

Minutes of the Mount Royal Faculty Association
Meeting date: April 21, 2017

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on April 21, 2017. The meeting convened at 2:37pm, President, Marc Schroeder, presiding

Members Present

Marc Schroeder
Brenda Lang
Sabrina Reed
Lee Easton
Roberta Lexier

Guy Obrecht
Jenn Solinas
Shiraz Kurji
David Clemis (at 3:00)
Absent with Regrets,
Allison Mackenzie

Agenda

Added to New Business: MRU Budget Comments in the Metro and Vice Provost Discussion

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Marc Schroeder to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2017 Executive Board meeting. Motion Carried.

Order of the Day, 2:30pm

Preparation for the Annual General Meeting

1. Approval of Recommended 2017-2018 Budget
Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board recommend the draft budget for membership approval at the May 12, 2017 AGM.
Moved: Shiraz Kurji
Seconded: Brenda Lang
Vote-Carried Unanimously
2. Approval of Recommended Bylaw Amendments
Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board recommend the bylaw changes to the membership for approval at the May 12, 2017 AGM.
Moved: Guy Obrecht
Seconded: Lee Easton
Vote – Carried Unanimously
3. Approval of Interfund Transfers
 - a. Building to Contingency Fund (Reduction in Building Fund Balance)-\$28,343.38
Moved: Shiraz Kurji
Seconded: Brenda Lang
Vote – Carried Unanimously
 - b. Operating to Contingency Fund (2016-17 Surplus) - \$153,358
Moved: Shiraz Kurji
Seconded: Sabrina Reed
Vote- Carried Unanimously
4. Other
Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board recommend committee elections be open online continuously from 9:00am Monday, May 15 to 5:00pm Tuesday, May 16.
Moved: Lee Easton
Seconded: Brenda Lang
Vote – Carried Unanimously

Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board recommend MNP as the Association’s auditor for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018.
Moved: Shiraz Kurji
Seconded: Jen Solinas
Vote - Carried Unanimously

Order of the Day, 4:20pm

Presidential recusal from meeting

Discussion of Bylaw Amendment Recommendation Related to a Sabbatical for MRFA Presidents

Motion THAT the MRFA Executive propose to the membership, at the May 12, 2017

AGM, that there be a one semester administrative leave after two consecutive terms in the role of MRFA President.

Moved: Roberta Lexier

Seconded: Brenda Lang

Vote – Carried Unanimously

Business Arising

1. Striking a Labour Code Transition Committee
Deferred

Unfinished Business

1. Communications Committee
 - a. Referral of Content for External Communications and Development of a Social Media Policy and Brand to the Advocacy Committee
If the proposed bylaw changes are approved external communications will improve, and the Advocacy Committee will consider developing a social media policy and brand.
 - b. Communications Chart
The chart was reviewed and revised.

New Business

1. Appointment to Academic Director Search Committee
Motion THAT the MRFA appoint Stephanie Zettel to the ISoTL Director selection committee.
Moved: Roberta Lexier
Seconded: Shiraz Kurji
Vote – Carried Unanimously
2. Donation Requests
 - a. Big Bob's BBQ
Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board approve the donation of \$500 to TVP's fundraising BBQ.
Moved: Guy Obrecht
Seconded: Roberta Lexier
Vote – Carried Unanimously
 - b. Leadership Course Funding
PD allotments and FDC funding should be used for this project: the MRFA cannot provide funding for it.
3. MRU Budget Comments in The Metro
Statements recently made in The Herald and Metro are misleading and incorrect. The Association will write to the Board of Governors and to the editors at The Herald and Metro to communicate our concerns with the statements and to correct the record.
4. Vice Provost Discussion at GFC
Deferred

In Camera Session

April Special Meeting Debrief and Review of Minutes

Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board refer the minutes of the April 13, 2017 Special Meeting, as presented, to the membership for approval.

Moved: Sabrina Reed

Seconded: Brenda Lang

Vote - Carried Unanimously

Nominations for MRFA Distinguished Service Award
Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board award Elaine Mullen with the Distinguished Service Award to be presented at the lunch following the 2017 AGM.

Moved: Marc Schroeder

Seconded: Shiraz Kurji

Vote – Carried Unanimously

President's Report

Grievance Report (Vice-President, Policy and Senior Grievance Officer)

Negotiations Report (Vice-President, Negotiations)

Officers' Reports

President's Report

1. Update: MRU Code of Conduct

The new code was approved by the Board of Governors.

2. Update: Bill 7

Bill 7 has gone through second reading, and we expect it will go to committee of the whole early in May. There has been discussion about phasing out compulsory binding arbitration. The MRU coalition is meeting with party representatives to convey our concerns on this issue as well as concerns about Post Docs at MRU and GMU.

Academic Liaison Officer's Report

1. CUFA-BC Governance Conference

Deferred

Advocacy Officer's Report

1. Advocacy Week Debrief

Deferred

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.

Communications Officer,
Mount Royal Faculty Association

Date of approval