

MRFA Weekly Bulletin

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Welcome Back (and Welcome to our New Members!)

Welcome Back Message from your MRFA President, Lee Easton

Welcome Back! I hope you all had a restful vacation period for those who had vacation. Let me also say hello to our colleagues who worked over the Summer semester. I hope your exams go smoothly. Greetings also to the 55 new full-time and 26 new contract academic faculty who are joining the University this year. This is largest cohort of new full-time faculty hired in over a decade and yesterday I along with members of the MRFA Executive Board and MRFA staff were delighted to meet our new full-time members as part of their MRU Orientation. We were so impressed with their energy and engagement and I know our new colleagues shall be a great asset to our community. I look forward to their engagement with the Association!

More generally, the Executive Board remains aware that the COVID 19 pandemic and its challenges remain with us. While many are happy to be back on campus, the Association also knows that we must have a safe and healthy workplace and continues to communicate with the University on this issue.

Finally, the MRFA Executive Board meets on Friday to finalize its upcoming plans, including a review of our Association's mission, vision and values. This renewal process will be very exciting and you will hear more about it over the next few Bulletins. I will be providing President's Update after the Board meets to give you an overview of the year ahead. Meanwhile, welcome back and enjoy the summer weather!

Best
Lee

MRFA Events, Meetings, and Deadlines

- [MRFA Social Events 2022-2023](#)
- [MRFA Calendar](#) (click on +googleCal in bottom right)
- [Regular Meetings](#)
- [MRFA list of Dates and Deadlines](#)

Contact Information:

- [MRFA Staff](#)
- [MRFA Executive Board](#)
- [MRFA Committees](#)

Faculty Centre Updates:

- The Faculty Centre Bistro will re-open with full lunch service on September 7.
- If you would like to book any meeting rooms for catering for 2022-2023 please complete this [form](#) or contact facultycentre@mrfa.net.
- Please ensure you bring your campus card to access the faculty centre. If you do not have one with you when you arrive, please knock or call 403-440-6103.

Call for Statements of Interest

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There are various positions available on MRFA's standing and ad hoc Committees. Please see the current positions available [here](#).

MRFA Vision, Mission, and Values Steering Committee

MRFA 2025: Building an Inclusive, Diverse and Equitable Organization committed the Association to an organizational review to enhance member engagement and inclusivity across the Association and in the MRU Community. Moreover, more than a decade has passed since the Association last reviewed its mission vision and values. The MRFA therefore now seeks to engage all members in reflecting on our identity, values, and core principles. This ad hoc committee will coordinate a generative and consultative process through which members may engage in this important review process.

Committee Election/Appointment Process:

- September 15** – Deadline for Statements of Interest
- September 16** - Election - conducted by online ballot
- September 20** - Appointments made by the Executive Board

[See all available positions](#)

[Submit a Statement of Interest](#)

[View the Committee Charter](#)

Policies open for comment

MRFA Policies out for Member Comment

- [Standards of Professional Conduct](#) (to be considered by the Executive Board in connection to related policies under development - i.e., the Complaints policy which was out for consultation in the Spring, the Community Agreements Policy which was recently approved, and the existing MRFA Meeting Policy) - **Open for Member Comment from June 12 - August 26**
- [Interim IDEFA Council Terms of Reference](#) - **Open for Member Comment from June 12 - August 26**

Thank you to all members who have taken the time to provide feedback on the policies during the member comment period. Your feedback is very much valued and appreciated!

[Provide your comments on the policy and terms of reference](#)

Important Upcoming Dates

Tenure and Promotion Workshops (Faculty Centre W315 - Peggy Brydon Room and online)

- August 29, 2:00 - 4:00pm
- September 23, 11:00am – 12:50pm
- October 3, 2:30 – 4:30pm

While these sessions are intended, and required, for members who are serving on Tenure and Promotion Committees, all members are welcome to attend. Each session will be offered in hybrid format. The physical location may change depending on registrations. Register [here](#).

PD Session on Annual Reports: Learn, Collaborate, and Get Support

- Thursday August 25, 11:00am - 12:00pm

This session is hosted by the MRFA's Professional Development and Faculty Evaluation Committees and is being facilitated by the MRFA President, Lee Easton, and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Jennifer Pettit. Register [here](#).

[Register here to attend a Tenure and Promotion Workshop](#)

[Register here to attend the PD Session on Annual Reports](#)

Join us in the Calgary Pride Parade and at the MRFA Pride Luncheon and Tea Tasting

Join us on **Sept. 4** at the *Calgary Pride Parade*. Faculty, staff, students and alumni from Mount Royal will gather together to promote inclusion and a sense of community on our campus. [Sign up](#) for information on where and when to meet up. **September 4, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

On September 4, 12:00 - 1:00pm, join us for a *Pride Luncheon* in the Faculty Centre (W315) with a tea tasting that supports local business.

[Register here to participate in the Calgary Pride Parade](#)

[Register here to attend the MRFA Pride Lunch](#)

East Gate Social

All MRU employees are invited to attend the East Gate Social on Aug. 22, 2:30 - 4:00pm. This all-employee event is an opportunity to foster connection and conversation as we prepare for the Fall 2022 Semester. Ice cream sandwiches will be provided for all attendees at this casual gathering. Come visit with each other and mark the start of the next academic year.

[RSVP to attend the East Gate Social by Aug 17](#)

CAUT Lee Lorch Award

CAUT is soliciting nominations for the 2022-23 [CAUT Lee Lorch Award](#). The Award is given annually to recognize an academic who has excelled in each of the three principal aspects of academic life: teaching, research, and service to the institution and to the community. The recipient will be an individual whose teaching, research and service has contributed significantly to the lives of students, to their institution, to their field of study, and to the community. **The deadline for nominations is August 31, 2022.** The nomination form and procedures are available on the [CAUT website](#).

[View the award information and submit a nomination](#)



Question of the Week

Have you converted your course from blackboard to D2L.

- [Yes \(let us know about your experience\)](#).
- [No](#)

If you need support with D2L, please refer to the following resources:

- [D2L Brightspace Support for MRU faculty, staff and course creators](#)
- [MRU Library – D2L Student Tech Support Portal](#)

Thank you to all members who provide feedback in our Questions of the Week.

[Let us know about your experiences in converting courses to D2L](#)



MRFA Bistro

No Lunch Service this week

MRFA Bistro – Lunch Service: available in the Faculty Centre Wednesday – Friday 11:00am – 2:00pm - RESUMES - September 7, 2022

- [Faculty Centre Lunch Menu](#)
- [MRFA Bistro Takeout Order Form](#)

Reminders:

- Members must use their campus cards to access the centre
- Members bringing guests into the centre must sign guests in with Robert (W-F), with Joy (M-R), or [online](#)

[View the MRFA Bistro menu here](#)

[Send us your feedback](#)

[View the webpage on mrfa.net](#)

[Request a Meeting Room](#)