

MINUTES of the Mount Royal Faculty Association
Meeting date: August 27, 2012

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on August 27, 2012. The meeting convened at 12:00pm, President Gerry Cross presiding and Kit Dobson, Communications Officer.

Members Present:

Pat Kostouros
Valerie Kinnear
Marnie Kramer-Kile
Scott Murray
Marc Schroeder

Gerard Lucyshyn
Kit Dobson
Elaine Mullen
Gerry Cross

Members not Present:

David Sabiston

Approval of minutes:

Motion was made by Gerry Cross, and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2012 meeting as amended. **Motion carried.**

Agenda

Added: item 3 President's Report, September Elections

Officer's Reports

President's Report

1. Joint Meeting with the MacEwan University Faculty Association Executive
 - The date has changed from November 16 to November 9
2. Topics for Presidents' Discussion Series (att.)
 - Institutional Governance and Access Copyright are priority topics. Institutional Governance includes how GFC works, the relationship between GFC and Faculty Councils, and, more generally, the process of getting business to GFC. Important topics within Institutional Governance include:
 - Changes to Instructional Hours (budget building)
 - Institutional reliance on Part-time faculty.
 - Emerging academic culture being shaped by the Strategic Plans and New Rules
 - The Culture of Research at Mount Royal
3. September Elections

Motion THAT the voting for the Part-time Member Representative, and any Committee vacancies, take place from 9:00am to 4:30pm by paper ballot in the Faculty Centre on Thursday September 20 and Friday September 21, and that the online ballot be open continuously from 9:00am Thursday September 20 to 4:30pm on Friday September 21.

Moved: Gerry Cross
Seconded: Scott Murray
No Discussion
Vote
Carried Unanimously

Unfinished Business

1. Discussion of MRU Strategic Plans (atts.)
 - MRU "New Rules"
 - The process by which this came before faculty is a concern. As this document provides specific measures of the achievement of certain aims in the Academic Plan, this could be an addendum to the Academic Plan.

- It should be reframed as something that brings together the Academic and Student Services Plans and sets out more measurable aims. First, it would have to go to the committee established to oversee and report on the progress toward achieving what is set out in the Plans. Then, it would have to go to GFC for approval.
 - Suggested Revisions:
 - The executive agrees that the terminology is offensive and juvenile (e.g. “Rules”). It needs to be reframed as MRU undergraduate principles
 - Nothing in the document is really new: remove “new.”
 - Should be considering diversity of Faculty as well
 - Should include other scholarships, not only the Rhodes Scholarship
 - Remove use of first person plural on page 16
- Review of CIP Deferred.

Business Arising

1. Positive Space Appointment/Election
 - Gerry will meet with Scharie Tavcer, Shane Gannon and Carmen Nielson to determine the appropriate appointee to this position.
2. Executive Board Appointments to the ad hoc MRFA Awards Committee
 - The list of recommended appointees will be finalized on Friday.

New Business

1. Alberta Culture Days Funding Request (att.)
 Motion THAT the MRFA contribute 200\$ toward the estimated cost of the luncheon which will serve to kick off Alberta Culture Days.
 Moved: Gerry Cross
 Seconded: Gerard Lucyshyn
 Discussion
 Call the Question: Gerard Lucyshyn
 Vote
 Carried Unanimously
2. Approval of Social Memberships
 Motion THAT applications for Social Membership of the following University Administrators be approved: Robin Fisher, Chad London, Trevor Davis, Brian Fleming, Carol Shepstone, Marc Chikinda, David Docherty, Phil Warsaba, Randy Geneux, Sabrina Reed, Duane Anderson, Jeff Goldberg, and Jeff Keshen.
 Moved: Gerry Cross
 Seconded: Kit Dobson
 Vote
 Carried
 1 Abstention
3. MRFA’s Plans in Responding to Reduction of Instructional Hours (att.)
 Deferred
4. Interfund Transfer Approval
 Motion THAT the Executive Board Approve transferring \$6186.98 from the Operating fund to the Contingency fund to top up the fund
 Moved: Gerard Lucyshun
 Seconded: Valerie Kinnear
 Discussion
 Vote
 Carried

5. Provost and Vice President Academic
 - a. Appointment to Selection Committee
 - o Gerry will be the MRFA appointee to the Selection Committee and will suggest the inclusion of a Part-time representative on the committee.
 - Agreed
 - b. Draft Qualifications for Potential Candidates
 - o Gerry will prepare categories of qualifications for the membership to consider and provide input at the September 26 General Meeting
6. September General Meeting Agenda (att.)
 - Deferred. Our Bylaws require 10 days notice which members have already received.
7. Online Audited Financial Statements

Motion THAT the MRFA put last year's approved financial statements on the password protected section of the website.

Moved: Valerie Kinnear
Seconded: Gerard Lucyshyn
Discussion
Call the Question: Scott Murray
Vote
Carried Unanimously

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm.

Communications Officer
Mount Royal Faculty Association

Date of approval