



# MRFA Weekly Bulletin

November 21, 2022

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## Pre-GFC Meeting

The [GFC package](#) was released on Friday afternoon and will be discussed at the MRFA's pre-GFC meeting on **Wednesday, November 23, at 1:00pm** – join via [Google Meet](#) link or come in-person in the Faculty Centre W315 - Peggy Brydon Room)

**Attend the pre-GFC Meeting online (or in-person in the Peggy Brydon Room)**

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## Responding to Campus Health Concerns

The Association continues to monitor current health concerns on campus and the evolving local and national situation and actions taken at other post-secondary institutions. Given recent outbreaks of respiratory illness, the Association is advocating for the University to take further safety precautions to ensure a safe and healthy workplace. Such action would protect our ability to stay safely on campus and in class.

Members are encouraged to take measures to ensure their and their students' safety:

- Stay away from campus if you are feeling ill and/or testing positive,
- Enable students to not come to class sick,
- Get the Covid vaccinations, including the bivalent booster, and get the flu shot, and
- Encourage students to [wear masks](#) and [report covid cases](#).

**Read More from previous MRFA Covid Bulletins**

## Recent MRFA Events

Last week the MRFA hosted the first fully in-person Get Cracking session since January 2019! We had a great conversation about *Being Observed in Peer Evaluations* and over 20 people attended. For those who were not able to attend, notes from the session will be linked in an upcoming *Bulletin*.



The MRFA's Social Events Committee also hosted a social event on Friday where members could make buttons, play trivia and watch the *Canada's Drag Race*. The committee, also, announced the end of year event which you can register to attend [here](#).

[Provide your feedback on MRFA social events here](#)

## Upcoming MRFA Events

- **Members Rejuvenate on Friday Afternoons** - weekly Socials every Friday in the Faculty Centre from 3:30 - 7:00pm
- **Notice of November Regular and Special Meeting: Nov 28, 10:00am - 12:00pm.** The agenda for the Regular and Special meetings is available [here](#), and Members can register in advance [here](#).
- **Pre-GFC Drop in Sessions - Online and in-person (in the Faculty Centre - Peggy Brydon Room) on Wednesdays 1:00 - 1:50pm** (see [mrfa.net/calendar](http://mrfa.net/calendar) for links): **November 23**, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, and May 17
- **Breakfast / Brunch with the MRFA Executive Board**, (*Rescheduled from November 15*), **December 9, 8:30 - 10:00am in the Faculty Centre** and **January 6, 10:00 - 11:20am in the faculty centre**. Come meet, eat, and discuss items of interest to you with members of your MRFA Executive Board. Register [here](#)
- **End of Semester Party - December 9, 1:00 - 7:00pm** (family members welcome and a range of activities planned) in the Faculty Centre. Register [here](#).

[View the MRFA Event Calendar](#)

## End of Semester Event

Join your colleagues and bring you family (all ages and families welcome)



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## Approved Policies & Policies Out for Consultation

The following policies are out for member comment until **December 14, 2022**. Thank you for taking the time to review these policies and submit your comments [here](#). The Conduct Complaints Policy is still out for member comment and it is available [here](#).

- [Annual Review of Association Operations](#)
- [Association Policy Development and Review](#)

The following policies have recently been approved:

- [Associated Individuals Policy](#) (new policy in relation to proposed bylaw changes)
- [Document Management Policy](#) (updated policy to bring into alignment with current practices)
- [Honourarium Policy](#) (amended to include an appendix on honourariums for Indigenous knowledge keepers)
- [Policy Against Abuse of MRFA Staff](#) (amended to clarify scope and to bring in alignment with the following policies)
- [Standards of Professional Conduct](#) (new policy)
- [Operational Complaints](#) (new policy)

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## Question of the Week

### This Week's Question

Did your Dean provide meaningful comments on your annual report?

- [Yes](#)
- [No](#)

### Last Week's Results

70% of respondents indicated their workload was high/unsustainable, 15% indicated their workload was moderately heavy, and 15% indicated their workload was manageable. *If you are experiencing stress and*

Let us know if your Dean provided meaningful comments...



- **\*\* LIMITED LUNCH SERVICE THIS WEEK (sandwiches only) \*\*** [Lunch Service](#) W – FF, 11:00am – 2:00pm
- [Appetizers](#) available on Fridays 3:00 - 7:00pm

- Dinner Service (same as lunch menu) available on request on Fridays 4:00 - 6:00pm (email [facultycentre@mrfa.net](mailto:facultycentre@mrfa.net))
- Sign in your guests [online](#)
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