

# REFERENDUM 2015

Report to Council – April 8, 2015

# Petitioned Question

Do you support your student union (AMS) in boycotting products and divesting from companies that support Israeli war crimes, illegal occupation, and the oppression of Palestinians?

# Committees

- \* Petitioning committee formally became the “Yes” committee
- \* There was no official filing to become a “No” committee
- \* Only the “Yes” committee has access to funding

# Ballot Details

- \* Yes, No, Abstain options
- \* Opened on March 23, 2015 at 12:01 am
- \* Closed on March 27, 2015 at 5:00 pm

# Turnout

- \* Total turnout was 11.9%.
- \* Average of approx. 1300 voters a day.

# Results

YES	3,493 (56.8%)
NO	2,223 (36.1%)
ABSTAIN	435 (7.1%)

Total Votes 6,151

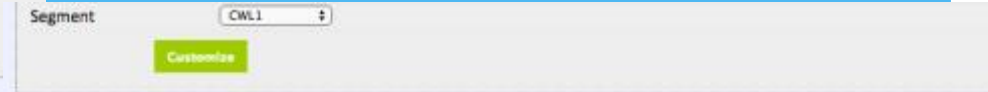
Simple majority achieved.

Failed to meet 8% quorum (4129.12 voters) – 637 votes.

# E-Mail Blast Concern

- \* Concern over one e-mail blast that did not go out.
- \* This blast did not go out due to clerical error. This was to one of ten segments of voters with CWL log-ins.
- \* Even though they did NOT receive the e-mail, the ballot was still open to this segment in order for them to vote.
- \* An e-mail blast was sent out at 9:00am the morning after the error was detected.
- \* Turnout in that segment was comparable to other CWL segments.

# E-Mail Blast Concern: Turnout



Similarities in turnout between “CWL” segment, which did not receive e-mail blast on Monday morning and three other CWL segments.



