

MINUTES of the Mount Royal Faculty Association

Meeting date: March 6, 2012

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on March 6, 2012. The meeting convened at 2:30pm, President Gerry Cross presiding and Kit Dobson, Secretary.

Members in attendance:	David Sabiston	Pat Kostouros
Cliff Werier	Qasim Syed	Gerard Lucyshhyn
Elaine Mullen	Gerry Cross	Rafik Kurji
Kit Dobson		

Agenda

Added: Picnic in the Park Donation

Response to Robin Fisher's Email About Curriculum Changes

Approved

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Gerry Cross, and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Officer's Reports

President's Report

1. Updated ACIFA Survey Results

- Gerry has discussed the results with David, Robin and Randy. These results have, in the past, been presented to the Board and/or Dean's council and may be again though there has been no mention of it yet.
- These results will be discussed at the April General Meeting

2. Appointment to the Academic Accommodation Review Committee

- Mary-Lee Mulholland has been appointed to this committee

3. Cspot

- Cspot is planning a grievance workshop for chairs. Gerry is providing some stats and common grievances for use in this workshop. Gerry, Randy and Baset will be attending

4. Debate/Discussion series with David Docherty

- Academic Freedom Discussion: March 16, 2:00 - 3:00pm
- Debate on Course Textbook Selections: 2:00 - 3:00 on March 30.

5. Chair's sabbatical

- In accordance with article 17.8.1.2, Chairs are eligible for the year long sabbatical if they served two full consecutive terms as chair.

Business Arising

1. MRFA Scholarships

- We will change the order of Academic Achievement and Community Involvement

Unfinished Business

1. March General Meeting Follow-up

- Only 56 members attended/signed in. At the next general meeting we will have someone from the Executive ensuring that all attendees sign in.

2. Recruiting for Executive Positions

- Gerry and Rafik will discuss recruiting for the treasurer position

New Business

1. Compassionate fund request

- We can approve this at the March 20 Executive Board meeting and it will go to the membership. With approval on March 20 it will be allocated to this fiscal year

2. Donation to Alberta Students' Executive Council Provincial Election Campaign Video

Motion THAT the MRFA contribute \$1,000 to ASEC's video project advocating PSE

Moved: Gerry Cross

Seconded: Kit Dobson

Discussion

Motion to amend the amount to \$1,500

Moved Pat Kostouros

Seconded: Kit Dobson

Discussion

Motion to amend: an initial \$1,000 and an additional \$500 subject to need and dependant on submission of complete budget.

Moved: Gerry Cross

Seconded: Pat Kostouros

Discussion

Agreed to amendment

Restated motion: Motion THAT the MRFA contribute \$1,000 to ASEC's video project advocating PSE and an additional \$500 if needed and dependant on submission of complete budget.

Vote

Carried

1 Opposed

3. Meetings with Senior Administrators

- We will see if we can schedule these for our upcoming Executive Meetings

4. Membership Support committee

- Charter will be drafted before we contact potential members. Cliff will draft the charter and send to Gerry: it will be brought back for approval on March 20.
- Exec members to send suggestions for Committee members to Gerry.

5. Review of individual Professional Development Guidelines

- Deferred
- Gerry will make tracked changes and distribute the forms to Executive Board members. Cliff and Pat will send their FDC documents to Gerry

6. Review of FDC Guidelines

- Deferred

7. Faculty Association Organization Committee

- We can propose the creation of the Advocacy Committee this year
 - Agreed
- Combine PD and PA Committees
 - Gerry will email the two committees mentioning the thought to combine and to have them consider how that could work and to advise the Executive
- Changes to Executive positions would have a lag time: we would need support for changes from membership this year and implement the changes next year.
- Members of the executive will write up duty sheets based on the bylaws and anything they do beyond the work described in the bylaws, and the committee can then look at the gaps and restructure the Executive in the most logical manner.
 - Faculty Organization Committee meeting on March 23 at 9 am
 - This is to be sent to Chantelle by Tuesday March 20

8. Picnic in the Park

Motion THAT the MRFA donate \$500 to Alumni Relations' Picnic in the Park

Moved: Cliff Werier

Seconded: Rafik Kurji

Vote

Carried Unanimously

9. Response to Robin's Email about Curriculum Changes

- Members should read the February President's Report which has a section on this issue. If the university does not give departments enough money to run all their courses then they should not be running all courses: cutting classes before changing the credit structure is an option
- What is the best way to get this on GFC next week?
 - It can be brought as an addition to the agenda: Gerry will speak to this
 - Gerry will ask Reid if APPC plans to bring this to GFC.
- Gerry will also mention this, along with other budgetary issues, in his report to the Board of Governors on April 16.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

Secretary
Mount Royal Faculty Association

Date of approval