



## Department Representatives Bulletin

*Following is a recap of the Department Representatives meeting of December 12, 2018.*

*The meeting was chaired by the President, Paul Rogers.*

*For further information on any item, please contact the Faculty Association office:*

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### **Universal Student Rating Instrument (USRI)**

President Paul Rogers introduced Special Guests: Leslie Reid - Vice Provost (Teaching and Learning) and Tavis Klemp (Project Coordinator) to provide an update on the USRI Update Working Group.

Dr. Reid informed the Department Representatives that the working group is looking for meaningful input through thoughtful conversation with stakeholders and asked for input. Dr. Reid took questions from those present.

The Department Representatives were encouraged to send their input regarding the USRI review to the Faculty Association.

### **By-Law Ratification**

Executive Director, Sheila Miller reported that the By-Law Amendments were ratified by the membership. The vote was 94% in favour. 306 members voted in this ratification. The updated version of the by-laws will be posted on the Faculty Association webpage soon.

### **Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations (CAFA) Membership**

Miller reported that the CAFA Withdrawal vote has been ratified by the membership with 89% of the votes cast in favour of the resolution. 345 members voted in this referendum. She reminded the Department

Representatives that the Association will remain in CAFA until July 2019.

### **Retirement Workshops**

Rogers reported that the Faculty Association will be hosting a Retirement Workshop (possibly more than one) for members in 2019. This is an excellent workshop which the Executive has previewed and they recommend it for those who are retiring or planning on retiring in the next few years. Please watch for the announcement to come out of the Faculty Association offices for the first workshop.

### **Visiting Departments**

Rogers reminded the Department Representatives that there is an availability for the Faculty Association to attend the department to review with members what the Faculty Association, does, how we are structured, etc. He reminded the Department Representatives that this would not be a bargaining discussion.

Please let the Faculty Association know if you are interested ([faculty.association@tuca.com](mailto:faculty.association@tuca.com) OR 403-220-5722)

**Call for Nominations to Serve on Academic  
Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC)**

Rogers informed the Department Representatives that the Administration has “reopened” the process for nominations to the APPC. He noted that the UToday issue of December 12, 2018 contains an article outlining the details of this call for nominations.

***NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING***

***Wednesday February 6, 2019***

***12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.***

***Location: Education Block***

***EDC 386***