



Service through MRFA committees.

One of the many advantages of being a member of the Mount Royal Faculty association is that it brings together a diversity of wonderful, talented, and highly knowledgeable scholars and teachers from every discipline. One way that I have discovered this is by learning to know them through work on MRFA committees, where people apply their unique skills and insights to advocating for excellence in education and scholarship, fair treatment of members and students and promoting knowledge about the value of post-secondary education, not to mention welcoming people and giving them the opportunity to natter over a glass of wine and a meatball at the Faculty Centre.

When surveyed, Faculty members have reported a high degree of satisfaction (nearly 90%) from their work on committees.¹ In addition to providing opportunities to fulfil faculty service requirements, committees allow faculty to demonstrate they value the Association, feel they are making a difference at the university, share their expertise on a relevant committee, or learn new skills. In addition to these motivations, many committee members say they joined another committee because they had such a positive experience serving on MRFA committees in the past. These faculty often share their impressions and experiences: many committee members say they joined a committee at the suggestion of a colleague.

Spring term gives many faculty an opportunity to review the past term and look forward to autumn, and it coincides with the call for nominations for MRFA committees. As you plan for the new year, consider putting yourself forward for one of the many committee opportunities available (these are listed on the Committee Affair poster sent out April 13). Chat with current and former members to see if it is a good fit for you. If you enjoyed serving on a committee, please share your experience with colleagues and offer to nominate them for a position.

Committee Nominations are open until May 8. Nomination forms, committee descriptions, and candidate guidelines are available below.

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¹ MRFA Committee Member Survey, 2020