

Vice President Negotiations

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No Candidate

Vice President Policy and Grievance Officer

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Scott Murray, Humanities

I humbly submit my nomination for the position of Vice President Policy on the MRFA Executive.

First, please allow me to explain why I'm running for the same position on the Executive that I currently occupy. In order to ensure continuity with regards to Association business, and with respect to grievance matters in particular, the Executive decided that the terms of the President and the Vice-President Policy should be staggered rather than beginning and ending at the same time, as they currently do. To that end, I submitted my resignation as Vice-President Policy after serving only one year of a two year term (the President still has one more year on his term). I do, however, wish to continue in this position, and have therefore re-submitted my nomination.

The Vice President Policy is to assist the President "in monitoring proposed changes to University policy which affect the terms and conditions of employment, as specified in the Collective Agreement," and in "advising and supporting members at Step 1 of the grievance procedure." During this past year I have worked diligently to fulfill these obligations and others as a fully engaged member of the Executive team. In that capacity I have firmly, consistently, and equally defended the rights of all members of the MRFA, while also seeking to advance the interests of the Association as a whole, both in terms of its relationship with the University, and with the wider community of academic institutions and associations of which MRU forms a part.

(<http://mrfa.net/files/ExecutiveBoardReports.pdf>)

In addition to the invaluable on-the-job experience I garnered over the past year, working very closely with the President and other members of the Executive on a wide range of Association-related matters (not the least of which has been budget), I have also received both grievance and media training from the Canadian Association of University Teachers. I believe that these experiences, in addition to my long service to the University community on matters of policymaking and its relationship to the Collective Agreement (*i.e.*, service on the GFC and Academic Council; the Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee; the University Tenure and Promotion Committee, and the UTPC's Subcommittee on Teaching Evaluation; the Academic Program and Policy Committee; the Program Definition Committee; the General Education Committee; the Library Advisory Committee; and the Faculty Evaluation Committee, among others), have provided me with the experience and knowledge necessary to fulfill the obligations of Vice President Policy.

I am committed to serving my Association colleagues to very best of my ability. Thank you for considering me for this important position on your Association.

Communications Officer

One year term. All regular members are eligible.

Janice Paskey, Journalism

The clerk at a mall kiosk lit up when he saw my email on a form. "Are you a Mount Royal prof? His eyes lit up. Before I could confess, he blurted: "Mount Royal profs are chill!" He described to me how faculty had helped him in Open Studies before he transferred to U of C. To this end, I am proud to be part of this faculty and welcome the opportunity to build on the communications work of Kit Dobson and Rod Corbett. Before coming to MRU, I worked in university communications on four campuses across three provinces. As a journalist, I covered Canada for The Chronicle of Higher Education. I've committed most of my career to the post secondary sector. The issues facing MRU and our faculty members are serious ones, as we know, and communication is key to building an MFRA community.

When I first joined MRU, I was elected as the full-time MFRA rep. on the Transportation Advisory Committee. During the two years on TAC, I advocated successfully against parking fee increases based on a reading of the financial statements that showed deep reserves. I hope to bring the same advocacy in this communication role and ask for your support.

Academic Liaison Officer

Two year term. All regular members are eligible.

Andreas Tomaszewski, Justice Studies

I am tenured and at the end of my 5th year at MRU. During this time, I have accumulated extensive experience in matters of importance to both faculty members and the administration. I am fully aware that they do not always coincide and will work to represent faculty members' interests as best as possible, if elected.

I strongly believe that we as faculty members need to take advantage of our strength in numbers on GFC. Accordingly, I would intensify my efforts working with Faculty Caucuses and help coordinate them so our interests are better represented at GFC. We are at a crossroads where academic decisions are being taken away from us with the Administration's explanation being that they are budgetary / financial.

Currently, I am completing my first year as an elected member of both GFC and the MRFA Bylaws Committee. Further, I am a member of the General Education Curriculum Committee, and co-chair GFC's Learning Outcomes Standing Committee and my Department of Justice Studies' Curriculum Committee. My consistent and significant service record within my own Faculty of Health & Community Studies includes being a member of the Professional Development Committee and having been a member of the committee that created our Faculty's most recent Strategic Plan. As a Sociologist who is engaged in empirical research and professional development activities with members of various departments across campus, I am also familiar with Faculties on campus other than my own.

Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors

Two year term. All tenured members are eligible.

Elaine Mullen, English

I am seeking re-election as the Board of Governors' (BOG) faculty representative on the MRFA executive board.

During my first term on the board, I gained the confidence and respect of the other board members. Most importantly, I have been influential in representing faculty perspective.

My service on numerous university committees (such as GFC, Academic Planning, VPA and Dean search committees, Faculty Roles & Responsibilities, Faculty Recruitment and Retention, Distinguished Awards, GNED Curriculum Committee, APTC) gives me an experienced, broad, and balanced perspective.

At BOG meetings, I am a vigorous advocate for faculty; I recently arranged an audience with the board for three of our faculty members to speak about the proposed suspension of the Engineering Program. If re-elected, I will continue to strongly defend and promote faculty interests.

Member at Large

One year term. All regular members from the following areas are eligible: The Faculty of Health and Community Studies, Communications Studies, the Library, or Bissett School of Business.

Tracy Powell, Nursing

My name is Tracy Powell and I am running for a one-year term in the position of 'Member at Large' -Bissett School of Business, Faculty of Communication Studies, Faculty of Health and Community Studies and the Library. I am an Associate Professor in the School of Nursing and have been a faculty member at Mount Royal since 2006. Since that time, I have been an active faculty member both at the department level and in the MRFA including being part of the 2010-2012 Negotiating Committee. I believe that faculty members in the areas/faculties within this portfolio and the other members of the MRFA including the Executive would find me to be an engaged, intuitive and forthright person with strong communication skills and who is focused on strategic decision-making. Thank you for your consideration of my nomination for the position of 'Member-at-Large'.

Member at Large

Two year term. All regular members from the following areas are eligible: the Faculty of Arts, Teaching and Learning, Science and Technology, or Counselling.

Marc Schroeder, Computer Science and Information Systems

During the 2012-2013 academic year, I've had the honour of serving a one-year term on the MRFA Executive Board as a Member at Large. When I campaigned for this privilege, I promised that I would do my best to help involve new faculty in the Association. One of my main activities this year has been to initiate a new faculty outreach program. Marnie Kramer-Kile (the other Member at Large) and I introduced ourselves to all newly-appointed members personally, and met face-to-face with all that expressed an interest (which was the vast majority). I am seeking your support to serve the membership again in the role of Member at Large. If re-elected, the new faculty outreach initiative is one that I will continue.

I have served diligently on the Executive in other ways, including:

- proving leadership during preparations for an upcoming tenure and promotion system five-year review;
- chairing the MRFA Bylaws Committee, which has been active this year drafting bylaw revisions and working on other policy updates;
- together with the MRFA President, meeting with all departments in the Faculties of Arts, Science and Technology, Teaching and Learning, and Student Counselling (i.e. the four faculties from which my position is elected).

I have been a proud faculty member at Mount Royal for over eleven years, receiving tenure in 2005. During this time, my students and institutional service have been my top priorities. I bring experience in academic governance at the GFC level, as well as several years of active participation in the MRFA. This includes multiple terms on our Educational Grants Committee, including a year as its Chair. As Chair of GFC's Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee I also gained experience working with the negotiating teams.