

**Mount Royal Faculty Association
Executive Board Meeting
March 29, 2016, 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.**

Minutes

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held at Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on March 29, 2016. The meeting convened at 11:55am, President, Marc Schroeder, presiding.

Members Present:

David Clemis
Shiraz Kurji
Brenda Lang
Tracy Powell
Brady Killough
Marc Schroeder
Jarett Henderson
Sabrina Reed
Allison MacKenzie
Richard Sutherland

The President noted that as the meeting was late in starting, that the Order of the Day and those guests who had been invited as noted on the Agenda would be deferred to a future meeting.

Agenda – Approved – All in Favour – Carried

Approval of Minutes - Deferred

New Business

- **Agenda for April 8th , 2016 General Meeting**
The President stated that he would put together a draft agenda for circulation to the committee and ask that any additions or items to the agenda be forwarded to him.
- **MRFA Feedback on Policy's 501,502,504 and 516 – Sabrina Reed**
Sabrina drew the meetings attention to the handout supplied. She noted of the policies under review, she had concerns on Policies 501, 502, 504 and in particular 516 that being Academic Scheduling. Following discussion on these policies and wording changes, it was suggested that Sabrina make the necessary changes to the policies for submission.
Motion: The Executive directs Sabrina to submit policy changes as noted and at her discretion. - Moved: Marc Schroeder – Seconded – Brenda Lang – All in Favour - Carried.
- **MRU Code of Conduct Review – Deferred**
- **Approval of 2016 MRFA Nomination Forms**
The President noted that these must be approved by April 15 and it was agreed that to deal with the approval offline.
Motion: To review the nomination forms offline and provide feedback by Friday, April 1st.
Moved – Jarett Henderson – Seconded: Sabrina Reed – All in Favour – Carried

- **Debrief on the Town Hall**

The President noted that a decision was required in proceeding with the extraordinary meeting tomorrow and what the focus of discussion would be as the original motion regarding the Provost was now a mute point. Discussion ensued on the budgeting issues (ie setting a protocol and process going forward), the “misunderstanding”, lack of senior leadership, the possibility of destabilizing the university, strategy going forward, encouraging and engaging the membership. It was noted that it is important that we do not want to give the impression that the executive or faculty are calling the shots, but that faculty should be allowed to be part of the process, ie: give input where cuts or changes should be made. i.e.: The chairs working with the departments should be involved in making the decisions and clear and agreed upon budgeting principles to meet goals that are set are required. Following further discussion; it was agreed that the extraordinary meeting should be held tomorrow as the members need to discuss the issue before the next meeting on April 8th and the President noted that he will email the members to confirm the meeting details. The President further suggested that as an executive board a letter be written to the Board of Governors outlining what has been discussed and described. It was decided that this letter should be private and not public. Following further discussion regarding the letter, it was decided that the letter should be forwarded to the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee through to the Board. Discussion around media coverage evolved and it was decided that should the President be approached for a meeting or interview; it was appropriate for him to make a statement.

- **In Camera Session** – Deferred
- **Officers Report** - Deferred
- **Member At Large**
Update on New Member Outreach – Deferred

Adjourned: The Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm

Communications Officer,
Mount Royal Faculty Association

Date of approval

