



Mount Royal University Coalition Terms of Reference

Represented Groups:	Mount Royal Staff Association Students Association of Mount Royal University Mount Royal Faculty Association
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Preamble

The following is the preamble of the *CAUT Policy on Federal/Provincial Funding of Post-Secondary Education*. The statement is even more germane for the provincial government, because it is the principal funder of post-secondary education in the province.

“Post-secondary education and research play a critical role in advancing the economic, social, cultural and political development of Canada as a whole and in promoting the learning and development opportunities of all Canadians. It is the obligation of the Government of Canada to encourage the equitable and sufficient development of post-secondary education and research in all regions of the country by assisting the provinces in meeting the costs thereof.”ⁱ

Mandate

The MRU Coalition shall facilitate open and ongoing communication among its three constituent groups, identify matters of common interest, and develop and initiate strategies with the goal to influence public policy on post-secondary education. Furthermore, the MRU Coalition shall encourage the creation of similar groups at other post-secondary institutions in Alberta with the goal to creating a provincial network actively engaged in advocacy for post-secondary education in Alberta.

Authority

The MRU Coalition is an independent alliance of staff, students and faculty at Mount Royal University.

Membership

The MRU Coalition shall consist of:

- two staff members currently employed by Mount Royal University,
- two students currently enrolled in Mount Royal University credit courses,
- two faculty members currently employed by Mount Royal University, and
- additional members as deemed appropriate.

The committee shall annually select a chair from among its members.

Meetings

The MRU Coalition shall normally meet on a monthly basis during the academic year. Additional meetings may be called as necessary by the chair. Quorum shall be four members of the committee, including the chair or designee.

Expected Activities

The Advocacy Committee shall:

- work within a broad advocacy mandate to propose strategies for affecting public policy, including various forms of public education and political action intended to influence the public or government;

Resources

Support for the committee may be provided by the Mount Royal Faculty Association.

ⁱ CAUT Council, September 1991; revised, April 2002. *CAUT Policy on Federal/Provincial Funding of Post-Secondary Education*. Ottawa, Ontario.