

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

**Meeting date: September 20, 2013**

**Call to order:** An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on September 20, 2013. The meeting convened at 2:05pm, President Gerry Cross presiding and Janice Paskey, Communications Officer.

### **Members Present**

Marc Schroeder  
Karen Manarin  
Tracy Powell  
Elaine Mullen  
Janice Paskey

Brenda Lang  
Shiraz Kurji  
Gerry Cross  
Andreas Tomaszewski  
Scott Murray (3:00-4:00)

### **Agenda**

Added to New Business: Letter Regarding Degree Proposal for Engineering  
Update on Tenure and Promotion Review

### **Order of the Day, 2:00pm**

Treasurer's Report, Executive Board Auditor Appointment Recommendation  
Recommendation THAT the MRFA Executive Board bring a motion to the membership to appoint MNP as the MRFA auditors for the 2014 fiscal year.

Moved: Shiraz Kurji

Seconded: Gerry Cross

Discussion

Vote

Carried Unanimously

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Gerry Cross, and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2013 meeting as amended. **Motion carried.**

### **Officer's Reports**

President's Report

1. Interpretations of the Redundancy Articles (Closed Session)
2. Board of Governors Meeting with Allison Redford  
This meeting has been cancelled.  
Motion THAT the MRFA Executive Board extend a meeting invitation to the Premier and Deputy Premier.  
Moved: Marc Schroeder  
Seconded: Tracy Powell  
Vote  
Carried
3. Market Supplements  
In accordance with article 13.4.8 market supplements for last year have been reported to the Association. Scott and Gerry will discuss the report with Randy and Kathy.
4. Budget Advisory Committee  
A fourth faculty member to be appointed by the Dean of Bissett from the areas of Accounting or Financial Services has been added to this committee.
5. President's Discussion Series  
The Fall Presidents' Discussion Series topics and dates have been scheduled.
6. Tenure Party  
Laboratory instructors who have become permanent employees will be attending the tenure party on September 27.

### **Business Arising**

Advocacy committee Report on Student Debt Loads

Student debt will likely become a part of the committee's work in the future.

## **Unfinished Business**

1. Appointment to MRFA awards Committee
  - a. Member Emeritus  
Motion That Mike Fellows be appointed to the Awards Committee by the Executive Board as member emeritus. If he declines, Wayne Haglund shall be appointed.  
Moved: Elaine Mullen  
Vote  
Carried unanimously
  - b. Two members: one for one year and one for two years  
Motion THAT the Executive Board appoint Brian Sevick and Jodi Nickel to the Awards Committee  
Moved: Elaine Mullen  
Vote  
Carried unanimously
2. Approval of MRFA Committee Charters  
All committee charters, other than the Negotiating Committee, were approved. The Negotiating Committee shall develop its charter and submit it to the Executive Board.

## **New Business**

1. Appointments to the MRU Coalition  
Gerry Cross appointed to the MRU Coalition from the Executive Board.  
The advocacy committee will make an appointment recommendation to the Executive.
2. Appointment to ALC  
Deferred
3. Social Membership for Retirees  
Deferred
4. Alison Redford's Faculty of Arts Talk  
This has been cancelled.
5. September 25 Rally  
This event shall not be endorsed by the MRFA. We do not wish to diminish attendance at the meeting with Jim Turk by promoting this other meeting. Had the Premier been in attendance it could have been worthwhile.  
Since there is no longer a rush on this we have time to better consider our key messages to ensure that the activities we endorse are successful and contribute to our goals.
6. Ad hoc Committee on Retiree Benefits and Emeritus/Emerita Designation  
Deferred
7. Letter Regarding Degree Proposal for Engineering  
Deferred
8. Tenure and Promotion Review  
There is an APTC proposal to revise the evaluation of chair service in promotion criteria. With the review in progress it does not make sense for there to be changes made at this point.  
Scott will raise this at GFC.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:29pm.

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Mount Royal Faculty Association

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Date of approval