



Minutes of the Mount Royal Faculty Association
Meeting date: Friday, May 8, 2020

Call to order: An Annual General meeting of the MRFA was held virtually in Calgary, Alberta on Friday, May 8, 2020. The meeting convened at 9:31a.m., Chair, Doug King, presiding.

Agenda: The motion was made to approve the agenda.

Moved: Heather McLellan, and Seconded: Miriam Carey.

Vote - Motion carried.

Members Present: There were 251 members present.

1. Process Matters

Members present were reminded of meeting processes as outlined in the meeting invitation, the proper use of the chat panel, and relevant MRFA Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order.

Motion THAT during the AGM, speakers be permitted a maximum of 2 minutes per event to address the group.

Moved: Israel Dunmade, seconded: Joan Harris.

Vote - Motion carried.

2. Motions for Bylaw Amendments

Motion THAT a Diversity and Equity Officer be added to the MRFA Executive Board with corresponding changes made to related articles in the MRFA Bylaws.

Moved: MRFA Executive Board, seconded: Mary-Lee Mulholland.

Vote - Motion carried.

Motion THAT the reassigned time be removed from the Faculty Evaluation Committee with corresponding changes made to related articles in the MRFA Bylaws.

Moved: MRFA Executive, seconded: Lee Easton.

Discussion: Members discussed the proposed motion.

Motion THAT the motion to amend the Bylaws regarding the FEC be postponed indefinitely.

Moved: Bob Uttl and seconded: Paul Johnston.

Discussion

Motion to call the question – Not Carried

Further Discussion

Motion to Call the Question – Carried

Vote on motion to postpone indefinitely – not carried

Vote on main motion – Not Carried

Motion THAT all other Bylaw amendments as presented be approved.

Moved MRFA Executive, seconded: Kelly Sundberg.

Discussion

Motion to amend: THAT proposed bylaw amendments remove the exclusion of Retired Members from the MRFA Facebook Page.

Moved: Frances Widdowson, seconded: Karen Manarin.

Vote – Not Carried.

Vote on main motion – Carried

Temporary Bylaw Amendments

Motion THAT Article 12.1.3 of the Bylaws temporarily be amended to allow for online voting for Executive Board positions during the 2020 AGM following the All Candidates Forum.

Moved: MRFA Executive Board, seconded: Shauna Snow-Caparrelli.

Vote - Motion Carried.

Motion THAT Article 12.1.12 of the Bylaws be temporarily amended not permit the appointment of scrutineers for online balloting.

Moved: MRFA Executive Board, seconded: Shiraz Kurji.

Discussion

Vote - Motion Carried.

Motion THAT Derrick Antson be appointed as Vote Auditor.
Moved: MRFA Executive Board, seconded: Peter Choate.
Vote - Motion Carried.

A motion was made to approve the April 2, 2020 MRFA Special Meeting minutes.
Moved: MRFA Executive, seconded: Charles Hepler.
Vote - Motion carried.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

1. Treasurer's Report, Rafik Kurji

The members present were informed of the revenue and expenditures of the 2019-2020 academic year and the proposed budget for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Motion THAT the 2020-2021 Operating Budget be approved.

Moved: MRFA Executive Board, seconded: Qasim Syed.

Discussion: A more detailed report on the Contingency Fund balance and target balance will be provided at a Regular Meeting in 2020 - 2021.

Vote - Motion Carried.

Motion THAT MNP remain the MRFA Auditor for 2020-2021.

Moved: MRFA Executive Board, seconded: Paul Johnston.

Vote - Motion carried.

Orders of the Day

MRFA Elections, Megan Lalonde, Chief Returning Officer

1. Executive Board Elections

All Candidates Forum – Executive Board Nominees were each given two minutes to make a campaign statement. A question and answer period took place after the candidates spoke.

Lee Easton, President

Kirk Niergarth, Communications Officer

Rafik Kurji, Treasurer

Kirsten Kramer, Communications Officer

D.A. Dirks, Contract Rep.

Shelley Rathie, Communications Officer

Katrin Becker, Contract Rep.

Irene Shankar, Member-At-Large

Richard Erelendson, Contract Rep.

Robert Catena, Member-At-Large

Motion THAT the meeting be extended to 1p.m.

Moved: Doug King, seconded: Janet Arnold.

Vote - Motion carried.

Motion THAT online ballots be deleted following the reporting of the results.

Moved: Megan Lalonde, seconded: Miriam Carey.

Vote - Motion carried.

Motion THAT the meeting be extended to 2p.m.

Moved: Melanie Peacock, seconded: Kelly Sundberg.

Vote - Motion carried.

There was a break in the meeting from 1:05p.m. to 1:15p.m. to allow time for members to vote electronically. At this time camera's and microphones were turned off.

2. Committee Elections

Nominations for MRFA Committee positions were taken from the floor. All nominees were informed that campaign statements were to be submitted by 5:00pm on May 8.

Motion THAT voting for MRFA committee positions be held online from 9:00am on May 11 to 5:00pm on May 12, and that paper balloting not be provided due to physical distancing requirements.

Moved: Megan Lalonde, seconded: Anupam Das.

Vote - Motion carried.

Motion THAT all other standing committee reports be accepted as presented.

Moved: Doug King, seconded: Charles Hepler.

Discussion: The VP Policy and Senior Grievance Officer responded to an inquiry and indicated that there would be review of this year's grievance report with the aim to determine whether more information could be provided in future reports.

Vote - Motion carried.

MRFA Awards

1. MRFA Distinguished Service Award Recipient
Members were informed that Brady Killough, of the Department of Mathematics and Computing is the recipient for the Distinguished Service Award for 2020.
2. Teaching Excellence Awards- Reminder – Call for Nominations
Members were reminded that nominations are being accepted for the MRFA Teaching Excellence Awards. One contract faculty member and one full time member are eligible to receive this award.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made.

Moved: Paul Johnston, seconded: Charles Hepler.

Vote - Motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:54p.m.