

Minutes of the Mount Royal Faculty Association
Meeting date: August 23, 2013

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on August 23, 2013. The meeting convened at 2:56pm, President Gerry Cross presiding and Janice Paskey, Communications Officer

Members Present:

Elaine Mullen
Tracy Powell
Janice Paskey
Brenda Lang

Gerry Cross
Andreas Tomaszewski
Scott Murray
Shiraz Kurji from 3:25pm
Marc Schroeder from 3:25pm

Agenda

Approved

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Gerry Cross, and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2013 meeting as amended. **Motion carried.**

In Camera Session:

Grievance report, Scott Murray

Officer's Reports

Presidents Report

1. MOU IP and Copyright

Carol Shepstone and David Hyttenrauch are to submit a report to the Negotiating Committees identifying areas of agreement. The deadline will be formally extended, but this needs to be negotiated this fall: it cannot be included in the winter negotiating round.

2. ACIFA Advocacy for PSE

ACIFA distributed documents outlining their initiatives in advocating for PSE.

3. Advocacy Committee Report

Gerry will meet with the SAMRU Executive Board to discuss the MRU Coalition which will likely be comprised of representatives from the SAMRU and MRFA Executive Boards, the MRFA Advocacy Committee, and the Student Empowerment Group. The purpose of the coalition would be to share information, identify common initiatives, help others with their initiatives, keep admin involved and informed, and expand out to other institutions.

We need to engage the MLAs to ensure that the interests of PSE are represented at caucus. This can be achieved by encouraging Faculty-student pairs to meet with MLAs or by sending letters to MLAs.

4. CAUT Memorandum

Gerry will include this in his September Month-end report.

5. Task Force on Faculty Leaves

A draft report has been sent to Kathy and may be forwarded to the Negotiating Committees. However, the members of the Task Force still need to discuss a number of details which were not specifically agreed to.

6. Pride parade

Executive Board members will attend the parade and represent the MRFA.

7. Other Meetings

The Executive Board retreat will be held after the election of the Vice President Negotiations. During its regularly scheduled meetings, the Executive will be meeting with Randy and Kathy, David Docherty and the new Dean of Cont Ed.

8. Tenure and Promotion Review

The steering committee members are Kathy Shailer, Marc Schroeder, Jenn Pettit, Jeff Goldberg, Randy Genereux, and Carlton Osakwe.

Business Arising

1. Rescheduling Jim Turk's visit
Jim Turk will be at MRU on September 25, and, while here, he will speak at the General meeting, meet with the Advocacy Committee, the Executive Board and possible with David Docherty. He will be available for interviews before and during his visit. The MRFA will issue a media release prior to his arrival.
2. MRFA Response to Science and Technology
The MRFA Response was revised and approved.

New Business

1. Confidentiality Statement
Deferred
2. Appointment to the Faculty Centre Management Committee
Tracy Appointed to the Faculty Centre Management Committee
3. Member at Large Appointments
Tracy appointed to be the Chief Returning Officer.
Marc appointed to the Bylaws Committee
4. Appointment to the Joint Committee for Financial Exigencies
Gerry will invite members to be on this committee.
5. Appointment to MRFA Awards Committee
Deferred
6. Executive Board Election
 - a. Candidates
We have one nominee, and nominations close on September 6.
 - b. Vote sitters
Shiraz, Scott, Elaine, and Brenda will be vote sitters.

A special meeting requires 70 members for quorum. We will use the department Communicators to promote attendance. A draft agenda for the meeting will be sent to the Executive Board to revise and approve.
7. Committee Charters
The Communications, Professional Standards and Governance, Social Events, and Diversity Committees' charters were approved as amended by consensus.
8. Report on Ethical Purchasing Policies
Deferred
9. Report on Student Debt Loads
Deferred

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:26pm.

Communications Officer,
Mount Royal Faculty Association

Date of approval