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MRFA Weekly Bulletin

December 12, 2022

Upcoming MRFA Events

Members **Rejuvenate on Friday Afternoons** - weekly Socials every **Friday in the Faculty Centre from 3:30 - 7:00pm**

Marking in the Faculty Centre with Snacks, December 12 - 22, 2022

Deadline for Retreat Calls for Proposals - December 21, 2022. Submit proposals [here](#).



MRFA's Winter and Spring 2023 PD Series: Exploring Various Teaching Approaches

Presented by the MRFA Professional Development Committee

(Dates and registration will be available soon)

Featuring four sessions

- Active Learning
- Alternative Approaches to Assessment
- Teaching with Case Studies
- Designing for Inclusive Learning Environments

In this Series, faculty from around MRU will share various teaching approaches that they use, giving us all an opportunity to explore lessons learned, strategies to try, and potential challenges. Stay tuned for session details in the new year. Join us for some or all of the series, and expand your teaching repertoire!

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The MRFA's Organizational Review Committee is Seeking Your Input

The Association is undergoing an organizational revitalization process wherein we are seeking member input to inform operational considerations as we continue to shift from the service model of unionism to the engagement model. In this organizational restructuring, we hope to optimize structures to ensure that there is balance achieved in relation to MRFA/member resources and the ability to collectively strive to achieve our common goals.

Members are asked to provide input to this organizational review process by completing a short 5 minute form.

[Submit your input here](#)



You're Invited to meet with the Executive Board

Last week, members of the Board met with faculty for breakfast and open discussion. Thank you to those who attended! If you would like to meet with the Board, there is another opportunity on **January 13, 10:00 - 11:20am**.

[Register here](#)

CAUT Awards - Call for Nominations

Please click on the linked images below for more information. **The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2023.**



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CAUT Call for Nominations - Executive Board Positions

Nominations are being sought for the CAUT Executive Committee: President, Vice-President, Chair of the Academic Freedom & Tenure Committee, Chair of the Contract Academic Staff Committee, Co-Chair of the Equity Committee, Representative-at-large (Quebec), Representative-at-large (Aboriginal), Representative-at-large (Francophone), and Two Representatives-at-large (General). The deadline for submitting nominations is **March 1, 2023**.

Elections will take place during the CAUT Council meeting to be held in Ottawa, **April 20-23, 2023**. The nomination procedures, description of positions and terms of office, and CAUT's Release Time Policy are available on the [CAUT website](#). For information regarding release time for CAUT Executive Committee members, please consult the [CAUT Release Time Policy](#).

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2023 MRFA Meeting and Event Schedule

- Faculty Centre Closure: December 22 - January 3. **Faculty Centre re-opens on Jan 4.**
- January 6, 10:00 - 11:30am, **Get Cracking on Tenure Dossiers** [Register here](#)
- January 10, 1:00 - 1:50pm, MRFA Tenure and Promotion Series Info Session - **Important Considerations when Applying for Promotion** (registration to open soon)
- January 13, 10:00 – 11:30am : **Brunch with the Board** [Register here](#)
- January 18, 1:00 - 1:50pm: **Pre-GFC Drop in Session** - Online and in-person (in the Faculty Centre - Peggy Brydon Room) (see mrfa.net/calendar for links - other dates are February 15, March 15, April 19, and May 17)
- January 20, 11:30-2:00: **Envision your Year (with Lunch)**
- January 31, 1:00–3:00 – **Regular Meeting**: *Lincoln Park Room/J301 & Zoom**
- February 17, 3:30 – 7:00pm: **Family Day Weekend Dance**
- March 1, 10:00 – 12:00 – **Regular Meeting**: *Faculty Centre Lounge & Zoom**
- April 5, 12:00 – 2:00 – **Regular Meeting**: *Lincoln Park Room/J301 & Zoom**
- April 24-25 - **Annual MRFA Spring Retreat** - Submit a proposal [here](#)
- April 25-27: **Writing Residency** (details to follow)
- May 12, 9:30 – 1:30 – **MRFA Annual General Meeting**: location TBD and Zoom
- May 25, 11:00-1:00: **Member and Staff Appreciation BBQ** (registration not required)
- June 9, 12:00-7:30: **Recreational Day**

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Question of the Week

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

During the Fall Exam period, the Question of the Week will be on hiatus. The next Question will be in the January 9, 2023 *Weekly Bulletin*.

Thank you to all members for your input throughout the year.

Have a question you would like us to ask? Email it to facultyrelations@mrfa.net

In response to last week's question, 50% of respondents indicated that D2L is better than Blackboard and 505 thought that Blackboard was better than D2L. 66.5% found D2L difficult to use, and 33.5% found D2L easy to use. Most comments mentioned that with time D2L would be satisfactory.

Get D2L Help from the ADC Website [here](#).

Let us know what questions you think we should be asking



- [Lunch Service](#) W – F, 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)
- Sign in your guests [online](#)
- In a hurry? Order ahead using the [MRFA Bistro Takeout Order Form](#)
- Send us your [Feedback](#)

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Correction to 12/05 Bulletin - HSA/PSA Funds can accrue for *two* years

HSA/PSA funds can accrue for up to two years, so this year's unspent funds will carry over to next year. [Read More.](#)



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