

## **MINUTES of the Mount Royal Faculty Association**

**Meeting date: October 22, 2010**

**Call to order:** An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on October 22, 2010. The meeting convened at 11:20am, President Gerry Cross presiding, and Rod Corbett secretary.

### **Members in attendance:**

Kelly Hewson  
Rod Corbett  
Gerard Lucyshyn  
Qasim Syed  
David Sabiston  
David Hyttenrauch  
Gerry Cross  
Rafik Kurji  
Cari Merkley

**Approval of minutes:** Motion was made by Gerry Cross, and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 8 2010 meeting. **Motion carried as amended.**

### **Agenda**

Added to President's Report: Curriculum Policy Approval

### **Officers' reports:**

President

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

- Janice Teaches at 1:00 pm we need another MRFA rep to attend
  - Gerard will attend

FEC Annual Report Revision Process

Deferred

Report on E2 Issue

- The MRFA argument was not accepted by the board
  - Robin and Heather will be responding to these members
  - Gerry will also communicate with the members
- There is no next step on this one: we negotiated this.
  - It is inconceivable for us to take it to step three or arbitration: it is not violating the CA.

Workload Violations

Moved to Closed Minutes

Curriculum Policy Approval

Deferred to November 5 meeting: we have till the next GFC meeting  
1 hour meeting Nov 5 12 -1 (replacing Nov 12 meeting)

**Unfinished business:**

PT Service Honoraria (31904.10)

Motion THAT the surplus in the Part Time Service Honoraria Account be split equally into 3 pools to be used to top up credential development funding, top up Part-time Service Honoraria and to provide workshops for part time faculty. If appropriate the money can be re-allocated from one pool to another. The PT representative will investigate the need of workshops for PT faculty and report back to the executive

Moved: Gerry Cross

Seconded: Cari Merkley

Discussion

Motion to amend: limit the amount to go into the credential pot

Discussion

Motion to amend withdrawn

Vote

Carried

Agenda for November 19 Meeting with MacEwan Executive

- 12-130 in T170
- Items:
  - Rank decisions at both institutions
  - IP policy
  - The future: bicameral governance
  - Release time and other supports for research
  - How is service evaluated

SAIT Designation Charter Challenge

- There was an approval in principle of an expenditure of 10,000
- ACIFA needs firm commitments by the end of May: This will be an item on one of our general meetings before that.

Nursing Coordination

- They have coordinators that have 20-25 clinical instructors they are responsible for: coordinators can get calls at 7 am for sickness and have to fill that spot immediately
- Progress made: Gerry proposed that the department need to view this as a transition issue. These kinds of tasks are not academic tasks and are not appropriate for their or the university's interests
  - They are meeting at the end of the month and will start discussing some ways that they could move this forward

Review of Draft Goals

- This is on the agenda for the general meeting next Wednesday: we are going to be asking for the member's input and approval
- This will be an item on the November 5 executive meeting

**New business:**

1. FEW: CAUT

- Oct 25-29 every year. This is a CAUT initiative re the overuse and exploitation of contract academic staff (primarily an information week)
- Action Items:
  - Wednesday October 27, 2 - 4 Gerard to attend and add Part-time report
  - Grub n gab after meeting for the exec to attend
  - Include something in the weekly newsletter: link to journal articles
  - Send news release to the press and they can contact us (Gerry will be away Thursday and Friday)
  - Gerard will also organize interviews with Wayne and Olga and possibly Naheed

2. ACIFA 2010 Climate Survey Questions

- Find out why "Effectiveness of Association" was removed and perhaps add it

3. Department Visit Schedule

- All exec members to e-mail Chantelle with the meetings they are able to attend. We require two executive members at each: if you express preference it will be accommodated.

4. Academic Plan Submission

- This has to be submitted by November 15
- David wrote the previous one: he will circulate it to the executive
- We may want to comment on the curriculum approval policy
- Sub committee
  - Gerry, Cari, David H (David via e-mail)
  - The group will develop a draft that has to be ready by Nov 5

5. Review of Open Studies Proposals

Deferred

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

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Secretary  
Mount Royal Faculty Association

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Date of approval