

Proposed By Law Amendments
Annual General Meeting
April 3 2018

1. Standing Committee - Mental Health Committee

WHEREAS Ryerson students' mental health and wellness is an ever growing concern on campus with many social, political, and academic causes and effects,

WHEREAS a Mental Health Committee is tasked with furthering the mental health and wellness interests of the Union including, but not limited to; mental health advocacy, the eradication of ableism, saneism, and stigma surrounding mental illness, .

WHEREAS the RSU Mental Health Committee has the responsibility to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors all matters relating to mental health issues affecting students.

WHEREAS the Committee is responsible for leading and supporting mental health campaigns including but not limited to mental health, advocacy, and stigma reduction.

WHEREAS the Mental Health Committee may review any matters relating to municipal, provincial and national mental health issues that affect Ryerson students. The Committee shall have the responsibility to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors all matters relating to municipal, provincial and national transportation issues.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following bylaw amendments be made for the Mental Health Committee to become a Standing Committee and to have its terms of reference codified:

A. Article 3 "Committees", subsections 3.1 and 3.6 should read as follows.

*"3.1 The Board of Directors shall maintain the following ~~twelve (12)~~ **thirteen (13)** standing sub-committees:*

- a) an Executive Committee;*
- b) an Events and Entertainment Committee;*
- c) a Finance Committee;*
- d) a Governance Committee;*
- e) a Student Action Committee;*
- f) a Sustainability Committee;*
- g) a Committee on Equity Issues;*
- h) a Student Groups Committee;*
- i) a Course Unions Committee;*
- j) a Bursary Committee;*
- k) an Athletics Committee*
- l) a Transit Committee*
- m) a Mental Health Committee***

“3.6 Meetings of the Events, Educational Issues, Sustainability, Equity Issues, and Mental Health standing sub-committees shall be open to any member in good standing of the RSU, where a member in good standing refers to any full-time or graduate student of Ryerson that has paid the membership fee.

B. Article 5 “Roles and Responsibilities”, subsection 5.5 should read as follows.

“5.5 ~~Nine (9)~~ Ten (10) Directors shall, having been duly commissioned by the Board of Directors, hold the following portfolios:

- a) Student Action*
- b) Student Groups*
- c) Course Unions*
- d) Events and Entertainment*
- e) Student Centre*
- f) Equity & Social Justice*
- g) Sustainability*
- h) Athletics*
- i) Transit*
- j) Mental Health*

C. Article 5 “Roles and Responsibilities”, subsection 5.6 should be amended to include a 5.6 i) which details the responsibilities of the Mental Health Commissioner, as follows:

“i) The Mental Health Commissioner shall:

- i. chair meetings of the Mental Health Committee;*
- ii. work with the Vice-President Education, the Vice President Equity and the Mental Health Committee to develop; and implement campaigns and procedures regarding mental health affecting Ryerson students.*
- iii. make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding mental health issues relating to municipal, provincial, national, and societal issues that affect Ryerson students and their mental wellbeing;*
- iv. work with the Mental Health Committee and the appropriate Executives and/or staff to organize events, campaigns and other initiatives that focus on mental health issues affecting students;*
- v. report to the Ryerson Mental Health Committee on student mental health issues, initiatives, and campaigns being undertaken by the RSU Mental Health Committee;*
- vi. report to the Vice-President Equity to ensure all initiatives are conducted and implemented properly;*
- vii. report once per month in writing to the Board of Directors; and,*
- viii. perform such other duties as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.”*

D. Appendix A “Terms of Reference for Standing Committees of the Board of Directors” should be amended to include a section 13 which details the structure and the Terms of Reference for the Mental Health Committee, as follows:

“13. Mental Health Committee

The Board of Directors shall establish a Mental Health Committee in accordance with the following terms of reference:

a) the Mental Health Committee shall consist of:

- i. the Vice-President Equity;*
- ii. the Vice-President Education;*
- iii. the Mental Health Commissioner;*
- iv. a representative of the Graduate Council*
- v. the Equity and Campaigns Organizer*

b) the Committee shall also consist of the following members whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors:

- i. one (1) Board of Governors Representative; and,*
- ii. three (3) Board of Directors members*

c) the Committee shall be appointed at the first meeting of the Board of Directors in May;

d) the Mental Health Commissioner shall be chair of the Mental Health Committee. In the absence of the Mental Health Commissioner, the Vice-President Equity shall preside at meetings;

e) the Mental Health Committee shall appoint from among its members a secretary of the Mental Health Committee, who shall be responsible for forwarding all minutes and records of transactions to the Secretary of the Board of Directors;

f) the Committee shall have the responsibility to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors all matters relating to mental health issues affecting students. The Committee shall be responsible for leading and supporting mental health campaigns including but not limited to mental health advocacy and education, ableism, saneism, and stigma;

g) the Committee shall have the responsibility of working with and reporting to groups such as but not limited to; RyeACCESS, the Ryerson Mental Health and Wellness Committee, and the Equity Service Centers on mental health advocacy and education;

g) the Mental Health Committee may review any matters relating to municipal, provincial and national mental health issues that affect Ryerson students. Committee shall have the responsibility to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors all matters relating to municipal, provincial and national mental health issues; and,

h) not less than half the appointed members of the Mental Health Committee shall constitute quorum. Each Students' Union member of the Mental Health Committee, present in person, shall be entitled to vote.”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that any other applicable by-laws that are impacted by the addition of the Mental Health Committee be adjusted accordingly.

Moved: Hollie Olenik

2. Executive Committee Member Eligibility

Whereas: The executives of the RSU should not be students who have already graduated and have no personal stake in the future of the RSU,

And Whereas: It is currently possible for a student to run for a RSU executive position, win, and then hold that position after graduating provided they were a student at the time they ran,

Be It Resolved That: The following be added to the Bylaws as Bylaw 6.15, and all subsequent numbering adjusted appropriately:

6.15 The Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates shall not be students who will graduate during or prior to their prospective term in office.

Moved: Matthew Smith

3. Election By-Laws - Campaign Expenses

Whereas: The current budget provided to candidates running for RSU board positions is excessively high,

And Whereas: The RSU is already incredibly strapped for cash and should be spending it on benefiting students, not supporting large election campaigns

And Whereas: It is possible through online and in person campaigning to reach students just as well as through the use of expensive posters, banners and flyers,

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw 6.54 be changed to read:

6.54 Campaign expenses shall not exceed \$250.00 for each Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidate.

Be It Further Resolved That: Bylaw 6.55 be changed to read:

6.55 Campaign expenses shall not exceed \$150.00 for each of the Directorial and Graduate Representative Committee candidates.

Moved: Matthew Smith

4. Election By Laws - Campaigning - Slates

Whereas: The expanded number and size of slates running in RSU elections in recent years has completely removed the potential of independent candidates to win a position on the board,

And Whereas: The continued use of slates is guaranteed to result in split boards, creating conflicts within the board before the term of office even commences,

And Whereas: Other groups and societies on campus have removed slates from their elections, resulting in much more productive boards and a more equal distribution of students votes,

Be It Resolved That: The following be added to the Bylaws as Bylaw 6.52, and all subsequent numbering adjusted appropriately:

6.52 Candidates shall not be permitted to campaign as slates, nor shall they be permitted to endorse other candidates.

Moved: Matthew Smith

Motion 4 - Election By Laws - Campaigning - Posters/Print media

Whereas: Students have expressed annoyance with the number of posters used in RSU election campaigns,

And Whereas: It is possible to campaign without the use of thousands of posters, as has been shown with society elections,

And Whereas: The cost of the thousands of posters used in campaigning is ultimately unsustainable with the current RSU financial situation,

Be It Resolved That: The following be added to the Bylaws as Bylaw 6.66, and all subsequent numbering adjusted appropriately:

6.66 Candidates shall be limited to 150 posters per candidate for Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, and 50 posters per candidate for all other positions. Should a poster have multiple candidates on it, it shall count as one poster per candidate towards each candidates limit.

Moved: Matthew Smith

5. Vice President Operations - Job Description

Whereas: There is no easy way for students to see how much of their money the RSU is spending,

And Whereas: The VP Operations is already required to provide a financial report to the Board once every quarter, and could thus included an updated spending report fairly easily,

Be It Resolved That: The following be added to the Bylaws as Bylaw 4.5 b) xvii.:

xvii. Provides an updated budget with year-to-date spending once every quarter, at a minimum, to the board, and the membership by posting it on the RSU website.

Moved: Matthew Smith

Outstanding Proposed By Law Amendments

Semi Annual General Meeting
November 29, 2017
Proposed Bylaw Amendments

1. Amendment for Standing Transit Committee

WHEREAS a Transit Committee is tasked with furthering the transit interests of the Union including, but not limited to; local cycling, public transport and implementation/maintenance of a UPass.

WHEREAS the RSU Transit Committee has the responsibility to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors all matters relating to transportation issues affecting students.

WHEREAS the Committee is responsible for leading and supporting transport campaigns including but not limited to transit and cycling.

WHEREAS the Transit Committee may review any matters relating to municipal, provincial and national transportation issues that affect Ryerson students. The Committee shall have the responsibility to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors all matters relating to municipal, provincial and national transportation issues.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following bylaw amendments be made for the Transit Committee to become a Standing Committee, to cease operations as an Ad Hoc Committee and to have its terms of reference codified:

A. Article 3 "Committees", subsection 3.1 should read as follows. NOTE: The number "twelve (12)" indicated in the below subsection appears in the current by-laws as shown, despite there only being eleven committees listed in the relevant subsection. Therefore the number need not be modified with the addition of a new committee.

"3.1 The Board of Directors shall maintain the following twelve (12) standing sub-committees:

- a) an Executive Committee;*
- b) an Events and Entertainment Committee;*
- c) a Finance Committee;*
- d) a Governance Committee;*
- e) a Student Action Committee;*
- f) a Sustainability Committee;*
- g) a Committee on Equity Issues;*
- h) a Student Groups Committee;*
- i) a Course Unions Committee;*

- j) a Bursary Committee;
- k) an Athletics Committee
- l) a Transit Committee”

B. Article 5 “Roles and Responsibilities”, subsection 5.5 should read as follows.

“5.5 ~~Eight (8)~~ ~~Nine (9)~~ Directors shall, having been duly commissioned by the Board of Directors, hold the following portfolios:

- a) Student Action
- b) Student Groups
- c) Course Unions
- d) Events and Entertainment
- e) Student Centre
- f) Equity & Social Justice
- g) Sustainability
- h) Athletics
- i) Transit”

C. Article 5 “Roles and Responsibilities”, subsection 5.6 should be amended to include a 5.6 h) which details the responsibilities of the Transit Commissioner, as follows:

“h) The Transit Commissioner shall:

- i. chair meetings of the Transit Committee;
- ii. work with the Vice-President Education, the Vice President Operations and the Transit Committee to develop; and implement campaigns and procedures regarding transit and transport affecting Ryerson students
- iii. make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding transit and transport issues relating to municipal, provincial and national transportation issues that affect Ryerson students
- iv. work with the Transit Committee and the appropriate Executives and/or staff to organize events, campaigns and other initiatives that focus on transit issues affecting students;
- vii. report to the Vice-President Education and Vice-President Operations to ensure all initiatives are conducted and implemented properly;
- viii. report once per month in writing to the Board of Directors; and,
- ix. perform such other duties as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.”

D. Appendix A “Terms of Reference for Standing Committees of the Board of Directors” should be amended to include a section 12 which details the structure and the Terms of Reference for the Transit Committee, as follows:

“12. Transit Committee

The Board of Directors shall establish a Transit Committee in accordance with the following terms of reference:

a) the Transit Committee shall consist of:

- i. the Vice-President Education;*
- ii. the Vice-President Operations;*
- iii. the Transit Commissioner;*
- iv. the Events Coordinator;*
- v. a representative of the Graduate Council*

b) the Committee shall also consist of the following members whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors:

- i. one (1) Board of Governors Representative; and,*
- ii. three (3) Board of Directors members*

c) the Committee shall be appointed at the first meeting of the Board of Directors in May;

d) the Transit Commissioner shall be chair of the Transit Committee. In the absence of the Transit Commissioner, the Vice-President Education shall preside at meetings;

e) the Transit Committee shall appoint from among its members a secretary of the Transit Committee, who shall be responsible for forwarding all minutes and records of transactions to the Secretary of the Board of Directors;

f) the Committee shall have the responsibility to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors all matters relating to transportation issues affecting students. The Committee shall be responsible for leading and supporting transport campaigns including but not limited to transit and cycling.

g) the Transit Committee may review any matters relating to municipal, provincial and national transportation issues that affect Ryerson students. Committee shall have the responsibility to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors all matters relating to municipal, provincial and national transportation issues; and,

h) not less than half the appointed members of the Transit Committee shall constitute quorum. Each Students' Union member of the Transit Committee, present in person, shall be entitled to vote."

2. Removal of Campus Group Director from Events Committee

WHERE AS Appendix A, 4a) read as follows:

“Events and Entertainment Committee

4. The Board of Directors shall establish an Events and Entertainment Committee in accordance with the following terms of reference:

a) the Events and Entertainment Committee shall consist of:

- i. the Vice-President Student Life and Events;
- ii. the Events Commissioner;
- iii. The Campus Groups Director;
- iv. the Deputy Chairperson Student Life of the Graduate Representative Committee
- v. Events Co-ordinator
- vi. the Residence Council representative”

AND WHERE AS the Campus Groups Director referred in 4a) iii. is now a defunct position

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 4a) iii. be changed to read “The Student Group and Course Union Commissioner”, in so that Appendix A, 4a) read as follows:

“Events and Entertainment Committee

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a) the Events and Entertainment Committee shall consist of:

- i. the Vice-President Student Life and Events;
- ii. the Events Commissioner;
- iii. The Student Group and Course Union Commissioner;
- iv. the Deputy Chairperson Student Life of the Graduate Representative Committee
- v. Events Co-ordinator
- vi. the Residence Council representative”

3. Update Members List of Events and Entertainment Committee

WHERE AS Appendix A, 4a) read as follows:

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- i. the Vice-President Student Life and Events;
- ii. the Events Commissioner;
- iii. The Campus Groups Director;

- iv. the Deputy Chairperson Student Life of the Graduate Representative Committee
- v. Events Co-ordinator
- vi. the Residence Council representative”

AND WHERE AS the Campus Groups Director referred in 4a) iii. is now a defunct position

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 4a) iii. be changed to read “The Student Group and Course Union Commissioner”, in so that Appendix A, 4a) read as follows:

“Events and Entertainment Committee

4. The Board of Directors shall establish an Events and Entertainment Committee in accordance with the following terms of reference:

a) the Events and Entertainment Committee shall consist of:

- i. the Vice-President Student Life and Events;
- ii. the Events Commissioner;
- iii. The Student Group and Course Union Commissioner;
- iv. the Deputy Chairperson Student Life of the Graduate Representative Committee
- v. Events Co-ordinator
- vi. the Residence Council representative”

4. Referenda

Article Seven (7)

Referenda

Preamble

Because the Ryerson Students’ Union may wish to determine the opinion of its membership with respect to specific issues from time to time, and recognizing that the Board of Governors of Ryerson University has ultimate authority over student fees at the University and has previously entered into written agreements with Ryerson Students’ Union pursuant to which it collects certain fees on behalf of Ryerson Students’ Union, this policy is designed to govern the way in which Ryerson Students’ Union conducts Referendum, whether concerning fees or otherwise, on the understanding that the University will recognize the validity of any Ryerson Students’ Union Referendum conducted in accordance herewith and in particular will implement the results of any such Referendum that concern Ryerson Students’ Union fees.

Changes to the Membership

7.1 Changes to the membership of the Ryerson Students’ Union, in its entirety or any portion thereof, must be determined through a membership-wide referendum, in which all members must be provided an equal opportunity to vote.

Proclamation of Referendum

7.2 Whenever the Board of Ryerson Students' Union wishes to determine the opinion of the Students' Union membership with respect to one or more issues relating to the association, which issues may or may not include fees, it may issue a proclamation directing that a referendum be held for that purpose in accordance with this policy on specified dates not less than 30 nor more than 60 calendar days thereafter.

7.3 Before issuing a proclamation, the Board shall approve the referendum question in accordance with paragraph 7.5.

7.4 Subject to paragraph 7.5, the proposed question for a referendum shall be submitted to the Board, which may approve the question in the form submitted, amend the question and approve it as amended, or reject the question.

7.5 A referendum question shall:

- a) begin with one to three sentences, containing up to 20 words in total, that objectively explain the historical context of the issue that is the subject of the referendum; and,
- b) be positively worded, so that a vote of "yes" signifies agreement with the initiative proposed, and a vote of "no" signifies disagreement with it.

7.6 One or more members of the Students' Union may require the Board to issue a proclamation of referendum, by submitting to the Board a completed petition in the form prescribed by the Students' Union, containing the following:
a referendum question that complies with paragraph 7.4; and,
the signatures of, and other required information relating to, at least ten percent of all current members of the association.

7.7 At the first meeting of the Board after the association receives a petition pursuant to paragraph 7.5, the board shall appoint a petition review committee consisting of five members of the board who have had no previous involvement with the petition in question and no greater interest in the substantive issues to which it relates than does the association's membership in general. Within ten working days after such board meeting, the petition review committee shall file a report to the board as to whether the petition complies with paragraph 7.5 and was compiled in a fair and reasonable manner.

7.8 Upon receiving a report from the petition review committee approving a petition received by the association pursuant to paragraph 7.5, the board shall cause the referendum to be conducted as provided herein.

Participation by Association Employees

7.9 The Board may, by resolution passed by at least a two thirds majority, limit participation in a particular referendum during business hours by one or more particular employees of the Students' Union if the Board feels that such participation would create an undue imbalance in the resources available to promote one of the answers to the referendum question.

Officers

7.10 The Board or its designate shall appoint a chief returning officer and a Referenda Committee, who shall exercise and perform the duties specified herein and in the Ryerson Students' Union by-laws. The Referenda Committee shall consist of the Chief Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officer, Secretary of the Board of Directors, General Manager and President. The term of office of the Chief Returning Officer and Referenda Committee shall expire upon the completion of such duties.

7.11 As soon as possible after the issue of a proclamation, the Chief Returning Officer shall:

- a) inform the membership, by such means as the Chief Returning Officer determines
- b) considers appropriate, of the referendum question and the general manner in which the referendum will be conducted; and
- c) appoint one Deputy Returning Officer and one poll clerk for each poll declared in due course by the referendum of The Students' Union Committee Referenda Committee in accordance with paragraph 7.25.

7.12 If a referendum officer dies, resigns in writing to, or is removed by, the board or individual authorized to make appointments to that officer's position, the Board or individual, as the case may be, shall appoint another individual to that referendum officer's position.

7.13 The Chief Returning Officer shall chair the Referenda Committee, and together they shall:

- a) exercise general direction and supervision over the administrative conduct of the referendum and enforce on the part of all referendum officers fairness, impartiality and compliance with this policy and the pertinent provisions of the association's by-laws;
- b) issue to referendum officers such instructions as may be necessary to ensure effective execution of the provisions of this policy and the pertinent provisions of the association's by-laws; and,
- c) exercise all other powers and perform all other duties assigned to their respective offices by this policy and the association's by-laws.

7.14 The Chief Returning Officer may authorize any member of the Referenda Committee or other referendum officer to exercise any of the powers and perform any of the duties assigned to the Chief Returning Officer by this policy or the Ryerson Students' Union by-laws.

Advocating Committees

7.15 The Board may register one committee authorized to promote the “yes” answer to a referendum question, and one committee authorized to promote the “no” answer, provided that at least three quarters of the members of each committee shall be members of the association.

7.16 An advocating committee may apply for registration by filing with the chief returning officer, at any time during the referendum period, an application signed by the chief agent of the advocating committee setting out:

- a) the full name of the committee;
- b) the name, address and telephone number of the chief agent of the committee; and,
- c) the name, address, telephone number and title of each officer of the committee.

7.17 The Board shall determine the resources to be made available to each advocating committee in a particular referendum, and the Referenda Committee shall administer those resources in a fair and reasonable manner at the request of each such committee. No advocating committee shall invest resources in any aspect of a particular referendum other than those allocated to it by the Referenda Committee.

7.18 The Chief Returning Officer shall maintain a registry of registered advocating committees in which shall be recorded the information detailed in paragraph 7.15 with respect to each such committee.

7.19 Where the position of chief agent of a registered advocating committee or of an advocating committee that has applied for registration becomes vacant or the chief agent is unable to perform the duties of the position, the committee shall forthwith appoint a new chief agent and inform the chief returning officer in writing of the name, address and telephone number of the new chief agent.

7.20 No one other than a registered advocating committee shall advertise in any medium or post or distribute any material, for the purpose of supporting or opposing a referendum question.

7.21 No registered advocating committee shall advertise in any medium or post or distribute any material, unless the advertisement or other material:
identifies that committee and indicates that the advertisement is authorized by it; and,
has the documented, prior authorization of the Referenda Committee.

7.22 No one, whether a member of a registered advocating committee or otherwise, shall:
a) make any statement of fact either in support of or opposition to a referendum question, without evidence substantiating that statement of fact to the satisfaction of the chief returning officer; or discuss any aspect of the referendum in a manner that the chief returning officer considers to constitute harassment.

7.23 During the referendum period, the board may, at its discretion, arrange public forums for the advocating committees to make oral presentations to the membership.

7.24 No person shall, for the purpose of supporting or opposing a referendum question, violate any pertinent regulations contained in the association's by-laws or this or any other policy issued pursuant thereto.

Polling Procedure

~~7.25 The Chief Returning Officer shall establish and maintain a register of members of the association, to be known as the register of electors.~~

~~7.26 The Referenda Committee shall declare the location and hours of each poll at least five business days before that poll opens.~~

~~7.27 Each polling station shall contain either one or two voting compartments so arranged that each elector may be screened from observation and may mark a ballot without interference or interruption.~~

~~7.28 In each voting compartment, there shall be a table or desk, and a suitable black lead pencil, which shall be kept properly sharpened throughout the hours of polling.~~

~~7.29 At each polling station, no one shall remain in the room where votes are given for a period longer than it takes to vote, except the chief returning officer, the deputy returning officer and poll clerk assigned to that poll, and an agent of each registered advocating committee.~~

~~7.30 At the time set for opening a poll, one agent for each registered advocating committee may inspect each ballot box to ensure that it is empty.~~

~~7.31 The deputy returning officer shall ensure the admittance of each elector into the polling station, and shall ensure that no elector is impeded or molested at or about the polling station.~~

~~7.32 The deputy returning officer at each poll shall initial the back of each ballot before it is given to an elector.~~

~~7.33 Each elector, on entering the room where the poll is held, shall produce the elector's student card or other conclusive identification, whereupon the poll clerk shall strike the elector's name off the register of electors and give the elector a ballot paper bearing the deputy returning officer's initials on the back in accordance with paragraph 7.31.~~

~~7.34 After receiving a ballot, an elector shall proceed directly to the voting compartment, mark the ballot to clearly indicate the elector's choice opposite the word "yes" or "no", fold the ballot so that the initials on the back are visible without unfolding it, and place it in the ballot box.~~

Counting of Votes

~~7.35 Immediately after the close of a poll, in the presence and full view of the poll clerk and such of the agents of registered advocating committees or witnesses who are present, the deputy returning officer shall cause all ballot boxes to be transported to the location prescribed by the Referenda Committee for the counting of ballots.~~

~~7.36 As soon as reasonably possible after all ballot boxes have been transported to the location prescribed for the counting of ballots, in the presence and full view of all Referenda Committee members, referendum officers and agents of registered advocating committees or witnesses who are present, the chief returning officer shall, with respect to each polling station and in the following order:~~

- ~~a) count the number of names stricken from the register of electors, and make an entry on the line immediately below the name of the last elector on the list that states, "The number of electors who voted at this referendum in this polling station is (stating the number)", and sign the list;~~
- ~~b) count the unused ballot papers undetached from the books of ballot papers, place them with all the stubs of all used ballot papers in an envelope marked for that purpose and indicate thereon the number of unused ballot papers;~~
- ~~c) check the number of ballot papers supplied by the deputy returning officer against the number of unused ballot papers and the number of electors from the list indicated as having voted, in order to ascertain the number of ballot papers, if any, not accounted for;~~
- ~~d) open the ballot box and empty its contents on a table; and,~~
- ~~e) count the number of votes cast for the "yes" answer and those cast for the "no" answer to the referendum question, as well as the number of spoiled ballots, on one of the tally sheets supplied, giving full opportunity to those present to examine each ballot paper.~~

~~7.37 In counting the votes, the chief returning officer shall declare spoiled all ballot papers:~~

- ~~a) that have not been supplied by the respective deputy returning officer;~~
- ~~b) that have not been marked with any answer to the referendum~~
- ~~c) question;~~
- ~~d) on which more than one answer to a referendum question has been marked;~~
- ~~e) that have not been marked after the word "yes" or "no" in the space provided; or,~~
- ~~f) on which there is any writing or mark by which the elector could be identified.~~

Polling Procedure

7.25 Polling shall be conducted over a period of three (3) days. The Chief Returning Officer shall establish and maintain a register of members of the association, to be known as the register of electors. The Referenda Committee shall declare the location and hours of each poll at least five business days before that poll opens.

7.26 Voting for RSU Referendum shall be administered through an online system accessible through a RAMSS user id and password.

7.27 Notice of the Referendum will be sent to students who are eligible voters via e-mail during the voting period. Notice of the polling stations will be sent to the membership at least five (5) business days before the polls open.

7.28 Students will be provided with a link to access the Ryerson Students' Union Referendum Ballot.

7.29 The Ballot will show the Referendum Question and the 'Yes' and 'No' Options in accordance to bylaw 7.5.

7.30 Students will be provided with a link to statements provided by the Yes and No Committees to learn more about the Referendum question.

7.31 On polling days no less than six (6) polling stations shall be set up at locations to be determined by the Referenda Committee. Polling stations are to be located in buildings around campus so as to be distributed in a manner as reasonably accessible to all students. Students may vote at the computer terminals that are available at the polling stations.

7.32 At least two (2) polling clerks shall staff each polling station.

7.33 Every member of the Students' Union shall be eligible to vote. Voters must present an acceptable form of photo identification and have their name on the list of voters in order to obtain a ballot.

Reporting and Ballot Counting Procedures

7.34 The Chief Returning Officer shall post the numerical results of the Referendum in the Ryerson Students' Union office following the tabulation of all ballots. The results will remain posted in the Ryerson Students' Union office so as to be accessible to the members of the Students' Union for seven (7) full business days following the final day of polling.

7.35 By-laws 7.36 to 7.42 apply to paper ballots.

7.36 Each Advocating committee shall be entitled to one (1) scrutineer. Failure to appoint such a representative by the deadline established by the Chief Returning Officer will result in forfeiting the right to appoint a scrutineer. Scrutineers are entitled to observe polling stations and ballot counting so long as they abide by the guidelines for conduct set by the Chief Returning Officer.

7.37 Ballot counting shall commence immediately following the closing of the polls on the final day of polling.

7.38 Only those duly appointed by the Chief Returning Officer shall count ballots. The Chief Returning Officer shall determine which, if any, ballots are to be declared spoiled. Spoiled ballots shall be stored separately from valid ballots and are to be kept and made available by the Chief Returning Officer for examination by each committee following the tabulation of all ballots.

In counting the votes, the chief returning officer shall declare spoiled all ballot papers:

- a) that have not been supplied by the respective deputy returning officer;
- b) that have not been marked with any answer to the referendum question;
- d) on which more than one answer to a referendum question has been marked;
- e) that have not been marked after the word “yes” or “no” in the space provided; or,
- f) on which there is any writing or mark by which the elector could be identified.

7.39 All ballot boxes shall be secured by the Chief Returning Officer and stored in a secure location outside of the Ryerson Students’ Union but on Ryerson Campus to be determined in consultation with the Ryerson Safety and Security Office.

7.40 Any Advocating Committee may request a recount of ballots within forty-eight (48) hours after the announcement of results. Recount requests shall be submitted by the chief agent of the respective committee in writing to the Chief Returning Officer.

7.41 All Scrutineers shall be present to witness the recounting of ballots. Members of the Referendum Committee as well as the Chief Returning Officer must be present before the recount can begin.

7.42 All ballots shall be destroyed no earlier than fifteen days following the final day of polling or the day following a recount.

Final Report

7.43 A final report of the process and results of electronic voting will include total number of eligible voters, the total number of Referendum notices sent via e-mail, and the total number of any failed delivery of Referendum notices. The Chief Returning Officer shall send a copy of the report to the Board of Directors at the conclusion of the Referendum. The report will be archived for a period of at least five (5) years.

7.44 Forthwith after the official addition of the votes, the Chief Returning Officer shall prepare a written statement showing the total number of votes cast for each of the “yes” answer and the “no” answer to each referendum question and the number of spoiled ballots. The chief returning officer shall, at least two business days but not more than ten business days after all polls have closed, submit that statement to the Board.

7.45 Outcome of Vote For Referendum

A 50% + 1 vote threshold determines the outcome. Should the referendum fail to meet a 50% +1 threshold, then the proposed referendum question cannot be introduced again for at least one academic year. Upon receiving the Chief Returning Officer's statement showing the votes cast in a referendum, the Board shall by resolution ratify or reject the result of the referendum, provided that it shall reject such result unless the total number of members who voted in the referendum was at least ten percent of the total number of members named on the register of electors .

7.46 Within one business day after the last polling day at a referendum, the chief agent of each registered advocating committee shall file with the Chief Returning Officer a true return, signed by the chief agent, showing all referendum expenses incurred by the committee.

7.47 The Chief Returning Officer shall retain all documents submitted in connection with a referendum for at least one year after submitting the statement provided for in paragraph 7.43.

Online Elections Contingency Plan

7.48 In the event that the Executive Committee rules that online voting has been ascertainable compromised, or that the online polling provider can no longer be supported, Ryerson Students' Union elections must move to the contingency plan outlined in this By-Law.

7.49 If the ruling described in 7.48 is made prior to voting, the contingency plan shall be to postpone voting to allow time for a remedy.

7.50 If the ruling described in 7.48 is made after the start of voting, the contingency plan shall be implemented with the protocols deemed to be in the best interests of the Ryerson Students' Union, and may involve paper ballots, if the data for online votes cast has not been compromised it can be used in conjunction with paper ballots to determine the total number of votes cast for each candidate, but any such protocol shall be documented in writing and made publicly available.

7.51 In the event that Ryerson Students' Union Referendum must move to the contingency plan, a mass email must be sent to the Ryerson Students' Union membership prior to the implementation of the contingency plan. Every member of the RSU shall be eligible to vote.

Ballot Counting Procedures as Part of the Online Elections Contingency Plan

7.52 Ballots shall be counted in accordance with the procedures outlined in sections 7.36 to 7.42

Grievance Procedure

7.53 Any member of the Students' Union having a complaint concerning the operation of a referendum or anyone's behaviour with respect to it may file a written grievance with the chief returning officer, at any time prior to the Chief Returning Officer's submission of the report provided for in paragraph 7.43.

7.54 The Chief Returning Officer and Referendum Appeals committee shall consider all grievances submitted in accordance with paragraph 7.53. The Appeals Committee shall consist of the Chief Returning Officer, the Secretary of the Board of Directors (non voting) and 4 members of the Ryerson Students' Union.

The Referendum Appeals Committee shall dispose of each grievance in one of the following ways:

- a) dismiss the grievance;
- b) ban one or more persons from further involvement in the referendum;
- c) require that a retraction or other remedial action be made, in such manner as the chief returning officer determines; or,
- d) declare that the result of the referendum is invalid, either before or after voting or before or after counting of ballots has taken place.

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Amendment 1

Article Four (4) Officers of the Students' Union

The General Manager, shall be an ex-officio non voting member of the Students' Union who supports the executive officers

Amendment 1

4.5 The responsibilities of the respective Executive officer are as follows:

a) the President:

iii liaises between ~~staff~~ General Manager and the Board of Directors

b) the Vice-President Operations:

iv. develops and recommends the annual budget to the Board of Directors in consultation with the Executive, The General Manager, Financial Controller, and Ryerson Students' Union staff where appropriate.

Amendment 2

Article Nine (9) Legal and Financial

9.5) *Deeds, transfers, licenses, contracts, and engagements on behalf of the Students Union shall be co-signed by any two signing officers, which includes the General Manager*

9.7) *Asset Management*

Any two of the three of signing officers, which includes the General Manager

Amendment 3

Appendix A

Terms of Reference for Standing Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE

5. The Board of Directors shall establish a Finance committee in accordance with the following terms of reference

a) be composed of

~~iv the Executive Director of Operations & Services and the Finance Coordinator~~
iv the General Manager and the Financial Controller

f) meet before August 31st, with not less than half of the elected members of The Students' Union appointed to the committee constituting a quorum, to discuss and approve the annual operating budget that shall normally be prepared, with consultation, by the Vice President Operations and ~~the Executive Director of Operations and Services~~ *The General Manager & Financial Controller.*

Amendment 4

Article Six (6) Elections & Appointments

6.4 The total number of Student Faculty Directors shall be determined on the basis of one Director per one thousand ~~one five hundred (1,100)~~ (2000) members, to be arrived at by the following formula:

Number of members of the Students' Union/~~1,100~~2000

6.5 The number of Student Faculty Directors per faculty shall be arrived at by the following formula:

Number of members in the faculty/~~1,100~~ 2000

6.6 Where the procedure followed in By-law 6.5 shall produce the remainder for a Faculty which shall be greater than or equal to five hundred and fifty (~~=550~~) (≥ 750) then the result shall be incremented by one (1).

6.7 The number of Student Faculty Directors produced per faculty in By-law 6.5 ~~shall not exceed the combined number of Faculty Directors produced through the two (2) smallest faculties listed in By-law 6.3 combined~~ shall not exceed more than 4 directors per faculty. The number of Student Faculty Directors must not be less than two (2) directors.

Changes for article 6 will take places for the upcoming RSU elections of 2018/2019

Amendment 5

6.81 Results of an election that return an equality of votes for two (2) or more candidates who are running for the same office will ~~ultimately~~ be determined by *an additional day of voting. The voting day will be scheduled (1) working day after the last day of polling. In the event that that additional day of elections also results in a tie,* a coin toss that shall be administered by the Chief Returning Officer. Such a procedure will be final. ~~and binding and should take place only after a recount of the ballots confirms the result as a tie vote~~