zboralski, Staff Representative
Susanne Nyaga, RSU Representative
Arezoo Najibzadeh, CESAR Representative

From: Catherine Redmond, Returning Officer

Re: **RSU Equity Centre Referendum 2017**

**RSU Equity Centre Referendum 2017 passed.
YES votes met the 50% +1 threshold to determine the outcome of the referendum.**

SUMMARY

On September 28, 2017 the Board of Governors of Ryerson University approved the holding of a referendum among full-time program students to seek approval for the creation of a fee to be split evenly to fund the operations of the Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line and the Good Food Centre.

Voting for the **RSU Equity Centre Referendum 2017** was conducted over four days, November 6-9, 2017. Of the 39,298 eligible voters 4440 cast a ballot: 3338 were marked YES and 1058 were marked NO (44 voters declined to indicate a preference).

RSU Equity Centre Referendum 2017 has determined that sufficient number of students enrolled in full-time programs are agreeable to the creation of a fee of \$5.00 per semester, applicable in the fall and winter terms, for a total fee of \$10.00 per academic year, starting in September 2018. This fee is to be paid by all students enrolled in full-time programs and split evenly to fund the operations of the RSU's Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line and the Good Food Centre. The compulsory fee is to be adjusted for inflation annually, referenced to the Toronto Consumer Price Index.

TABULATION OF VOTES

VOTING RESULTS	
Eligible voters	39,298
Ballots submitted	4440
YES votes	3338
NO votes	1058
Votes cast	4396
Declined to vote	44
Participation rate	11.3%

INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE RSU EQUITY CENTRE REFERNDUM 2017

BACKGROUND

Founded in 2011, the RSU's Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line (SASSL) operates as a Ryerson-specific peer-to-peer support service for Ryerson students who have been impacted by sexual violence. The Good Food Centre (GFC) has operated at Ryerson since 1992 and was the first campus food bank in Canada to use a Community Food Centre model that supplies safe and nutritious food to students, while also educating the Ryerson community on food insecurity challenges facing students.

PROPOSAL

The Ryerson Election Procedures Committee will hold a referendum amongst full-time Ryerson students to seek approval for the creation of a fee of \$5.00 per semester, applicable in the fall and winter terms, for a total fee of \$10.00 per academic year, starting in September 2018. This fee is to be paid by all students enrolled in full-time programs and split evenly to fund the operations of the RSU's Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line and the Good Food Centre. 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 \$5.00 per semester fee, applicable in the fall and winter terms, to be paid by all students enrolled in full-time degree programs, to be split evenly to fund the Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line and the Good Food Centre, starting in September 2018 and increased annually for inflation referenced to the Toronto Consumer Price Index?