



Mount Royal Faculty Association Bulletin August 23, 2021

Highlights this Week

MRFA PDC Events on Managing In-Person and Remote Delivery

Save the Dates!

- Get Cracking – Member Directed Discussion: September 3, 10:00 – 11:20am
- Fall PD Day – Resources for Members: October 14, 10:00am – 12:30pm

Let us know what you want to learn more about!

The PDC invites members to [let us know](#) what types of PD sessions would be of interest this year. In addition to the series noted above, the committee is planning a PD for scholarship series in the Winter 2022 semester.

Scheduling with Your Association (@mrfa.net)

Trying to schedule a meeting with the MRFA but can't see availability in the google calendar? Due to the move to the @mrfa.net email server, the President's and Association Staff members' calendars are viewable by searching for them in your calendar using the full email address (i.e. facultyrelations@mrfa.net). Members are encouraged to contact office@mrfa.net for all scheduling requests.

Deadline Tomorrow - Call for Nominations for the MRFA Communications Officer

All Regular MRFA Members, which includes all contract and full-time academic staff at MRU, are welcome to submit a [nomination form](#) and a written and/or recorded campaign statement for this position by **August 24, 2021**. Elections will take place in accordance with the Bylaws at the Special Meeting on **September 2, 2021, 12:00 – 2:00**.

Question of the Week

Please [indicate your level of support](#) for the Association's Statement on Return to Campus Plans: (the statement is available [here](#) and was sent on August 20 at 5:00pm).

Last week, in a relatively high response rate to our questions of the week, over 80% of all respondents were in favour of all protocols listed below (more detailed response breakdowns included as well):

- Vaccine passports to show proof either of vaccination and/or recent negative COVID test result
 - 88% of respondents were supportive and 11% were not
- On campus rapid testing for those unable or unwilling to get vaccinated
 - 84% of respondents were supportive and 7% were not
- Mandatory vaccinations for all staff, students and faculty before coming to campus
 - 80% of respondents were supportive and 11% were not
- Instructor ability to move from in-person course delivery to remote delivery
 - 88% of respondents were supportive and 1% were not

Thank you to all members who take the time to respond to these questions. The Association continues efforts in representing your concerns and your feedback is very helpful in this process!

MRFA Reminders

Faculty Centre Update

The Faculty Centre remains closed until further notice: our target opening date is **October 12, 2021**. Members are encouraged to send inquiries and booking requests to office@mrfa.net.

Resources from the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee

Your Professional Standards and Ethics Committee (PSEC) has developed some useful resources over the past couple of years and is linking them here again for your reference. If there are any specific items you would like information on within the [mandate of PSEC](#), please feel free to send input to FacultyRelations@mrfa.net.

- [When to contact the MRFA](#)
- [MRFA Ethics Bylaws Flowchart](#)
- [Robert's Rules for Online Meetings](#)
- [Robert's Rules Cheat Sheet](#)

@mrfa.net Spam Email Filtering

It has been brought to our attention that some MRFA emails are being filtered to spam when they are sent from the Association's @mrfa.net server. Please take a moment to ensure that you have not missed messages and mark @mrfa.net as safe if any messages have been filtered to spam (the most recent message was sent from negotiations@mrfa.net on April 13). Moving forward, the Association will be sending more communications from its server; so, it is important that you keep this in mind should you suddenly stop receiving our messages.

Volunteer List to Support Members Isolating or in Quarantine

MRFA members have volunteered to provide support to colleagues who are isolating or under quarantine due to the pandemic. This support may vary but could include things such as grocery delivery. Members who are isolating and needing support are welcome to contact any of the members, listed [online](#), to get the support you need.

Faculty are Asked to Complete a Profile Demonstrating the Value of PSE

Even amidst the current challenges, we need to continue to advocate for PSE. The MRFA Advocacy Committee plans to showcase the value of the work being achieved, thereby illuminating the damaging consequences of diminished funding and support for the post-secondary landscape. If you would like to volunteer to be highlighted as part of this initiative, please fill out the [online faculty profile form](#) or contact our Advocacy Officer Frank Cotaie (fcotae@mtroyal.ca). The Advocacy Committee will also be highlighting the significant impacts these budget cuts have on our students. Members are welcome to share the [online student profile form](#) with students who want to have their voice heard.

Faculty Members are Asked to Provide Their Contact Information

Thank you to all members who have taken the time to provide their private contact information. If you have not yet had a chance to respond please do so now [online](#). It is important that the Association have this information on file in the event of a lockout or strike or other Association initiatives which require a high level of member engagement. Please note – this is just a matter of preparedness and is not in any way related to the current state of negotiations.

Google Calendar

Instructions for how to add the MRFA Calendar to your Google Calendar are available [here](#), and the calendar is always available at mrfa.net/calendar.

