

RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – 12:30 p.m.

International Room – ILC

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m.

1. **President's Opening Remarks**

- P. Danziger welcomed everyone and presented Sophie Quigley with the RFA Distinguished Service Award.
- S. Quigley thanked the RFA's Professional Affairs Committee and all RFA members for the Distinguished Service Award.
- P. Danziger presented Brain Damude with the RFA Career Achievement Award.
- B. Damude thanked the RFA and all RFA members for the Career Achievement Award.

2. **Minutes of General Meeting – December 8, 2016**

BIRT the Minutes of December 8, 2016 be approved as circulated (Tucker Scott/Francescucci) - CARRIED

3. **Treasurer's Report**

Motions from the Executive:

- The Executive recommends to the membership approval of the 2017-18 Budget as presented by the Treasurer

BIRT the membership approves the 2017-18 Budget (Schifellite/Magness) - 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:

BIRT any surplus above \$100,000 in the operating budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year be transferred to the Defence Fund at the end of that fiscal year (Schifellite/Hart) – CARRIED

4. **Appointment of Auditor**

BIRT McCann & Roque Chartered Accountants be appointed as the Association's Auditor for 2017-2018 (Schifellite/Francescucci) - CARRIED

5. **Request for destruction of Ballots**

BIRT the following ballots be destroyed:

- (a) Election of Member-At-Large – February 2017
- (b) Election of Health & Safety Officer – February 2017
- (c) Election of Members, Equity Issues Committee – February 2017
(Power/Magness) - CARRIED

6. **Update on Administration's intent to change the Appointments of Academic Administrations Policy (AAA)**

P. Danziger discussed issues regarding the AAA policy.

- In February of this year, the RFA objected strenuously against the Administration's proposed changes to the AAA policy concerning committee's on which RFA members were no longer the majority. The Administration did remove that part of the policy. RFA members continued to voice concerns regarding the Administration's proposed amendments to the AAA policy.
- P. Danziger encouraged members to attend the town hall meeting, (to be held in May), to show support and address the AAA policy.
- Members discussed the challenges and concerns regarding the AAA policy.
- A motion was put forward by members:

Whereas any change to the AAA policy has profound implications for collegial governance at Ryerson,

BIRT the RFA membership objects to the contents of the proposed 2017 revisions to the AAA policy and to the undemocratic process by which these proposed revisions are conducted. We ask that the Administration put this process on hold and establish a new process that includes collaborative drafting with the RFA. (Quigley/Francescucci) - CARRIED

7. **President's closing remarks**

P. Danziger thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.