

Minutes of the Mount Royal Faculty Association

Meeting date: September 27, 2012

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA, was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on September 27, 2012. The meeting convened at 2:10pm, President Gerry Cross presiding and Kit Dobson, Communications Officer

Members in Attendance

Scott Murray
Elaine Mullen
Valerie Kinnear
Marnie Kramer-Kile
Kit Dobson

David Sabiston
Gerry Cross
Marc Schroeder

Members not in Attendance

Brenda Lang
Pat Kostouros

Orders of the Day, 2:00pm

Guests, SAMRU Executive Board

Addison Asuchak (Vice-President Student University Affairs),
Kaylene McTavish (President),
Julia Broome (Vice-President Student External Affairs),
Jeni Langille (Vice-President Student Academic Affairs)

- Qualifications for the next Provost and VP Academic
 - Possible qualifications from the Student perspective:
 - The successful candidate will have to be very student friendly,
 - be dedicated to building a positive relationship with Faculty,
 - have the ability to be a team player and an effective leader,
 - demonstrate complete buy in to MRU's mandates and mission statements
 - demonstrate an openness to creative ideas.
 - Drafting profiles
 - SAMRU should consider where it has succeeded with the current VPA and the attributes that enabled these successes.
 - The MRFA will share its profile with the students once it is developed.
- General Faculties Council
 - Students caucus in advance of the GFC meetings. When appropriate the students could communicate their concerns/positions to the faculty prior to GFC meetings. Having the Student and faculty voices together would be compelling and effective.
 - Student interests and faculty interests do generally align at GFC.
- Ongoing Considerations:
 - Does SAMRU have any position on outcomes and assessment?
 - What are the students' issues and priorities this year?
 - What position does SAMRU take on the reduction of instructional hours?

Officer's Reports

President's Report

1. Grievance Report (Closed Session)
2. Tenure and Promotion Workshops for New Faculty
 - The MRFA will offer information sessions on Tenure and Promotion through the New Faculty Support Program. All tenurable faculty will be invited each time a session is offered.
3. Article 18.5, non-credit courses
 - If this cannot be resolved by working in collaboration with Robin and Randy, the MRFA can launch a policy grievance.

Unfinished Business

1. Executive Board Appointments to the ad hoc MRFA Awards Committee
Brian Sevick, Jodi Nikel, Alex Bruton, and Glenn Rhul appointed to the ad hoc Awards Committee.

Business arising

1. Appointment to academic scheduling committee
Gerry will contact potential appointees and bring this back to the Executive Board

New Business

1. Pat Kostouros
Motion THAT the MRFA approve the purchase of two parking passes for Pat Kostouros' family and that Gerry phone Pat's husband, Ken, to ensure they are needed.
Moved: Gerry Cross
Seconded: Marc Schroeder
Vote
Carried
 - a. Appointment to Dean Selection Committee
Elaine Mullen Appointed
 - b. Appointment to Academic Liaison Officer Position
Gerry will ask Cari Merkle if she is willing to do this.
 - c. Appointment to Social Events Committee
Joyce Woods Appointed
2. Appointment to PSGC
Isha Sharma Appointed
3. Executive Board Retreat
The retreat will be held in the Faculty Centre on November 3 if everyone is available. If a member of the Executive is not available on this date then it will be held on October 20.
4. Child Care Task Force
Gerry will discuss this with the Executive Board and then Brian Fleming will be invited to attend a meeting

Closed Session:

1. Employee Evaluations
Deferred

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.

Communications Officer
Mount Royal Faculty Association

Date of approval