

Minutes of the Mount Royal Faculty Association

Meeting date: September 5, 2014

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on September 5, 2014. The meeting convened at 12:30pm, President Marc Schroeder.

Members Present:

Marc Schroeder
Elaine Mullen
Scott Murray
Karen Manarin
Brenda Lang

Andreas Tomaszewski
Richard Sutherland
April McGrath
Tracy Powell

Members not Present:

Shiraz Kurji

Minutes

Motion was made by Marc Schroeder to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Marc Schroeder to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2014 meeting.

Motion carried.

In Camera Session

Vice President and Grievance Officer's Report

Officer's Report

President's Report

1. Updates

- a. OCUFA Conference: Brenda to Attend
The MRFA will cover expenses for this conference in October.
- b. Meeting with Doug Short and Anna Buekes of ACIFA on August 29
Marc informed Doug and Anna that, since the membership already made a decision, unless something significant changed we will not bring a motion to reconsider back to our members.
- c. Google Contract
Marc spoke further with Cindy and will be following up on this again.
- d. eSEI Implementation Steering Committee Appointment – Martin Haworth
A report from this committee will be at the next GFC meeting
- e. Meeting with David Docherty on August 27
Marc and David discussed the Google contract, Private partnerships, the Presidents Discussion Series, and the MRFA's role in GFC orientation.
- f. TPC Training Workshops
Tenured members who do not attend the workshop cannot normally be involved in TPCs. It is up to the TPC chair to monitor and track this.
- g. Contact Faculty Orientation
This had good attendance and discussion.

2. Advocacy Committee Meeting and the MRU Coalition

The Advocacy Committee will review and slightly modify the advocacy goals from last year. The committee will coordinate meetings with MLAs and plans to address the Calgary party caucuses

Motion that the MRFA Executive Board appoint Brian Nichols to serve as an MRFA representative on the MRU Coalition.

Moved: Marc Schroeder

Seconded: Scott Murray

Vote

Carried Unanimously

3. Compassionate emergency fund expenditures
There have been two requests since August 15 and both have been approved. One in the amount of \$2,000 and for \$510. We have spent approximately \$6,280 from the fund Since April 1, 2014. If we get closer to \$10,000, we will seek pre-approval from our members to go over budget.
4. GFC Effectiveness and Academic Liaison Initiatives
Scott and Marc speaking to Faculty Councillors after the GFC Orientation was effective. This and the ongoing work of the ALC will support faculty councillors' efforts and increase their levels engagement.
5. UTPC Form 507 and Tenure Evaluation Part D
The way this form is being used is concerning. When something negative is reported on a 507, it is the TPC's responsibility to confirm its validity. If there is no support or evidence for it, it needs to be ignored. If it is valid and relevant it still needs to be balanced against overall evaluations of professional behaviour.

Unfinished Business

1. Brief to Calgary PC Caucus
This will be on the Advocacy and MRU Coalition Agendas
2. Review of 2013-2014 Executive Board Goals
We will discuss these goals at our retreat in a month.
3. Appointment to the Review and Interpretation of the Collective Agreement Committee
Deferred. We will not elect to this committee again.

New Business

1. Policies and Procedures Manual
Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board adopt the Policies and Procedures Manual as revised to incorporate Child Care Assistance Loans.
Moved: Scott Murray
Seconded: Brenda Lang
Vote
Passed Unanimously
2. Topics for meetings
 - a. Randy and Kathy
 - b. David Docherty
 - c. Executive Board retreat
Lists of topics were developed. Additional items can be sent to Chantelle
3. Department Communicators Appointments
 - a. Justice Studies: Richard will ask Jennifer Solinas
 - b. Child Studies and Social Work: Cynthia Gallop and Pat Kostouros
4. Topics for Presidents' Discussion Series
Potential topics were discussed. Marc will discuss this further with David Docherty.
5. Feedback to Government on Board of Governors Composition
Marc will respond to the Minister: the MRFA fully supports the students' request to have an additional representative on the Board. This response will be copied to SAMRU and ACIFA.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.

Communications Officer,
Mount Royal Faculty Association

Date of approval