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MRU faculty embark on Advocacy Week to protect post-secondary education in Alberta

CALGARY – The Mount Royal Faculty Association of Mount Royal University, in cooperation with its student and staff associations, has declared the week of Feb. 9th as Advocacy Week in support of post-secondary education in Alberta in response to projected Alberta government budgetary shortfalls.

A number of on-campus activities are planned, culminating in an information rally, “Speak Out,” on Feb. 12 in the Wyckham House Student Centre, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The week’s slogan is “Higher Education: Alberta’s Most Strategic Renewable Resource”. The plan is to mobilize students, faculty and staff to participate, disseminating information about the economic, social, political and cultural value, and threatened status, of higher education in Alberta.

“The past several years have already seen continually contracting government operating grants”, says Marc Schroeder, MRFA President. “The result has been program cuts, reductions in seats for Alberta’s would-be students, and threats to the overall quality of education. A time of economic hardship is the best time to reaffirm our commitment to the fundamentals, and this includes a well-funded post-secondary system.”

The MRFA urges the provincial government to reverse the trend of post-secondary education funding erosion, and to take steps to collaborate with post-secondary institutions to create affordable, accessible education so that all Albertans have an opportunity to contribute to the future of the province in productive ways.

Event: “Speak Out”
Date: Thursday, Feb. 12
Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Place: Wyckham House Student Centre, near West Gate entrance, Mount Royal University campus
Speakers: Marc Schroeder, President MRFA; others TBA

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