

MINUTES of the Mount Royal Faculty Association
Meeting date: May 1, 2012

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on May 1, 2012. The meeting convened at 2:40pm, President Gerry Cross presiding and Kit Dobson, Secretary.

Members in attendance:

Cliff Werier
Elaine Mullen
Kit Dobson

Qasim Syed
Gerry Cross
Pat Kostouros

Members not Present:

Gerard Lucyshyn
David Sabiston
Rafik Kurji

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Gerry Cross, and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried as amended**

Agenda

Added: New Business 5: Quebec Students' Strike
New Business 6: Health and Community Studies Faculty Caucus
New Business 7: Bylaw Change for APTC
New Business 8: New Faculty Orientation
Revised: New Business 1: changed to AGM Planning

Officer's Reports

President

- Executive Board Meetings
 - May 8 Executive Board meeting cancelled
- Department Communicators
 - The Grievance workshop was very successful: Department Communicators expressed appreciation for the session and think it should be offered to a wider audience
 - Gerry and Kit will write up a summary of the workshop and send it, with the workshop package, to the communicators who did not attend.

New Business

1. AGM Planning
Planning for efficiencies at the meeting and review of voting processes
2. Memberships in External Organizations
This has been included in the President's written report. Should some discussion ensue, Gerry will make a motion that we remain in ACIFA for two years and review the decision again at that time.
3. Nominations Update
Review of nominations received
5. Quebec Students' Strike
This is too complicated and divisive an issue for the Executive Board to approve any statement of support or provision of financial support without further consideration and discussion amongst the wider membership. While the Executive is empowered to make a donation in support of such causes there is no clear fund to which we can donate other than the Legal Defense fund. While we do support maintaining access to post secondary education, this matter requires further discussion once more information is available.

6. Health and Community Studies Faculty Caucus

- Following the Dean's expression of interest in attending the Health and Community Studies faculty caucus, and the Academic Liaison Officer's refusal and explanation of why he could not attend, Health and Community Studies faculty councilors have stated that they thought the Dean should attend faculty caucuses:
 - These caucuses are for *faculty* members: they are not *Faculty* caucuses
 - Deans cannot attend as they are not a faculty members
 - Members need to be informed about the purpose and importance of faculty caucuses
 - A letter, to be written by Pat and Gerry, will be sent to the Health and Community Studies Councilors and to the members of the Academic Liaison Committee. If this does not resolve the misunderstanding Gerry will raise the concern with the Provost and VP Academic.

7. Bylaw Change for APTC

- The Chair of UTPC should not be a voting member of APTC. As this is being proposed in an upcoming bylaw change, Gerry will look into GFC's bylaws and discuss the matter with the Chair of APTC.

8. New Faculty Orientation

- We are planning the MRFA orientation on the same day as the Department Communicators' brunch
 - Added to May 22 Executive Board agenda
 - Elaine will send Gerry things that should be included in this orientation
 - The Department Communicators should attend

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm

Secretary
Mount Royal Faculty Association

Date of approval