

MINUTES of the Mount Royal Faculty Association

Meeting date: June 10, 2011

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on June 10, 2011. The meeting convened at 11:30am, President Gerry Cross presiding, and Rod Corbett secretary.

Members in attendance:

Gerry Cross
Rafik Kurji
Rod Corbett
Kelly Hewson
Cari Merkley

Qasim Syed
David Sabiston
Gerard Lucyshyn

Members not in attendance:

David Hyttenrauch

Meeting with Robin Fisher re: BBA with MHC

- Background
 - We want to develop a model that is different and better than the agreements that have been made by Universities in the past.
 - The concept of the model is that we find a way to deliver our degree on their campus.
 - The primary interest here was students
- Process/Details
 - Courses taught by faculty that MHC appoints and MRU approves
 - Funding arrangement
 - MHC providing resources (both space and financial). MHC will also fund MRU oversight, meetings, and travel to and from MHC
 - Advantages
 - This is an equal partnership
 - The money goes where the teaching is being done which gives MHC more control and autonomy and makes the program more secure.
 - We need to consider any possible impacts on our faculty and what the process will be for approving MHC instructors
 - Should we think of establishing relations at the Faculty Association level?
 - Gerry will make a trip there when possible.

Agenda:

PT stipend added to New Business
Part-time Service Honorarium added to New Business

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Gerry Cross, and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2011 meeting. **Motion carried, as amended.**

Officers' reports:

President

Step 2 Grievance Report: Closed Session

Step 1 Grievance Discussion: Closed Session

It is beneficial for members to get the advice of the Executive prior to initiating the grievance process. Members should be encouraged to get this advice.

Unfinished business:

1. Format of Tenure Celebrations

- We will establish communications early in the fall with the SEC and start discussing the format.

2. Process to explore Electronic Voting for Committees
 - o Rod will continue on this committee and Rafik appointed to the committee
3. Vision statement Review
 - Revised Charter Approved
4. Report on Joint Committee on Daycare
 - o Gerry will talk to SAMRU, MRSSA and Brian Fleming before deciding on how to go about establishing this joint committee
5. Ethics Committee follow-up
 - o Closed Session

New business:

1. Employee Advantage
 - Motion THAT the MRFA offer this service to members for a one year pilot basis
 - Moved Rafik Kurji
 - Seconded Rod Corbett
 - Carried Unanimously
2. Scheduling
 - Send schedules to Chantelle for fall
3. PT Stipend
 - o Bylaw Changes
 - Changes are to be made effective immediately upon approval unless otherwise specified.
 - o June payment
 - Motion THAT the Part-time Member Representative receive the 16 SICH for participating in negotiations for the month of June
 - Moved: Cari Merkley
 - Seconded: David Sabiston
 - Discussion:
 - The interpretation here is that whether negotiations took place for part of the month or the whole month they still took place within the month so the payment for the month has to be made.
 - This needs to be clarified in the bylaws next year especially regarding the implications of when the CA is not ratified and goes to arbitration.
 - Vote
 - Carried, 1 abstention
4. Part-time Service Honorarium
 - o Attendance at MRFA meetings does not count for honoraria. Service on MRFA Committees is eligible for honoraria.

Announcements:

When Richard Roberts leaves Duane Anderson will be acting in his role for 10 months
 He will be invited to an exec meeting and Gerry will offer him a social membership
 PAC workshop in the Fall, Sept 6

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

 Secretary

 Date of approval