



Minutes of the Mount Royal Faculty Association
Meeting date: May 11, 2018

Call to order: An Annual General Meeting of the MRFA was held in Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta on May 18, 2018. The meeting convened at 9:32am, President, Marc Schroeder, presiding.

Members Present - 154 members present (see attached attendance sheets)

Agenda - Approved

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Marc Schroeder to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion Carried.

Orders of the Day

9:30am: Executive Motion – [Proposed Bylaw Amendments](#), Marc Schroeder
Executive Board Motion That the MRFA Bylaws be amended as presented
Proposed changes were reviewed by the Bylaws and Governance Committee and Executive Board. Many changes were related to making the bylaws compliant with related legislation.

Discussion

Vote - Carried Unanimously

10:30am: MRFA Elections, Allison Mackenzie, Chief Returning Officer

Executive Board Elections

1. All Candidates Forum – Executive Board Nominees

Melanie Peacock, President	Michele Holmgren, Member at Large
Brady Killough, VP Policy and SGO	Jennifer Solinas, Member at Large
Guy Obrecht, Contract Rep.	D.A. Dirks, Diversity and Equity Chair
Brenda Lang, Communications	Bob Uttl, Faculty Evaluation Chair
Rafik Kurji, Treasurer	
2. Appointment of Vote Auditor - Miriam Carey appointed to serve as vote auditor
3. Appointment of Scrutineers - Candidates declined the appointment of scrutineers.
4. Motion THAT ballots be destroyed following tabulation of the results
Moved: Miriam Carey
Seconded: Frank Cotae
Vote - Carried Unanimously
5. Voting
6. Results
President: Melanie Peacock, General Management and Human Resources
Vice-President Policy & Senior Grievance Officer: Brady Killough, Math & Computing
Contract Member Representative: Guy Obrecht, General Education
Communications Officer: Brenda Lang, General Management and Human Resources
Treasurer: Rafik Kurji, Accounting and Finance
Member at Large: Jennifer Solinas, General Education
Diversity and Equity Committee Chair: D.A. Dirks, Humanities
Faculty Evaluation Committee Chair: Bob Uttl, Psychology

Committee Elections

1. Nominations to MRFA Committee Positions
Members in attendance were nominated to fill vacant positions and were subsequently acclaimed and/or added to the online committee ballot.
2. Motion to establish dates and times of Committee voting
Motion THAT online voting be open continuously from 9:00am on May 14 to 5:00pm on May 15.
Vote – Carried Unanimously



3. Motion THAT ballots be destroyed following tabulation of the results
Deferred to September Regular Meeting

11:30am: Vice-President Negotiations Report, Lee Easton

Motion to move to in camera

Moved: Scott Murray

Seconded: Christian Cook

Vote – Carried Unanimously

Motion of support for the MRFA's Negotiating Committee to demonstrate the memberships' full support of the positions they have brought to the table.

Moved: Brenda Lang

Seconded: Kim Williams

Discussion

Vote – Carried Unanimously

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

1. President's Report, Marc Schroeder

Marc expressed his appreciation for the commitment and contributions of Association members and staff who have worked diligently over his four years as President to continue to represent members' interests, protect members' rights and move the Association forward. Some of the significant accomplishments of the Association since 2014 were summarized including, among many other things, multiple impactful submissions to the government on revisions to the PSLA, improving structures and supports for the Negotiating Committee, Joining CAUT and the CAUT Defense Fund, the implementation of a document management system, and successful and ongoing transitional work relating to the restored right to strike/lockout. In addition to ongoing work to prepare for the strike lockout context, the Association will need to strive to maintain its current role of providing a collective voice for faculty. The MRFA is the only body with faculty and staff dedicated to monitoring and responding to issues that arise: the Association puts this work in every day to ensure that the faculty voice is helping to guide the university. Support of the membership is needed for the Association to continue to have this effective voice.

2. Treasurer's Report, Shiraz Kurji

- a. [Financial Results, March 31, 2018 and 2018-2019 Budget](#)

The financial results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 were reviewed and budget plans for 2018-2019 were presented. There was no discussion and the membership expressed appreciation for the conscientious work of Shiraz Kurji in the role of Treasurer for the past five and a half years.

- b. [Contingency and Building Fund Updates](#)

- c. Executive Motion – Approval of 2018-2019 Operating Budget

Vote – Carried Unanimously

- d. Executive Motion – Appointment of MNP as the MRFA's Auditor for 2018-2019

Vote – Carried Unanimously

3. [Vice-President Policy and Senior Grievance Officer' Report](#), Sabrina Reed

Though it can be difficult, it is important that members continue to bring concerns forward so that the Association can ensure that the Collective Agreement is enforced.

Other Reports

All reports are available [online](#), and all were taken as read.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm and members were invited back to the Faculty Centre for Awards, Retirees Celebration and Lunch.