

Minutes of the Mount Royal Faculty Association
Meeting date: March 24, 2017

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on March 24, 2017. The meeting convened at 2:30pm, President, Marc Schroeder, presiding.

Members Present:

Guy Obrecht (till 3:45)
Roberta Lexier
Marc Schroeder
David Clemis
Sabrina Reed

Lee Easton
Jenn Solinas
Brenda Lang

Absent with Regrets:

Shiraz Kurji
Allison Mackenzie

Order of the Day, Guest 2:30-3:15pm

Jonathan Withey, Dean of Science and Technology

The following topics were discussed: Perceptions of MRU Coming from GMU, Reflections on Innovative Responses to Class Size and Workload Management, Workload Flexibility – Teaching Workload not Captured in Regular SICH, The Role of the Dean in Delegating and/or Ensuring Environmental Health and Safety, Perceptions on a Divide between Faculty and Management, and Hiring Undergraduate Students to do Marking.

Approval of Agenda

Approved

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Marc Schroeder to approve the minutes of the February 24, March 8 and March 10, 2017 Executive Board meetings as amended. Motion Carried.

Business Arising

1. Appointment to the Diversity Committee
Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board appoint Young Jun to the MRFA Diversity Committee with a term ending June 15, 2017.
Moved: Brenda Lang
Seconded: Guy Obrecht
Discussion
Vote – Carried Unanimously
2. Update: Terms of GFC Councilors
Bylaws and Striking is considering the interpretation of the GFC Bylaws in relation to Councilor term limits. The Committee's decision on this interpretation will need to be affirmed at GFC.

Unfinished Business

1. MRFA Bylaws: Changes to Consider for 2017 AGM
The Executive Board reviewed and revised the proposed bylaw changes. These will be discussed further at the next Executive Board Meeting.

New Business

1. April Regular Meeting Agenda
The agenda was revised.
2. Approval: Social Events Committee Charter Amendment
Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board approve the Social Events Committee charter as amended.
Moved: Lee Easton
Seconded: Sabrina Reed
Vote – Carried Unanimously

3. Appointment: MRFA Appointee to MRU Distinguished Team Award Review Committee
Michael Huston is the MRFA representative

In Camera Session

Motion THAT the MRFA proceed with a step 2 grievance related to the disciplinary sanctions imposed on a member.

Moved: Sabrina Reed

Seconded: Lee Easton

Discussion

Vote - Carried Unanimously

Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board approve moving three related grievances to step 4.

Moved: Lee Easton

Seconded: Brenda Lang

Discussion

Vote – Carried Unanimously

Officers' Reports

President's Report

1. Faculty Annual Report System Review
Deferred
2. MRU Category 1 Schedule Exception Procedure
Deferred
3. Update: Member Census
We have 476 responses so far.
4. Update: Draft Tenure and Promotion Handbook
Deferred
5. Update: Academic Plan
Deferred
6. Update: Provincial Budget and MRU Budget
Deferred

Academic Liaison Officer's Report

1. CUFA-BC Governance Conference
Deferred

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

Communications Officer,
Mount Royal Faculty Association

Date of approval