



# MRFA Committee and Representative Nomination Form

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Home Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Employment Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Nominee

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Signature of Nominator

Email nomination forms and campaign statements to [facultyrelations@mrfa.net](mailto:facultyrelations@mrfa.net) by **5:00pm** on **May 8, 2026**. Nominations will also be taken for all Committees from the floor of the AGM on May 8, 2026. Guidelines for writing campaign statements are available [online](#). Voting shall be conducted online from 9:00am on May 11 to 5:00pm on May 12, in accordance with the [Election Policy](#).

**More information is available in the charter of each committee which is linked to the Committee names below.**

*The MRFA encourages nominations from members of diverse backgrounds, including with respect to category of appointment, department, as well as membership in equity-seeking groups including but not limited to persons with disabilities, Indigenous peoples, women, people from racialized groups, and members of the LGBTQ2S+ communities.*

COMMITTEE*– CLICK THE LINKED NAMES BELOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EACH COMMITTEE	NUMBER / TERM OF POSITIONS**	ELIGIBILITY AND TIME COMMITMENT	CONTINUING MEMBERS
<a href="#">ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS SUPPORT COMMITTEE</a>	2 elected positions for 2 years	1 must be either a Senior Lecturer or Full-time Lab Instructor and 1 must be contract – 1 mtg + 1hr /month	Sarah Hamilton and Marty Clark
<a href="#">ADVOCACY COMMITTEE</a>	3 appointed position for 2 years and 2 appointed positions for 1 year.	All members are eligible -1 mtg + 1-2 hrs. /mo.	Gini Weber
<a href="#">AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE</a>	2 appointed positions for 2 years	All members are eligible 1 mtg + 1-2 hrs. /mo.	Juliet Ikhide and Jennifer Solinas
<a href="#">AWARDS COMMITTEE</a>	3 elected positions for 2 years	Must be from the Faculties of Arts, Science and Technology, or the Library/ADC 2mtgs + 6 hrs. in the Winter	Sonya Flessati and Karen Owen
<a href="#">COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CAUCUS (MEMBERS)</a>	5 elected positions for 2 years and 2 elected positions for 1 year	All members are eligible. 1-4 mtgs. + 2-4 hrs./mo.	Meg Wilcox, Roberta Lexier, and Lauren Dwyer
<a href="#">COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE</a>	1 appointed position for 1 year and 3 appointed positions for 2 years	Applicable experience or expertise is considered an asset for these roles.  -1 mtg + 1-2 hrs. /mo.	Brooks Decilia and Rebecca Geleyn
<a href="#">EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE</a>	3 elected positions for 2 years and 2 elected positions for 1 year	All members are eligible. 1 mtg + 2-4 hrs. /mo.	Lesley Taylor
<a href="#">GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE (ASSISTANT GRIEVANCE OFFICERS)</a>	2 appointed positions for 3 years	Members must be from the Faculty of Arts or the Library/ADC	Lauren Dwyer, Karen Atkinson-Leadbeater, Adam Hemeniuk, and Khatija Westbrook
<a href="#">IDEA ADVISORY NETWORK</a>	At least 7 members appointed	Members representing equity-deserving groups are eligible (e.g. Gender & sexual diverse; Indigenous; with disabilities; Neurodivergent; Racialized; Refugees / new immigrants; Socio-economically disadvantaged; and Women).	None - This is a newly constituted network replacing the IDEA Council

<a href="#"><u>MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE</u></a>	6 appointed positions for 1 year	All Department Liaisons are eligible. 1 mtg + 1-2 hrs. /mo.	None – this committee is all annual appointments
<a href="#"><u>DEPARTMENT LIAISONS</u></a>	3 appointed positions for 2 years	1 member will be appointed from each of the following Academic Units: <i>ADC, EIPS, and Sociology and Anthropology</i>	
<a href="#"><u>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</u></a>	2 elected positions for 2 years for the Retreat subcommittee, and 2 elected positions for 2 years for the Winter Series subcommittee	All members are eligible. 1 mtg + 1-2 hrs. /mo.	Retreat Committee: Mark Benson and Tammy Sherron  Winter Series Committee: Jennifer Boman, Joan Harris, and Keir Stuhmiller
<a href="#"><u>SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE</u></a>	3 elected positions for 2 years and 1 elected position for 1 year	All members are eligible 1 mtg + 2-4 hrs. /mo.	Fatemeh Mahmoudi and Mark Benson
<a href="#"><u>WORKPLACE WELLNESS COMMITTEE</u></a>	1 appointed position for 1 year 1 for 2 and 1 for 3 years	Must be from the faculty of Science and Technology or Arts and one must be contract. 1 mtg + 1-2 hrs. /mo.	Robert Catena, Gini Weber, Heather Maclean, Liza Choi, and Enoc Velazquez
<b>JOINT MRU/MRFA COMMITTEES</b>			
<a href="#"><u>BENEFITS COMMITTEE</u></a>	1 appointed position for 2 years	All Full-time Members are eligible -2mtgs + 1-2 hrs. /yr.	Colin Martin
<a href="#"><u>INDIGENOUS ACCESS FUND COMMITTEE</u></a>	1 appointed position for 3 years	All tenured or tenurable Members are eligible	Özge Yanıkoğlu and Gloria Pérez-Rivera
<a href="#"><u>JOINT EDI COMMITTEE</u></a>	2 appointed positions for 2 years	All Members are eligible -1mtg + 1-2 hrs. /mo.	Kylie Robertson
<a href="#"><u>JOINT OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE</u></a>	1 appointed position for 2 years	All Members are eligible	Robert Catena
<a href="#"><u>REVIEW AND INTERPRETATION OF THE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT</u></a>	1 appointed position for 3 years	All members with detailed familiarity with the Collective Agreement are eligible. 1-2 mtgs/yr	Lee Easton and Christian Cook
<a href="#"><u>SALARY ANOMALIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u></a>	2 appointed position for 2 years	All Members are eligible -1mtg + 1-2 hrs. /mo.	Pearl Herscovitch and Kirk Niergarth
<b>MRU COMMITTEES WITH MRFA REPRESENTATION</b>			
<a href="#"><u>SABBATICAL LEAVE COMMITTEE</u></a>	1 appointed alternate position for 2 years	All tenured members are eligible. -2-5 mtgs /in the Witner Semester.	Anupam Das
<a href="#"><u>MRU CHILD CARE CENTRE BOARD</u></a>	1 elected position for 2 years	All Members are eligible	Outgoing Member: Therese Wiart Jenkinson
<a href="#"><u>TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u></a>	1 elected position for 2 years	All contract members are eligible. 1-2 mtgs./yr	Carlos Fiorentino
<a href="#"><u>UNIVERSITY TENURE AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE</u></a>	1 appointed position for 3 years 1 appointed <i>Alternate</i> position for 3 years	All tenured members are eligible. -several mtgs and additional work /in the W&S Sem.	

In seeking nomination to serve as an MRFA Representative I confirm that I have read and agree to the MRFA's [Association Representative Policy](#)

\*Members may be nominated to no more than two MRFA Committee positions.  
\*\*Some positions are subject to Bylaw change approval at the April 2026 Special Meeting

## Written Statement of Interest

In addition to the information provided on the Nomination Form above, the following information is requested in order for the Executive Board to make appointments and for Members to know more about you when voting in MRFA elections. Thank you for taking the time to provide this additional information.

### **Additional Information (to be provided as briefly as possible: 150-500 words):**

- Indicate what you have done that makes you particularly qualified to serve in the position for which you have been nominated,
- Identify other related service activities in which you have been involved, and/or
- Let the Board know what your plans and/or goals would be if you were appointed to the position.

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**Signature of Nominee**

*If you have any questions, please email [facultyrelations@mrfa.net](mailto:facultyrelations@mrfa.net)*