

# RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 5, 2016 – 12:30 p.m.  
International Room – ILC

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

#### 1. President's Opening Remarks

- P. Danziger called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He presented Mustafa Koç from the Sociology Department, Rosemarie Volpe and Sahri Woods-Baum from the Centre for Student Development & Counselling with the RFA's Career Achievement Awards.
- Mustafa Koç, Rosemarie Volpe and Sahri Woods-Baum all thanked the RFA and all RFA members for each being awarded Career Achievement Awards.

#### 2. Minutes of General Meeting – December 7, 2015

**MOTION – Be It Resolved That** the Minutes of the December 7, 2015 General Meeting be approved as circulated (Tucker-Scott/Pirner) – CARRIED

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

Bylaw Change to 17.2(d) and 17.2(f)

- BIRT that bylaws 17.2 (d) and 17.2 (f) be amended as follows:

17.2(d) The mill rate levied to support of the Defence Fund shall be as follows:

(i) When the balance in the Defence Fund is less than **\$300,000**, **5** mills

(i.e., **0.5%** of Members' salaries shall be deposited from each dues receipt)

(ii) When the balance in the Defence Fund is between **\$300,000 and \$500,000**, **4** mills

(i.e., **0.4%** of Members' salaries shall be deposited from each dues receipt)

(iii) When the balance in the Defence Fund is between **\$500,000 and \$600,000**, **3** mills

(i.e., **0.3%** of Members' salaries shall be deposited from each dues receipt)

(iv) When the balance in the Defence Fund is between **\$600,000 and \$700,000**, **2** mill

(i.e., **0.2%** of Members' salaries shall be deposited from each dues receipt)

(v) When the balance in the Defence Fund is between **\$700,000 and \$900,000**, **1** mill

(i.e., **0.1%** of Members' salaries shall be deposited from each dues receipt)

(vi) When the balance in the Defence Fund is greater than **\$900,000**, mandatory contributions to the Fund shall cease, except as provided for by Article 17.2(f).

[and]

17.2(f) At any time that the balance in the Defence Fund is greater than **\$900,000**, Members may direct, by a simple majority vote at a properly constituted General Membership Meeting, that Member contributions at the rate of .5 mill levied against Members' salaries continue for a period of one year (Schifellite/Tucker-Scott) - CARRIED

Motions from the Executive to accompany the budget

- The Executive recommends to the membership approval of the 2016-17 Budget as presented by the Treasurer.

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:

- BIRT any surplus above \$100,000 in the operating budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year be transferred to the Defence Fund at the end of that fiscal year - CARRIED

4. **Appointment of Auditor**

- **MOTION – Be It Resolved** McCann & Roque Chartered Accountants be appointed as the Association's Auditor for 2016-2017 - CARRIED

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

- (a) Election of Member at Large – February 2016
- (b) Election of President – February 2016

**MOTION – Be It Resolved** that ballots be destroyed - CARRIED

6. **Report on Negotiations**

- I. Sakinofsky reported the RFA Negotiating Committee had reached an agreement with Ryerson University and signed a Memorandum of Settlement on May 3, 2016. The agreement will be operational until June 2018.
- I. Sakinofsky answered various questions from members regarding the new Collective Agreement.
- I. Sakinofsky thanked the Political Action Committee for assisting the Negotiating Committee.

7. **President's closing remarks**

- P. Danziger thanked the RFA Negotiating Committee for all their hard work.
- P. Danziger thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.