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***Minister Nicolaides Invited to Debate Alberta Post-Secondary Education Policy
March 31, 2023 (tentative) at Mount Royal University***

Calgary, AB. (March 13, 2023) – The Mount Royal Faculty Association (MRFA) has extended an invitation to Advanced Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides to participate in a debate on Alberta’s post-secondary education policy, focusing especially on the government’s *Alberta 2030* plan and its vision for transforming universities and colleges in the province.

The MRFA is hoping to host a moderated debate between the Minister and a member of the Association, Marc Schroeder (an Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computing), who holds views that are critical of the Alberta 2030 plan and related government initiatives such as the introduction of performance-based funding. The event will be open to members of the campus community and the public.

Minister Nicolaides has publicly championed universities as sites of robust discussion and debate as part of their vital role in fostering a healthy democracy. Like the Minister, the MRFA believes that, as part of their missions of education and research in the public interest, public universities like Mount Royal must engage deeply with their communities, including by being the sites of issues-based, informed, good-faith debates on matters of public policy.

What: Debate on Post-secondary Education Policy
When: Friday, March 31, 2023 (tentative)
Times & Locations: Mount Royal University (time TBD)
Who: Organized by the Mount Royal Faculty Association

About the Mount Royal Faculty Association: The Mount Royal Faculty Association (MRFA) represents all credit academic staff at Mount Royal University as stipulated under Alberta’s Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA). For more information, please visit www.mrfa.net.