

Minutes of the Mount Royal Faculty Association

Meeting date: February 8, 2017

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on February 8, 2017. The meeting convened at 1:00pm, Vice-president Policy and Senior Grievance Officer, Sabrina Reed, presiding.

Members Present:

Sabrina Reed (Chair)
David Clemis
Brenda Lang
Roberta Lexier
Marc Schroder

Allison Mackenzie
Shiraz Kurji
Lee Easton (2:00pm)
Guy Obrecht (2:00pm)
Jenn Solinas (2:00pm)

Order of the Day, Guest 2:00 – 3:00pm

Jeff Goldberg, Interim Provost and VP Academic

The Executive Board discussed the following topics with Jeff Goldberg: his legacy as the VP Academic, faculty workload, personalized learning, and strategic enrolment management.

Approval of Agenda

Approved

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Sabrina Reed to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2017 Executive Board meeting. Motion Carried.

Business Arising

1. Letter to MRU Board of Governors
Marc will draft this letter next week.
2. Appointments
 - a. Advocacy Committee
 - b. Diversity Committee
Vacancies will be posted in the Newsletter and appointments will be considered by the Executive Board.

Unfinished Business

1. December 13, 2016 Meeting with Michael Quinn, AVP RS&CE, Regarding Funding Opportunities for Contract Faculty
Deferred
2. Discussion of MRFA Bylaws Relating to the Advocacy Committee
Roberta will provide possible changes to the Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures for the Executive Board to consider.

New Business

1. Social Membership Approval – Jonathan Withey, Dean of Science and Technology
Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board approve granting Social Membership to Jonathan Withey, Dean of Science and Technology.
Moved Allison Mackenzie
Seconded: Shiraz Kurji
Vote – Carried Unanimously
2. Academic Liaison Committee Expense Approval Request
Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board approve allocating \$250 from the Other Committee budget line to fund the proposed Academic Liaison Committee event.
Moved: Allison Mackenzie
Seconded: Brenda Lang

Discussion

Vote – Carried Unanimously

3. Alberta Government Funding Model Review
Due to an oversight, the MRFA was not invited to provide input on the Alberta Government Funding Review Model: both provincial Associations were invited to provide input. The Ministry has allowed us to submit input, and Marc and Roberta will do so by early next week.
4. Communications Committee
 - a. Recommendation to the Executive Board to outsource Web Development
Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board approve, in principle, the investigation and allocation of funds to develop a new MRFA website: details to be determined.
Moved: Shiraz Kurji
Seconded: Roberta Lexier
Discussion:
Vote – Carried Unanimously
 - b. Recommendation to the Executive Board to Remove the Member Restricted Sections and User Management Capability of the Website
Moved THAT the MRFA Executive Board approve removing member restricted sections and member management capability for the new MRFA website
Moved: Brenda Lang
Seconded: Allison Mackenzie
Discussion
Vote – Carried Unanimously
 - c. Request for Direction from the Executive Board Regarding Video Series (att.)
Deferred
5. January 30, 2017 Regular Meeting Debrief
 - a. Review of Draft Regular Meeting Minutes (att.)
The draft minutes were reviewed and approved for posting.
 - b. Follow-up on Motions Carried at the Meeting
The motion regarding budgeting and governance will be actioned in the letter to be submitted to the Board of Governors.
6. March Regular Meeting Agenda, March 2, 2017, 1:00-3:00pm
Topics were suggested. Additional topics are to be sent to Marc and Chantelle.
7. MRFA Census
Deferred
8. Topics for Meeting with David Docherty
Topics were discussed. Additional topics are to be sent to Marc and Chantelle.

In Camera Session

Vice-President, Policy and Senior Grievance Officer Report

Officers' Reports

President's Report

1. Association Organization, Planning and 2017-2018 Budget Directions
Deferred

Advocacy Officer's Report

1. Plans for Advocacy Week

Advocacy Week will be March 24-28. The panel will be March 27

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

Communications Officer,
Mount Royal Faculty Association

Date of approval