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To: Ryerson University Election Procedures Committee

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From: Catherine Redmond, Returning Officer

Re: **Faculty of Science Referendum 2017, Request for Ryerson Science Society Levy**

**Faculty of Science Referendum 2017 passed.
YES votes met the 50% +1 threshold to determine the outcome of the referendum.**

SUMMARY

On November 24, 2016 the Board of Governors of Ryerson University approved the holding of a referendum among full-time undergraduate Faculty of Science students to seek approval for the creation of a fee to fund the operation of the Ryerson Science Society.

Voting for the **Faculty of Science Referendum 2017** was conducted over four days, January 30, 2017 to February 2, 2017. Of the 2883 eligible voters 712 cast a ballot: 501 were marked YES and 197 were marked NO (14 voters declined to indicate a preference).

Faculty of Science Referendum 2017, Request for Ryerson Science Society Levy has determined that sufficient number of students enrolled in full-time undergraduate Faculty of Science program are agreeable to the creation of a fee of \$30 per semester, applicable in Fall and Winter semesters, to be paid by all students enrolled in the full-time undergraduate Faculty of Science program, beginning in September 2018 and increased annually for inflation reference to the Toronto Consumer Price Index, to support the operation of the Ryerson Science Society.

TABULATION OF VOTES

VOTING RESULTS	
Eligible voters	2,883
Ballots submitted	712
YES votes	501
NO votes	197
Votes cast	698
Declined to vote	14
Participation rate	24.7%

INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE REFERNDUM 2017

BACKGROUND

The Ryerson Science Society is a professional student-led organization that represents all undergraduate students within the Faculty of Science. The society's mandate supports three tenets: 1) Provide students with opportunities to gain professional experience and marketable skills; 2) Foster a strong science community at Ryerson through academic, professional and social engagement; and 3) Allocate available resources in an equitable, transparent and effective manner. This organization is similar in structure and purpose to the student societies in engineering, business, arts, architectural science, and communication and design.

PROPOSAL

The Ryerson Election Procedures Committee will hold a referendum amongst Faculty of Science undergraduate students to seek approval for the creation of a fee of \$30.00 per semester, applicable in the fall and winter terms, for a total fee of \$60.00 per academic year, starting in September 2018. This fee is to be paid by all students enrolled in full-time undergraduate Faculty of Science programs to fund the operation of the Ryerson Science Society. 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 fee of \$30 per semester, applicable in the fall and winter terms, to be paid by all students enrolled in full-time Faculty of Science undergraduate degree programs, starting in September 2018 and increased annually for inflation referenced to the Toronto Consumer Price Index to fund the operation of the Ryerson Science Society?