



Minutes of the Mount Royal Faculty Association
Meeting date: May 8, 2018

Call to order: An Executive Board meeting of the MRFA was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on May 8, 2018. The meeting convened at 9:30am, President, Marc Schroeder, presiding.

Members Present:

Allison Mackenzie
Brenda Lang
David Clemis (after 10:30am)
Jennifer Solinas
Lee Easton (until 10:00am)

Marc Schroeder
Michael Truscello
Sabrina Reed
Shiraz Kurji

Absent with Regrets:

Guy Obrecht

Order of the Day – In Camera Session – 9:30am

Motion THAT the Executive Board approve the purchase of 850 buttons as quoted with “I Support MRFA” on them.

Moved: Allison Mackenzie
Seconded: Shiraz Kurji
Vote – Carried Unanimously

Approval of Agenda - Approved

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Marc Schroeder to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2018 Executive Board meeting. Motion Carried.

Business Arising

1. Joint Job Action Preparedness Committee

a. Appointments

Motion THAT the Executive Board appoint Erik Christiansen to the Job Action Preparedness Committee.

Moved: Jennifer Solinas
Seconded: Sabrina Reed
Discussion
Vote – Carried Unanimously

Motion THAT the Executive Board appoint Kimberley Williams as Chair of the Job Action Preparedness Committee.

Moved: Brenda Lang
Seconded: Michael Truscello
Discussion
Vote – Carried Unanimously

b. Update: First Meeting on May 4

The Association is working toward building a membership prepared for collective action and the plan to be developed by this committee will be a big part of that, and it will make members more comfortable with the prospect of job action.

2. Update on Nominations

An update was provided for information.

3. 2017-2018 Compassionate Fund Report Updated with Details

Detail omitted from the previous report was provided.

Shiraz will highlight this fund at the AGM to ensure members are aware of it.

New Business

1. Travel and Conference Expense Policy (DEFER)
2. COCAL Conference Expense Approval (DEFER)



3. Executive Board Appointments – Call for Statements of Interest
The Association will invite members to submit expressions of interest for available positions, and the Executive Board will make appointments early in 2018-2019.

In Camera Session

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

Officers' Reports

President's Report

1. CAUT Council Report
The report was circulated and discussed. It was noted that there were several important items to be followed up on moving forward, such as the CAUT survey of contract academic staff, MRU potentially hosting a scholar at risk, and considerations with respect to opposing fascist sentiment on campuses. CAUT Councils are very valuable and the Association should consider sending an observer to the Spring Council in 2019 to build our capacity and understanding of the broader issues affecting PSE in Canada.
2. MRFA Staff Lunch
As discussed previously by the Executive Board, Marc will be bringing the Association staff for lunch in the Hub on May 8.
3. Updates:
 - a. MRU Budget
 - Information Sessions are being organized instead of a Town Hall. Information for these will be included in the Weekly Newsletter and faculty will be encouraged to go to them.
 - GFC's bylaws and striking committee is bringing forward draft language for a budget and finance committee of GFC. This will be for information in May and will come back to the next GFC meeting for approval.
 - b. MRU Administrative Searches
Jennifer Pettit was appointed Dean of Arts, Meagan Bowler was appointed University Librarian, and AVP HR position is being reposted. The Executive Board will need to determine who the Association's representative will be on the selection committee for the AVP HR.
 - c. Other
 - Mandatory OH&S Training
Faculty being required to take OH&S training is not a violation of the Collective Agreement.
 - Faculty Annual Reports
Technical issues are being fixed as we recommended, and there are no changes in functionality. For assistance in completing annual reports, faculty can go to the annual report website.
 - MRFA Retreat
Moving forward this vent will not be scheduled over May Day. Overall we had a really good response and the committee plans to continue to schedule the event between the Winter and Spring semesters, and will be considering other options for the location of the retreat.
 - Advocacy
There is going to be a lot of work for the advocacy committee next year as we ramp up and prepare for the election.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Communications Officer, MRFA

Date of approval