

Nov-Dec
2015

LSRC Referendum Report



April Adams
CRO UWSA
12/13/2015

Contents

REFERENDUM QUESTION	3
REFERENDUM RESULTS AGREEMENT	3
REFERENDUM CALENDAR	4
REFERENDUM MEDIA OUTREACH	5
REFERENDUM CHALLENGES	6
OPUS ON-LINE VOTING	6
Action Items for OPUS Unaccounted Votes	6
Outcome	6
UNOFFICIAL RESULTS - Dec 3	7
OFFICIAL RESULTS – Dec 4	7
REFERENDUM RESULTS.....	7
REFERENDUM SUMMARY	8
SPECIAL THANKS	9

REFERENDUM QUESTION

LANCERS SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE REFERENDUM 2015

Be it resolved that an annual capital fee of \$125.00 per student (\$62.50 per term for a maximum of two terms per academic year) be levied on all members of the University of Windsor Student Alliance (UWSA), Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS) and the Graduate Student Society (GSS) to support the construction of a new Lancers Sport and Recreation Centre (LSRC).

Be it further resolved that this fee shall be assessed commencing Fall 2019 or in the academic year that the building becomes operational, whichever comes later;

Be it further resolved that the fee shall increase by an annual increment of 5% per year for the first seven (7) years only;

Be it further resolved that in 2029, when the existing Sports & Recreation capital fee expires, the LSRC capital fee shall increase by the amount of that fee at that time;

Be it further resolved that the term of this fee shall be 30 years;

Be it further resolved that all fees generated shall be used exclusively to support the LSRC capital project.

REFERENDUM RESULTS AGREEMENT

All organizations; UWSA, GSS and OPUS had to be in favour of the project for the LSRC Referendum to pass.

REFERENDUM CALENDAR

June 10	LSRC Referendum meeting Alan Wildman, Dr Khan, and LSRC Committee presented referendum to Executives from UWSA, OPSS, and GSS Continuous meetings with LSRC Committee, Executives and CRO UWSA transpired over the Election period
Oct 22 8:41am	LSRC Signatures confirmed by Registrars office, Allison Miller 1457 members = 13% Approved by board on Oct 22
Nov. 12	LSRC Committee Meeting Verified LSRC Question Reviewed Code of Conduct during Election Period/Campaign Period Reviewed On-line Voting
Nov. 13 – 17	Test On-line Voting System with OPUS and GSS
Nov. 19	LSRC Committee Meeting Campaign Period starts – ending Dec. 1
Nov. 27	LSRC Town Hall – CAW Commons 4 pm – 6 pm
Nov. 30 – Dec. 1	Voting Days Midnight to Midnight Campaigning continued during Voting Days
Dec. 2	Unofficial Results Announced 10:00 am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UWSA and GSS only• Results were delayed due to OPUS<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ OPUS announced results approx 2:00 pm○ UWSA CRO – varied OPUS voters list of 153 voters
Dec. 3	Unofficial Results 10:00 am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Votes still needed to be confirmed by David Wilbur and OPUS<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Votes were confirmed by David on Dec 4○ 2 Votes were added to UWSA results (one yes/one no)

REFERENDUM MEDIA OUTREACH

The Lance
CJAM
Daily News
UWSA Facebook
UWSA Website
CRO Facebook
University of Windsor mass email

CTV
AM 800
The Windsor Star
St. Clair College Media

REFERENDUM CHALLENGES

OPUS ON-LINE VOTING

During the LRSC Committee Meetings, OPUS agreed to have the Voting Process under the UWSA Voting system; this was tested and agreed upon by all parties.

OPUS later decided to use a different on-line voting system.

- OPUS On-line Voting system delayed results by 4 hours
- OPUS had 153 votes recorded which were unaccounted for (not OPUS students)
 - The Reason for the unaccounted votes:
 - Students had moved from part-time to full-time
 - Students had moved from fall 2015 to winter 2016
 - Students had moved from part time to graduate student
- The List of unaccounted votes were provided to UWSA CRO April Adams at 3:00 pm Dec. 2

Action Items for OPUS Unaccounted Votes

- Verified list against list of Voters from UWSA and GSS
 - List was provided to CRO by IT Services
 - CRO does not have access to this list
- CRO UWSA crossed out all the Voters who voted twice.
- CRO UWSA sent list to David Wilbur, Registrar's Office to verify the student number against student status at fall registration.
- Please Note: The 2 UWSA votes were not added to the Unofficial Results until Dec. 4 after David Wilbur confirmed that these votes were made by UWSA members.

Outcome

Total Number of Votes received by OPUS	153
Total Number of Ineligible Votes	34
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student not registered in 2015 fall • Drop courses before class started • Part-time student as of Winter 2016 	
Total Number of Voters who voted twice	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These votes were counted in the UWSA results 	
Total Number of YES VOTES – UWSA	55
Total Number of NO VOTES – UWSA	55
Total Number of YES VOTES – GSS	1
Total Number of NO VOTES – GSS	1

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS - Dec 3

ORGANIZATION	RESULTS	
UWSA	YES	1967
	NO	1801
GSS	YES	253
	NO	302
OPUS (announced at 2:00 pm)	YES	98
	NO	95

OFFICIAL RESULTS – Dec 4

- Additional votes from OPUS on-line system

ORGANIZATION	RESULTS	
UWSA	YES	2022
	NO	1856
GSS	YES	254
	NO	303
OPUS	YES	98
	NO	95

REFERENDUM RESULTS

The LSRC Referendum did not pass. GSS voted against the project. UWSA and OPUS voted in favour of the project.

REFERENDUM SUMMARY

- The current Referendum Policy needs to follow the same out-line as the Election Policy
 - If a policy section does not apply – then we should add “not applicable”
 - Example: complaints and appeals
 - This section should be added, however it should read “not applicable”
 - Use the Election Canada Referendum Policy as a guide
- A Referendum Policy, cannot be invalid or “thrown out” once it has gone out to the membership to vote
- A Referendum Policy must be verified before campaign period
 - This Referendum policy was verified by several organization and the CRO before the campaign period
 - However several students tried to claim that the “question” was invalid
 - This was not the case. The “question” was valid and agreed upon
- IT Services made several improvements to the UWSA on-line voting system.
- Overall the administration of LSRC Referendum was conducted with professionalism and integrity and was overall a great success.
- We had a 33% turnout of Voters!

SPECIAL THANKS

There are always a group of people that rise to the occasion when we run an election. The LSRC Referendum was no exception. A special thank you for your professionalism, hard work and dedication goes out to the following people:

IT Services

Marcin Pulcer
Shiladitya Chakrabarti
Rob Aitkens
and associates

RJ Soul-Train Silvanesan

- Stage and communication set-up
- RJ is always ready and willing to help!

LSRC Committee

Michael Khan
Mike Havey
Eric Vandenbroucke
Sandra Ondracka

GSS Sanam Mehta

OPUS Christopher Baillargeon
Maryan Amalow
Ian Clough

David Wilbur, SIS Reporting and System Administrator

- Without David voting wouldn't be possible.

Matthew Dunlop, VPSS

Robert Cervi, DRO