

MRFA Weekly Bulletin

May 24, 2022



Joint Taskforce on Systemic Racism

The MRFA Executive Board has appointed the following members to serve on the MRU EDI Taskforce on Systemic Racism.

- **Jebunnessa Chapola**, Contract faculty member in General Education
- **Joseph Osuji**, Professor in Nursing and Midwifery
- **Paul Varella**, Professor in General Management and Human Resources

Members are welcome to review the terms of reference for the Taskforce [here](#) and to submit any comments to the MRFA via our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion address: edi@mrfanet

[View the Terms of Reference here](#)



MRFA Committee Election Results

The following members were elected to serve on the MRFA Committees for the 2022-2024 term:

Academic Liaison Committee

Holly Feist - Health, Community and Education

Advocacy Committee:

Brian Nichols – Humanities

Michael Ata – Economics, Justice, and Policy Studies

Communications Committee

Amanda Williams - Communication Studies

Archie MacLean - Journalism and Digital Media

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

Carolyn Bjartveit - Child Studies and Social Work

Jebunnessa Chapola - General Education

Marva Ferguson - Child Studies and Social Work

Faculty Evaluation Committee:

Brenda Lang - General Management and Human Resources

Guy Obrecht – General Education

Ganesh Bhandari – Mathematics and Computing

Grants Committee:

Aida Patient – English, Languages, and Cultures

Melanie Peacock – General Management and Human Resources

Member Engagement Committee

Jebunnessa Chapola – General Education

Michelle Briegel – Child Studies and Social Work

Marty Clark - Health and Physical Education

Negotiating Committee

Breda Eubank – Health and Physical Education

Brent Oliver – Child Studies and Social Work

Professional Development Committee

Nadine Van Wyk – Health and Physical Education

Kristene Collier – General Management and HR

Teresa Merrells - Humanities

Andrea Phillipson - Academic Development Centre

Professional Standards and Ethics Committee

Michael Ata – Economics, Justice, and Policy Studies

Social Events Committee

Chelan McCallion – Child Studies and Social Work

Transportation Advisory Committee

Holly Crowe – Nursing and Midwifery

Day Care Board

Madelaine Vanderwerff - Library

Sustainability Committee

Guy Obrecht – General Education

Thank you to all members who put their names forward to serve on MRFA Committees and as MRFA Representatives for 2022-2024, and thank you to all members who took the time to vote.

Remaining vacant positions will be filled by appointment in Fall 2022

[View the current 2022-2023 Committee Contact list here](#)



FEC Recommendations on Peer Evaluations

The MRFA's Faculty Evaluation Committee has developed a set of [recommendations](#) relating to peer evaluations and is seeking member input. Please view the recommendations below and submit your comments and/or questions to the committee via this [form](#) by **August 31, 2022**.

[View the Recommendations](#)

[Submit your comments here](#)



BRING YOUR APPETITES!
INVITATION TO ALL MRFA MEMBERS
AND ALL MRU STAFF

MRFA BBQ ON THE PATIO

Thursday, May 26, 2022
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Faculty Centre Patio

****vegetarian and gluten free options will be available on request****



Meetings & Events

MRFA Annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation BBQ - May 26, 11:00am - 1:00pm on the Faculty Centre Patio (no registration required - vegetarian and gluten free options available on request)

MRFA Retirement Celebration - May 26, 3:30 - 6:00pm in the Lincoln Park Room (J301) and on [zoom](#). Reception to follow in the Faculty Centre – W315



[View the MRFA Events Calendar](#)



Question of the Week

The Question of the Week is now on hiatus until fall 2022.

Thank you all very much for taking the time to provide input via these weekly questions. Your input has been reviewed, reported, conveyed and acted upon as appropriate and by relevant individuals and committees. We look forward to connecting with members through these questions again in 2022-2023.

Last Week's Results:

According to responses from last week's question, nearly all respondents thought that the hybrid meeting functioned well and there were few comments provided for improvement. The comments on sound were received and appropriate steps have been identified to resolve the moving forward, and better instructions for participation will be provided for subsequent hybrid meetings.

Thank you to all members who took the time to respond to the question and to provide comments.



MRFA Bistro

**** Note - due to the MRFA BBQ, there will be no regular lunch service in the faculty centre on May 26****

MRFA Bistro – Lunch Service: available in the Faculty Centre Wednesday – Friday 11:00am – 2:00pm

- [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-T), or [online](#)

[View the MRFA Bistro menu here](#)

[Send us your feedback](#)

[View the webpage on mrfanet](#)

[Request a Meeting Room](#)