

# RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 – 12:30 p.m.  
International Room – ILC

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

#### 1. President's Opening Remarks

- P. Danziger welcomed everyone and presented Anver Saloojee with the RFA Distinguished Service Award.
- A. Saloojee thanked the RFA's Professional Affairs Committee and all RFA members for the Distinguished Service Award.
- P. Danziger presented Linda Cooper with the RFA Career Achievement Award.
- L. Cooper thanked the RFA and all RFA members for the Career Achievement Award.

#### 2. Minutes of General Meeting – December 2, 2015

**MOTION – Be It Resolved That** the Minutes of December 2, 2014 General Meeting be approved as circulated (Saloojee/Francescucci) – CARRIED

#### 3. Business Arising From the Minutes

S. Quigley presented a prototype of the new RFA website.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

- **MOTION – Be It Resolved** the Executive recommends to the membership approval of the 2015-16 budget as presented by the Treasurer (Schifellite/Quigley) – CARRIED

We have been advised by our auditors that in any given fiscal year, the RFA build into the operating budget a surplus (contingency fund) of 10% of operating or roughly \$100,000. Therefore the Executive recommends to the membership:

- **MOTION – Be It Resolved** any surplus above \$100,000 in the operating budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year be transferred to the Defence Fund at the end of that fiscal year (Schifellite/ Francescucci) – CARRIED

#### 5. Appointment of Auditor

- **MOTION – Be It Resolved** McCann & Roque Chartered Accountants be appointed as the Association’s Auditor for 2015-2016 (Schifellite/Tucker Scott) - CARRIED

6. **By-Law Change to 17.4 (b)**

The preamble of Article 17.4 (b) of the RFA bylaws states:

Expenditures from the Defence Fund shall be in accordance with the purpose of the Defence Fund as defined in Article 17.1 of this Bylaw. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, such expenditures may include:

A list of ten items follows.

- **MOTION – Be It Resolved** the following be added to the list:

(xi) Support for faculty associations which are on strike

7. **Reps’ Council Update**

K. Tucker Scott, thanked all the Reps’ Council members for their support regarding the state of Ryerson’s Library being underfunded and in particular thanked C. Hart, J. Power, J. Power and T. Landau. A resolution which was unanimously supported by Reps’ Council members was turned into a motion and supported by the RFA Executive.

8. **Request for Destruction of Ballots:**

- (a) Election of Members, Grievance Committee – February 2015
- (b) Election of Chair, Grievance – February 2015
- (c) Confirmation of the Appointment of Habiba Bougherara as Health and Safety Officer of the RFA

**MOTION – Be It Resolved** that ballots be destroyed (Saloojee/Fumia)

9. **Reports**

- Negotiations
  - I. Sakinofsky reported that the Negotiating Committee is continuing the bargaining process with the Administration.

10. **President’s closing remarks**

P. Danziger thanked everyone for attending the meeting and introduced Habiba Bougherara as Health & Safety Officer. He also thanked Jason Lisi for all his work as Chair, Grievance and welcomed Ron Babin as the new Chair, Grievance.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.