



Minutes of the Mount Royal Faculty Association
Meeting date: September 15, 2017

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on September 15, 2017. The meeting convened at 9:00am, President, Marc Schroeder, presiding.

Members Present

Marc Schroeder
David Clemis
Lee Easton
Guy Obrecht
Sabrina Reed

Brenda Lang
Jenn Solinas
Shiraz (at 10:00am)
Allison Mackenzie
Absent with Regrets,
Michael Truscello

Order of the Day, 10:00am

Guest, Lesley Brown

Approval of Agenda

Approved

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Marc Schroeder to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2017 Executive Board meeting. Motion Carried.

Business Arising

1. Update on Liaising with Administration Regarding the Resource Planning Task Force
David Docherty indicated that he would schedule a BAC meeting for September and that the RPTF information sessions would be scheduled soon. The MRFA response to RPTF's response to the MRFA's budget recommendations is not yet drafted.
2. Continued Preparation for the Regular and Special Meetings, September 29, 11:30-2:00
 - a. Regular Meeting Agenda
The September Regular Meeting agenda was revised. It was noted that there should be a standing agenda item for Fall 2017 for an update from the Labour Code Transition Steering Committee
 - b. Special Meeting Preparations
 - i. Session Slides and Handout
The Q and A document is very comprehensive: it will be posted next week and sent to communicators.
 - ii. Debrief on First Information Session
The few members who attended the first information session were supportive.
 - iii. Other
Payroll will be contacted regarding the potential dues rate change.
3. Statistics Canada Consultations on the UCASS Academic Staff Survey
 - a. Written Response
The MRFA's written response, submitted on September 14, was reviewed by the Executive Board.
 - b. Update on In-Person Consultations, September 20 (Calgary) or 21 (Edmonton)
Marc will be attending the consultation session in Edmonton on September 21, and, if possible, will be accompanied by a contract member of the Association.

Unfinished Business

1. CAUT Dedicated Service Award
Deferred

New Business

1. Notice of Intent to Revise or Renew the Collective Agreement (Collective Agreement Article 21.1.1)
Marc will be submitting a letter to the Board Chair, copied to David Docherty, notifying the Board of our intent to enter bargaining.
2. Appointment to Dean of Arts Search Committee
After considering an appointment policy at its retreat, the Executive Board will make an appointment to this Dean Search committee: an appointee is required by the end of September.
3. Social Membership Approvals – Stephen Price and Meagan Bowler
Motion THAT the Executive Board approve the Social Membership applications for Stephen Price and Meagan Bowler.
Moved: Sabrina Reed
Seconded: Allison Mackenzie
Vote - Carried Unanimously
4. Casual Vacancy on CAUT Collective Bargaining & Economic Benefits Committee
The MRFA may put forward a nomination for this vacancy. Lee Easton is currently on the CAUT Collective Bargaining & Economic Benefits Committee and Roberta Lexier is on the CAUT Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee.
5. Information and Discussion Sessions for Contract Regular Members
Motion that the Executive Board approve the expenditure of up to \$450, from the other events budget line, for two contract faculty information sessions.
Moved: Guy Obrecht
Seconded: Jenn Solinas
Discussion
Vote – Carried Unanimously

In Camera Session

President's Report

Grievance Report (Vice-President, Policy and Senior Grievance Officer)

Officers' Reports

President's Report

1. Update on Labour Code Transition Committee
This committee will be reporting back to the Executive as it proceeds through its work this semester.
2. Executive Board Retreat
The annual retreat is being held on Saturday, September 16, 9:45am – 4:30pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Communications Officer, MRFA

Date of approval