

Minutes of the Mount Royal Faculty Association
Meeting date: January 31, 2014

Call to order: A General Meeting of the MRFA was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary on January 31, 2014. The meeting convened at 10:05am, President Gerry Cross presiding.

Members in attendance:

115. See attached Attendance Sheets

Order of the Day, 10:00am

Guest, Len Findlay

Len spoke about the current threats to Academic Freedom and Collegial Autonomy. It is the responsibility of faculty to protect their academic freedom and autonomy by being active within the University Governance structure (i.e. GFC) and in coordination with students.

Len Findlay's presentation on [Academic Freedom in the Fracked Academy](#) is available online and there is further information provided in the [meeting notes](#).

Agenda

Added: Professional Development Committee Report, Rod Corbett

Approved

Approval of minutes:

Motion was made by Gerry Cross to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2013. **Motion carried.**

Officer's reports

1. President's Report

In the second and third weeks of February, the MRFA child care survey and the Task Force on Faculty Leaves survey will be distributed.

The MRU Coalition, including the MRSA, MRFA and SAMRU, is underway.

2. Awards Committee Report, Elaine Mullen

The call for nominations for the MRFA Teaching Excellence Award (TEA) will be sent out after reading break and the nomination deadline is the last day of the winter semester. Refer to the [website](#) for more information.

3. Vice-President Negotiations Report, Karen Manarin

The Negotiating Committee uses the results of its survey to shape its positions going into negotiations; so, ensure you respond to the survey by February 5.

4. Professional Development Committee Report, Rod Corbett

Announcements:

- February 19, [The Courage to Fail](#)
- May 12-13 [Spring Retreat](#). Submit a presentation proposal by February 4.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:17am.

Communications Officer
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Date of approval