



MINUTES OF THE MRFA EXECUTIVE

Monday, January 22, 2007

FACULTY CENTRE @ 4:00

FINAL

In attendance: David Hyttenrauch, Doug Rathbun, Jane Drover, Mardy Roberts, Bruce Ravelli, Miriam Carey & Heather Faas.

1. Agenda approved for Open Session

2. Renovations

- Membership views are varied. Please direct member questions and concerns to David or Miriam. Need to get FAQ's on web site. Special meeting requires 50 members for quorum. If members choose to amend bylaws it will have to be done at May AGM. Note that amendments can not be made to levy at Special Meeting. David H. making submission to BOG on Monday, February 5, 2007.
- Ballot voting for levy was discussed.

3. Update: Speaker Series and Academic Freedom workshops

• Speaker Series

- Robin Fisher has requested that MRFA co-host Speaker series titled, Building a University. First lecture scheduled for Feb 1. David organizing workshop for Friday, Feb 2, 8:30 - 11:00 am. David meeting with Robin, Hunter and Dave M.
- Robin F. also asked that the MRFA contribute \$ 750.00, for the academic year, towards the series.

MOTION:

That the MRFA contribute \$ 750.00 for this academic year towards the speaker series.

David H/Miriam C

APPROVED

• Academic Freedom Sessions

David & Krista giving introductory workshop on Wednesday, Feb 7 with continuing case histories. Faculty culture & environment to come later. Workshops at Spring PD & ACIFA Conference a possibility as well.

- * Doug noted that the Negotiating Committee will need Krista's skills again Jane suggested that collegiality is another topic that should be researched. FEC will require research next year as well.

4. Reimbursement of Legal Fees Request

- Member went to lawyer re: suing college. It was agreed that MRFA members should not be signing a contract outside of collective agreement nor should they request reimbursement without consulting executive first. David H sending letter of explanation to member.

MOTION:

That the member's legal fees of \$315.00 be reimbursed for this one time only.

David H./Approved

- David H. will write a policy before May AGM regarding college contracts.

5. Response from AUPE to our donation in December

- David H noted that this is the first time a thank you letter in response to donation for job action as been received since he became President.
- Mardy Roberts asked about a donation to Amnesty International re Teachers in Africa. All agreed that master plan of policies for MRFA ie. who MRFA donates to is needed.

6. Ongoing Searches - a relevant issue

Bring forward

7. FEC Memo & update

- Robin open to joint FEC. David will go through memo. Mardy is attending next FEC meeting.

8. MRFA Staff Salary Amounts

- Mardy needs written permission from Ellen & Darlene before payroll can send.

9. Executive Advice - Doug R.

- Possibility that chair of negotiations for the board may change for upcoming contract talks. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Dave M. with a copy to MRFA Negotiating Committee citing conflict if VP Academic or HR Director sits on the board committee.

10. Adjournment