



MINUTES OF THE MRFA EXECUTIVE
Tuesday, November 14, 2006
FACULTY CENTRE @ 9:00 am

FINAL

In attendance: David Hyttenrauch, Jane Drover, Mardy Roberts, Bruce Ravelli, Doug Rathbun & Heather Faas.

Regrets: Miriam Carey

1. Agenda was approved with addition of #9 Treasurer - Renos and Academic Restructuring to be included with #7. Administrative Restructuring)

2. Approval of Minutes

- October 31, 2006 minutes approved

3. Naming Committee

a) This is going to be a policy formation committee chaired by H. Wight, VP External Affairs. Appears it is more important than first thought and should have an MRFA representative. After discussion David H. put forth a motion to rescind the October 10 motion.

MOTION:

That the MRFA rescind the motion respectfully declining participation in the College Naming Committee.

D. Rathbun / Carried

b) MRFA designates and their accountability to the membership was discussed. David H. put forth a motion.

MOTION:

That V. Nallainayagam (Nallai) be appointed to the Naming Committee. Further, that the designate be accountable to the membership through the submission of reports to the MRFA Executive.

D. Rathbun / Carried

4. Faculty Centre Renovations

- In Miriam Carey's absence David H. reported that there was good input from November 3rd Attitude Adjustment. Miriam will compile before the November 27 meeting. David noted thanks to Miriam & Jacqui for their effort in making it a fun evening with Spin the Bottle.

5. Conference Report

- David attended a conference in Ottawa on "Degree Recognition Across Canada" put on by Univ. of Manitoba Centre for Higher Education. Most universities seemed

to send their registrars.

- Concerned with private institutional degrees. Ontario won't accredit U of Athabasca unless they go through Ontario accreditation process. Queen's Univ. refuses to admit degree transfer students from institutions not in AUCC. Provincial Education Ministers will be meeting to discuss standardized degree types across the nation. Unfortunately there is no national education body so could prove problematic in implementing.

6. Klein Letter

- Discussion on approach to take with response letter, how much publicity? What is the process to name chair? David H. feels it should go to Hal Kvisle. At Bruce's request copies to be sent to board members.

7. Administration Restructuring

- Nov 9th email from Robin F. announcing changes in 3 senior position designations. Employed consultant, Glenn Harris, who is knowledgeable in university structures.
 - 1) Executive Director of Enrollment Services will be Associate Vice-President Enrollment Management. Susan Gottheil will be appointed.
 - 2) Director of Academic Development Centre will be changed to Dean of Teaching and Learning. Gen Ed will become part of the faculty along with ADC. Jim Zimmer, current director of ADC, will be appointed to the 1 year acting Dean position effective July 2007 while the college conducts a search.
 - 3) Director of the School of Nursing is a new position that will report to the Dean of Health and Community Studies. In part this will relieve some of the workload from the dean's office and with nursing moving to a new degree a leader with nursing experience will . The dean will be conducting a search shortly.
- Deep concern was expressed with a non PhD being made dean and assuming responsibility of Gen Ed. David H. registered his concerns and will address at meeting.

Academic Structure - Doug Rathbun

- Super meeting was called of academic areas with BA proposals. Donna Spaulding noticed that Theatre, Speech and Music Performance wasn't in attendance and found that an invitation hadn't been sent.
- This dept. has been working on a BFA and BMus, this exclusion could set them back another few years.
- Letter submitted requesting this exclusion be rectified.

8. Library

- Security guard has been given new direction. So far 3 student exclusions and 1 conduct charge. Photos being kept at the library desks.

9.) Treasurer - Renos

- September financials circulated. Presented levy scenarios & projections. Question? Do we not present dues at Nov 27 membership meeting? Mardy R. feels that the membership needs debate on principle of levy. Suggested calling extraordinary meeting in January. November meeting should be for approval of renovations.

10.) Adjournment