

Notes from Board of Governors' Public Meeting: December 12, 2011

Presentations:

- SAMRU executive presentation: "Who We Are"
- Iniskim Centre presentation by Marlene Poitras, Acting Director

Chair's Report:

Richard Shaw reported on the Installation of the new MRU President and Fall Convocation, the Military Memorial event commemorating 27 MR vets who died in the world wars, Aboriginal Funding from Rupertsland Foundation and Metis Nation of Alberta (\$500,000 in scholarships),

President's Report: David Docherty reported on his attendance at AUCC meeting, McLean's survey, Alberta Premier looking for ways to reach out to rural students (e.g. aboriginals), Integrated Planning Activities Timeline (a strategic plan for MR to incorporate the Academic Plan and Student Services Plan and Technology Plan) consultation will occur – aiming for completion June 2012.

Provost And Vice President Academic's Report: Robin Fisher

Reported on partnerships with Medicine Hat College (BBA agreement) – next is BEd MRU is talking to a number of other colleges in Alberta who are interested in partnerships.

Academic Plan to go to GFC this Thursday.

Working with search firm for candidates for new dean of arts

Vice-President Administrative Services: Duane Anderson

Bookstore Operations will undergo a review of its business model

Vice-President, Student Affairs and Campus Life: Brian Fleming –

-the Student Services Plan will be presented to BOG again in February

-PERS won an international award from the mayor

-MR faculty member Ronnie Candelerra won the 2011 Prime Minister's Award for excellence on childhood education.

Academic Affairs Committee: Ruth Ramsden-Wood

-enrolment report: there is continued pressure on our programmes with a 4:1 ratio between applications and acceptance. In arts, nursing and business there is some evidence that we cannot meet access demand.

-The following partnership agreements were approved:

2+2 Music Students – Brandon University

Grande Prairie College MOU as prelude to collaborative degrees

Bishop Carroll – dual credit courses being investigated

Alberta Global Forum think-tank moved from U of C to MRU – David Taras

-BOG approved detailed tenure and promotion criteria for the Faculty of Teaching and Learning, the Faculty of Communication Studies and the Faculty of Science & Technology

Audit & Finance Committee: Karl Smith

Received updates – financial results, capital campaign,

-status reports on budget development show some significant shortfalls coming up

-approved 2010-2011 annual report and tuition fee levels for 2012-2013 (3.5% increase amendment)

Strategic Discussion : Mount Royal Assessment Seminar

Guest Jim Zimmer, Dean, Faculty of Teaching & Learning gave an in-depth presentation.

Consent Agenda was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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