



MRFA General Meeting
September 26, 2006
Jenkins Theatre
3:00-5:00

MINUTES

1. Agenda Approved
2. Audited MRFA Financial Statements 2004-2006
 - Executive Motion to approve 2004, 2005 & 2006 Audited Financial Statements. Approved
3. Executive Reports
 - 3.1 President
 - 3.1.1 Written Report Attached
 - 3.1.1.1 Structure of Executive
 - 3.1.1.2 Academic Policy Consultation
 - 3.1.1.3 Relations with College Administration
 - 3.1.1.4 Executive Meeting with Minister Denis Herard
 - 3.1.1.5 Executive and Faculty Meeting with Campus Alberta Quality Council Review Team
 - 3.1.1.6 Faculty Centre Security
 - 3.1.1.7 Strategic Priorities
 - 3.1.2 Renewal of MRFA Research Assistant
 - Excellent support for Negotiating Committee & Executive. Many issues still to be researched. Carrying forward this year.
 - 3.1.3 CAUT and ACIFA Update
 - David H. related the problems with CAFA at the CAUT meeting in Ottawa last November. Many facts related to MRFA membership with CAUT were erroneous but MRFA President not allowed to speak. CAUT bylaws currently being reviewed. Next meeting is November but the earliest MRFA could attend, if approved, is probably 2007.
 - David H. sent letter, approved by MRFA lawyer, to CAFA members. They have since been absent from ACIFA meetings.
 - Membership expressed approval of a firm approach with CAFA whilst conciliatory towards CAUT.
 - David H. sitting on the ACIFA Dues Committee. Can not, in good conscience, recommend ACIFA join CAUT as an association. The only 2 colleges that it would advantage would be MRC and Grant McEwen. The smaller colleges would be bearing the brunt of the cost for no return.

MOTION:

The membership of the MRFA recommends that ACIFA not join CAUT.

Avril Torrence/Carried

3.2 First Vice-President - Doug Rathbun

- Contract Administration. First time anyone can remember signing the contract before June 30th. Doug R. and David H. attending Chairs meeting in October. Doug planning open forums to explain parts of the contract also working on part-time honorariums.

3.3 Second Vice-President - Jane Drover

- Academic Council Business - Kori Street
 - 2 meetings. Council Orientation and Gen Ed Standing Committee.
 - MRC mandate statement approved by government.
 - Gen Ed Committee up and running.
 - Policy committee (program approval)
 - Priorities committee (resource issues)
 - Credit Accounting approved in April. Miriam Carey is a member of committee. Doug Rathbun invited to meeting.
 - Library standing advisory committee.
 - Academic Program & Policy (curriculum submissions)
- Library
 - Past 3 years there have been problems with noise, fighting and behaviour problems. One certain group uses intimidation and veiled threats towards students, faculty and librarians if anything is said. Personal safety is an issue that needs to be taken seriously. Furniture needs to be downsized & re-arranged
 - David H. and Doug R. will attend meeting with Library. David H. talking to SAMRC President and meeting with Dave M.

3.4 Secretary - Miriam Carey

3.4.1 Web Site

- Miriam Carey demonstrated the new web site with thanks to Jacqui McFarland for the professional design and to Rod Corbett for his expertise in getting the web site up & running.

3.4.2 Faculty Centre Renovations

3.4.2.1 Proposals, Drawings, and Preliminary Costing

- Offices - rewiring room 2 and old smoking room. David will be in room 2, Ellen in the smoking room & Darlene will be in the archival room. There is no space, either new or existing to move to, hence renovations. Jacquie presented before and after sketches. Estimated cost \$ 200,000 - \$250,000. With our cash reserves we could drop the legal fund from \$100,00 to \$ 50,000 and the operating account would always have a minimum of \$75, 000. Plan on approaching administration.

3.4.3 Consultation Process

- There will be consultation with the members over the next few months looking for suggestions and opinions.

3.4.4 Planning Timelines

- Renovations will commence next summer if approved. Finances will dictate how much can be done.
- The Executive intends to bring a motion to the November meeting recommending that the MRFA proceed with renovations.

3.5 Treasurer - Mardy Roberts

3.5.1 Recommendation on Professional Fees Contingency Fund

- Notice of motion for November meeting. To restrict legal fund to \$ 50,000

3.5.2 Approval of Social Memberships

APPROVED

Robin Fisher	Ken Hoepfner	Judy Collins
Richard Roberts	Marc Chikinda	Randy Genereux
Hunter Wight	Wendelin Fraser	Brian Fleming
Donna Spaulding	Manuel Mertin	Susan Gottheil

4. MRFA By-Election

4.1 Announcement of Nominees for Part-Time Rep

- Robyn Starkey, English Dept. & Heather Faas, Business

4.2 Announcement of Nominees for Centennial Planning Committee

- Melanie Peacock, Business & Israel Dunmade, Chemistry, Biology

4.3 Designation of Chief Returning Officer

- Kori Street volunteered to be the Chief Returning Officer for this by-election.

4.4 Approval of Voting Times:

4.4.1 Wednesday 27 September 9-6, & Thursday 28 September 9-4:30

All agreed that Thursday, September 28 time should be changed to 9:00am - 6:00 pm.

5. Other Business

- None

6. Adjournment