

MINUTES of the Mount Royal Faculty Association

Meeting date: August 20, 2012

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on August 20, 2012. The meeting convened at 12:00pm, President Gerry Cross presiding and Kit Dobson, Communications Officer.

Members Present

Gerry Cross
Scott Murray
Patricia Kostouros
Kit Dobson
Elaine Mullen

Marc Schroeder
Marnie Kramer-Kile
Valerie Kinnear

Members not Present:

Gerard Lucyshyn
David Sabiston

Approval of minutes:

Motion was made by Gerry Cross, and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Gerry Cross, and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Agenda

Added to President's Report: Richard Collier and Alberta Culture Days at MRU

Officer's Reports

President's Report

1. Memorial Scholarship Contribution in the name of Debra Jensen (Bereavement Policy attached)

Motion THAT the MRFA donate \$1,500 to the Humanities Department Scholarship.

Moved: Gerry Cross

Seconded: Kit Dobson

Discussion

Motion to Amend: include in the motion "contingent upon its being renamed to the Debra Jensen Memorial Scholarship."

Moved: Scott Murray

Discussion

Vote on Amendment

Carried Unanimously

Vote on Motion

Carried Unanimously

2. Executive Board Meeting Schedule (att.)
 - Winter General Meetings will be moved out of the 4:00 – 6:00pm time slot as this is difficult for members with Children.
 - Part-time Grubn'Gab
 - The Communications Committee is to ask Communicators to promote this event with their Part-time colleagues
3. Meetings with Administrators
 - The Executive Board will meet with Robin, Randy, David, and Jeff in October.
4. Executive Retreat Date and Agenda Items
 - The Retreat will be held on October 20, late morning to afternoon, off Campus.

5. Attendance at (CAUT) Western Regional Conference (att.)
The MRFA will pay the expenses to send a member to this conference.
 - Scott Murray will attend
6. Joint Meeting with the MacEwan University Faculty Association Executive
 - The MRFA will organize a joint meeting/session prior to the PAC&NAC meetings held in Calgary (November 16)
 - Gerry will inform MacEwan that we are eager to do this
 - All Executive Board members to hold the afternoon of November 16 to attend.
7. Loan Request from Compassionate Emergency Fund (policy attached)
Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board approve the lending of \$750 from the Compassionate fund to be paid back in two installments of \$375.00.
Moved: Gerry Cross
Discussion
 - According to the policy this cannot be considered a loan. We can allow repayment but not require it.

Revised Motion: Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board approve the expenditure of \$750 from the Compassionate Fund

Moved: Gerry Cross

Seconded: Scott Murray

Vote

Carried Unanimously

8. Richard Collier
 - If the English Department creates a memorial Scholarship in Richard's name the MRFA will donate \$1,500 to it. If not, the MRFA will contribute \$1,500 to the MRFA Faculty Memorial Scholarship.
 - We will, according to the policy, send Mardy flowers.
 - We could organize, with the English Department, a memorial for Richard in the Faculty Centre if this is something Mardy would want. Gerry will arrange this with David Hyttenrauch.
9. Alberta Culture Days at MRU
 - The Executive Board agrees that this is not in line with the MRFA's priorities surrounding diversity. Gerry will inform the event organizers.

Business Arising

1. Job Action Research Committee- Deferred till VP Negotiations is present
2. Department Visits
 - Gerry will attend each department visit along with the appropriate Member at Large and one other member of the Executive. Gerry will send the request to Chairs and the Members at Large are to send availability to Gerry.

New Business

1. September Elections (bylaws articles attached)
 - The Nomination form is to be sent out the Tuesday after labour day
 - There has been a request to have an MRFA Representative on the Positive Space Committee. As this is a diversity group we could appoint out of the Diversity Committee, but we cannot make a decision on this till we have more information.

2. Negotiating Committee Release Time and Role of Observers (bylaws articles attached)

The MRFA discussed providing compensation to the Negotiating Committee Observers commensurate with their level of involvement. A recommendation from the Negotiating Committee on the level of involvement is required.

3. Executive Board Appointments
 - a. Grievance Sub-Committee

Members of the Committee shall be the President, VP Negotiations, VP Policy and the Part-time Member Representative.

Agreed
 - b. Chief Returning Officer

Pat Kostouros Nominated Marnie Kramer-Kile

Nomination Accepted

Vote

Carried
 - c. Bylaws Committee Chair

Scott Murray Nominated Marc Schroeder

Nomination Accepted

Vote

Carried
 - d. ACIFA Professional Affairs Committee Representative

Motion THAT the MRFA Executive request the Professional Development Committee to appoint one of its members to be the MRFA representative to ACIFA's PAC.

Moved: Gerry Cross

Seconded: Pat Kostouros

Vote

Carried
 - e. Faculty Organization Subcommittee

Members of the Committee shall be Kit Dobson, Elaine Mullen, Scott Murray, and Gerry Cross
 - f. MRFA Awards Committee

Elaine and Pat will be members of the committee and will recommend other members to the Executive

4. Discussion of MRU Strategic Plans (atts.)

Deferred

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

Communications Officer
Mount Royal Faculty Association

Date of approval