

Notes from Board of Governors' Public Meeting: October 24, 2011

PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Peter Elson, Senior Research Associate and Ms Kim Warnke, Research Assistant and 2010-2011 Student Research Intern presented an independent research project on e-giving in Canada.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Richard Shaw

- Hunter Wight has resigned from MRU.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: David Docherty

- reported on his activities since his arrival in August.
- noted that MRU will now be doing hiring searches for two Vice Presidential positions.
- MRU is leaving its membership in ACTI and entering the Association of Universities of Alberta (AUA)

PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC'S REPORT: Robin Fisher

- MRU Advisory committees are meeting next week to give feedback on the Academic Plan. Robin is hoping to have the plan passed through GFC by November.
- Many Alberta colleges are interested in MRU's degree partnership potential.
- Robin attended meetings in Washington, D.C. The Education Advisory Board there will do some work for MRU on outcomes assessment (best practice research). Also discussed were the ideas of smart growth in times of diversity, new developments in libraries, and PD for chairs and deans. Robin feels we can do more.

VICE-PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: Duane Anderson

- the Audit and Finance committee is evaluating and assessing changes in how financial statements are made.
- some of the new planes purchased for the Aviation program have arrived, some still to arrive.

VICE-PRESIDENT, STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS LIFE: Brian Fleming –

- home athletic games are now webcast.

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

GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL:

David Docherty reported that all faculties now have criteria for promotion and tenure.

AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chair Bryan Pinney

-there will be an orientation for new committee members

-four people (including the deputy auditor general) were at the meeting today.

-considering change to year-end to coincide with other post-secondaries – aiming for March 2013.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Chair Karl Smith

-conservatory project – bid packages are out

-closing date is November 15

-four major companies have bid

-project is on schedule

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION : ROLE OF THE LIBRARY IN THE MODERN UNIVERSITY

Guest Carol Shepstone, University Librarian, gave an extensive presentation followed by a lengthy discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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