

MRSAY! Newsletters

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President's Message

Welcome Back!

Wow! If you stayed in the city, it has been a roller coaster of summer this year...

When it comes to the weather, Calgarians and the surrounding areas broke many records; we have had record heat, record rainfall, record hail, and hopefully a normal winter!

Given the weather we have had, we hope all of you had a restful and enjoyable summer and spent precious time with people – family and friends – whenever the weather permitted. We look forward to the new academic year as we welcome a new cohort of students who will begin their academic journey with us this fall.

-Baset Zarrug

Be sure to check the MRSA Events Google calendar often to stay informed about the various events and activities taking place on campus.

Informal chat with MRU President – September 16

Bring a colleague or two, and join us for coffee and cookies at our first informal meeting with the presidents of the 2016-17 academic year. Catch up with MRU President, David Docherty and MRSA

President, Baset Zarrug on Friday, September 16 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the MRSA Staff Lounge (W305). Be sure to bring your mug as we will have some fresh coffee and some treats.

Academic Plan Steering Committee

General Faculties Council (GFC) recently approved the formation of the Academic Plan Steering Committee, which will be responsible for the development of a new Academic Plan for Mount Royal. The Committee will include two of our colleagues from the MRSA:

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If you would like to add value by contributing to the Academic Plan, please contact one of them (or both). In addition, there will be a community consultations.

New University Policy and Procedure News

The University is transitioning to a new, online policies and procedures portal for MRU new policies. The following two draft policies are currently in the 30-day consultation window:

Information Security Policy (new proposed management policy)
Policy on University Policies and Procedures (new proposed management policy)
[Feedback](#) can be provided for the above by September 15.

Open House 2016

Office of Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement
Date: Tuesday, September 20
Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Room: U269

Karen's Korner

Wow, we made through the summer! Hopefully you were able to get away from MRU for some downtime for even a short while during July and August.

MRU is once again alive with the many sounds of our students, happy to be here and sharing a very unique experience with their fellow students.

I find Fall both the best and busiest time of the year, not only with work but with my various volunteer opportunities, as well as my dart clubs that start up again in September. And who can deny the fun of

Corporate Challenge? So far I have ridden the Big Bike, and our CC darts team managed to make it to the quarter finals! Next week I am off to play CC Horseshoes. What fun!! So much to do and be a part of at MRU as a staff member, so I can only imagine what fun our students are having!

Did you know that MRU has many drop-in lunchtime sports? Yes indeed; soccer, floor hockey, volleyball, basketball and badminton are just a few of the ones I participate in. If you are interested, drop me a line at klhiebert@mtroyal.ca and I can send you the info in order to get your name added to the email list.

Karen Hiebert



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Calgary Corporate Challenge

Date: April 1-Sept. 24

Registration is now open for all 2016 Calgary Corporate Challenge (CCC) activities. There are so many ways that you can represent MRU! It's free, it's fun and there are many NON-athletic choices.

Royally Speaking Toastmasters Club Open House

Date: Tue. Sept. 20

4:30-6 p.m.

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