

MINUTES of the Mount Royal Faculty Association

Meeting date: August 24, 2010

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on September 3, 2010. The meeting convened at 9:30am, President Gerry Cross presiding, and Rod Corbett secretary.

Members in attendance:

Gerry Cross

Cari Merkley

Gerard Lucyshyn

David Sabiston

Qasim Syed

Rafik Kurji

David Hyttenrauch

Members not in attendance:

Kelly Hewson: working on developing job description for the MRU President

Approval of minutes: No Comments, Approved: August 24, 2010

Agenda

1. MRFA Appointees to Selection Committee

a) Health and Community

Cari Merkley

b) AVP Enrolment Management

Gerry Cross

2. Elections and Appointments

- The call for volunteers to be appointed to the Copyright Revision committee will go out Tuesday morning with the call for nominations
- Restructuring of personal harassment committee
 - There will now be 3 faculty on the committee with terms of 3, 4, and 5 years.
 - We need to elect for the 4 year term.
- Campaign statements
 - All nominees are to provide bios/campaign statements

3. Profile of the next MRU President

- Gerry will, likely, have Kelly's version of the job description this afternoon, Tuesday morning Rod can e-mail this out to communicators and ask for an update
- The search committee wants to have everything done in the early New Year.

4. E-mails to the membership

- Current request: Gerry will forward details of a fundraising event to Rod to be distributed to Communicators who can mention it to their members

5. Step 1 Part Time Hiring Grievance

- Remedy sought:
 - He thought the process was unclear. The remedy he wants is a clear/transparent process
- Discussion
- Follow-up
 - They are meeting next Thursday to discuss the matter

6. Officer Reports

a) Negotiating Committee: Gerry Cross

1. The delay in getting the info out to the chairs on the new FT PT appt. was delayed because the deans needed to be briefed first. They have been briefed and all supporting documentation has been sent to chairs.
2. Most changes have been accepted as edits but some are too substantial and are going to the reopener. These could separately be ratified if the teams agree to do so.
 - This would be a good idea for the promotion article. If we do not finalize this article it will delay the work of APTC.
 - This will go to ratification pending approval of the teams
3. Negotiations are ongoing: we are working to ensure that faculty are not disadvantaged by the new agreement

b) Qasim Syed, Professional Affairs Report

- The workshop was a big success: it was more interactive than in previous years. We sent him three motions with rationale that were pertinent to MRU and Rob demonstrated how to form the motions and how to discuss/debate/amend/approve motions and went through all the different types of motions

c) Rafik Kurji, Audit

- The auditor should have the draft financial statement by next week at some point

7. Market Supplements

- This is being included in the reopener

8. Draft Agendas: Retreat and General Meeting

- General Meeting
 - Draft Profile of MRU President
 - Goals for the Year (submit at meeting as draft to get feedback then finalize)
- Order
 - We decided Aug 24 that we would change the order to have the decisions at the beginning.
 - With the Approval of the agenda you could ask for a motion to change the sequence.
- Reports
 - We can reduce the number of reports or how they are presented: give the report in paper

- Gerry and Qasim will get together to figure out the process for this for this year and if it works it will be put into the bylaws at the AGM 2011
- Chair
 - There is nothing in the Bylaws that states who has to be the chair of meetings. This is not an issue for Qasim to be chair of the general meetings.
- Retreat
 - Move Communications Committee to the end of the agenda

Announcements

Cari Merkley,

There will be a forum towards the end of September re: copyright and what it means for faculty and also there will be communication coming around about the access tariff.

-Gerry would like to appoint Cari as a resource person for the board's team that is

-looking at reviewing copyright.

-Carol said she would attend an exec meeting to look at copyright issues.

Adjourned: 12:25pm