



Minutes of the Mount Royal Faculty Association
Meeting date: November 17, 2017

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on November 17, 2017. The meeting convened at 9:00am, President, Marc Schroeder, presiding.

Members Present:

David Clemis
Jenn Solinas
Michael Truscello
Guy Obrecht
Allison Mackenzie

Brenda Lang
Lee Easton
Sabrina Reed
Marc Schroeder
Shiraz Kurji

Approval of Agenda – Approved

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Marc Schroeder to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2017 Executive Board meeting. Motion Carried.

Business Arising

1. Update on Action taken in Support of OPSEU
The provincial government is tabling legislation to end the strike and refer the matters to mediation or arbitration. This would be unfortunate as it would not lead to positive resolution of matters relating to academic freedom and collegial governance.
2. Department Communicator Attendance at November Regular Meeting
Communicators will be encouraged to attend the November 20 Regular Meeting.

New Business

1. November Regular Meeting Agenda and Preparation
The agenda was finalized and the meeting was scheduled for 3:30-4:30pm.

In Camera Session

Grievance Report - Step 4 Grievance Decision

Motion THAT the Executive Board not advance to Step 5 in the grievance relating to sessional workload allocation.

Moved: Lee Easton

Seconded: Brenda Lang

Vote – Carried Unanimously, 1 abstention

Negotiations Report

President's Report

Motion THAT the Executive Board advance a policy grievance on Article 16.6, provided that one or both continuing contract members are willing to put their names forward.

Moved: Lee Easton

Seconded: Allison Mackenzie

Vote – Carried Unanimously

Officers' Reports

President's Report

1. Discussion with MRU Board of Governors
At the recent Board of Governors meeting, Marc spoke at length about contract faculty issues.
2. Faculty Annual Report System
Marc and Cheryl, the Chair of FEC, will be meeting with Michael Quinn and Jim Zimmer to discuss the annual report system.
3. Employee Long Service Wall



The long service wall was taken down without any communication. This was discussed at GFC on November 16 during question period but the conversation was cut short.

4. Updates:
 - a. MRFA Operations and Staffing
 - Lana Funke, the MRFA's new Assistant, started on November 8. Her hours are 12:00 – 5:00, Mondays to Thursdays.
 - Work on implementing Filehold in ongoing.
 - b. Faculty Centre Management Committee Draft Minutes
The minutes were provided to the Executive Board for information.
 - c. MRU Resource Planning Task Force
The Resource Planning Task Force report was provided at GFC on November 16.
 - d. Ad hoc Labour Code Transition Steering Committee
Work is ongoing, and there is no update at this time.
 - e. University Search Committees
The VP Administrative and Financial Services search is winding down and the Dean of Arts search has begun.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

Communications Officer, MRFA

Date of approval