

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, December 6, 2024
9:00 AM, Zoom

Chair of the Faculty of Business and Computing: Chris Schinckus
Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Carl Janzen

Present:

Alana Dallaire	Felicia Chong	Mandeep Pannu	Rilla Apostolakis
Amir Hajbaba	Gerry Gannon	Mariana Toniolo	Russell Campbell
Amir Shabani	Gerry Palmer	Barrios	Saeed Rahman
Benny Davidson	Ibrahim Javed	Marla Fralick	Samuel Okegbile
Carl Janzen	Ismail El Sayad	Mason Paquette	Sha Liao
Cathy Hutchinson*	Jason Campbell	Nathan Arney	Sha Scholtens
Chang Lu	Kevin deWolde	Niranjana Geetha	Simily Joseph*
Chris Schinckus	Kevin Wainwright	Omer Waqar	Simon Luke
Cindy Stewart	Kim Milnes	Opeyemi Adesina	Sophie Farmani*
David Dobson	Kirsten Robertson	Parsa Rajabi*	Tanya Vanpraseuth
David Thomson*	Kurt Siemens	Prachee Sehgal*	Ziaul Hossain
Donna Derksen	Leon Pan	Raechel Healey-	Zubair Raja
Faisal Naeem	Liz Wiebe	Chamberlain	
Farshad Eshghi*	Luciana Hakak	Raji Balagopal*	

Regrets:

Colleen Bell*	Joanne MacLean	Kate Kloos*	Mark Breedveld
Frank Zhang	John Flett	Lorne Mackenzie	

Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

*** Indicates Non-Voting Member**

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

- Meeting called to order at 9:01 am.

2. Agenda and Minutes

2.1. Agenda – December 6, 2024

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of December 6, 2024 be approved with the following amendment:

- Addition of item 4.3. Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Business Analytics Name Change.

Chris Schinckus / Raechel Healey-Chamberlain
CARRIED

2.2. Minutes – November 8, 2024

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of November 8, 2024 be approved as presented.

Alana Dallaire / Chris Schinckus
CARRIED

3. Schools & Associate Dean News

3.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- The Accounting Associate students organized a successful career fair in November, featuring six leading accounting firms. The students managed the event independently without requesting funding, logistical support, or faculty mentorship.
- Mark Breedveld hosted a successful Business After Business event with participation from the Chamber of Commerce, corporate leaders, community members, and various UFV departments. This event sets a benchmark for industry-focused activities. Mark and Nathan Arney were thanked for their work.
- Jelena Brcic hosted a remarkable Community Project Showcase where students collaborated on initiatives aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- Cindy Stewart participated in the Marketing Program Review of a local university.

3.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- The school is preparing for the Fall 2024 semester exams.
- The development of the Master of Science in Computer Science is ongoing. The program working group has submitted the stage 1 proposal to the Program Development and Quality Assurance office.
- The implementation plan for the Post-Baccalaureate Diplomas in Information Systems, Cybersecurity, Software Engineering, and Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning is ongoing. The implementation date was approved for September 2025 by the Provost.
- Faisal Naeem had an outreach to the Interact Club of Chilliwack on December 5. Faisal shared the school's programs and offerings with attendees.
- The school completed a successful week 5 and 6 of Coderdojo in December.
- Ismail El Sayad successfully held another edition of Research Dialogue in November.
- Ziaul Hossain presented his recent work on video streaming to the school. Students also attended the session.

3.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- The three new post-baccalaureate diplomas and the name change for the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Business Analytics would likely improve international students' enrolment. Improving the wait list process would also improve international students' enrolment.
- Improvements to the time tabling process is in progress. Kevin plans to discuss time tabling with the schools.
- The importance of domestic students' recruitment was highlighted. Strategies include connecting with the community, industry partners, and high school students to highlight UFV's benefits.
- The creation of a career planning website page is currently in progress.

- Strategies to improve wait list processes that prioritize students close to graduating are currently in progress.

4. For Decision

4.1. BUS 100 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 100 be approved as presented.

Donna Derksen / Gerry Palmer

CARRIED

4.2. BUS 403 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 403 be approved as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Donna Derksen

CARRIED

4.3. Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Business Analytics – Program Name Change – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: To approve the program name change and description of the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Business Analytics to the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Financial Analytics as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Kevin Wainwright

CARRIED

5. For Discussion

5.1. Rank and Tenure – Standing Item – *Chris Schinckus*

- There were no applications for rank and tenure for this academic year.
- Ismail El Sayad was congratulated for his recognition to the rank of Associate Professor.

6. Reports

6.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- The budget period is coming to a close. Discussions were held with the two school Directors about positive news regarding operational requests.
- All institutions in Canada have been impacted from the decreased enrolment of international students. There have been discussions of developing partnerships and strategies to assist with this situation.
- The consultation process for the discontinuation of the Bachelor of Integrated Studies Applied Management program has begun.

Updates on the progress of discontinuation will be shared with the Faculty Council in time.

- There has been positive news regarding partnerships with Stó:lō Community Futures and Chinook Helicopters.
- The Dean's Office and School of Business are working on the implementation of ACADEM to streamline processes. ACADEM can assist with accreditation reporting and structuring information. Saransh Ahuja, a previous School of Computing student, was thanked for his work with ACADEM.
- The Provost and Vice-President Academic, James Mandigo, will be a guest speaker at the January Faculty Council.
- The next Indigenous Advisory Board meeting will be on December 10.
- Kirsten Robertson was thanked for her years of service at UFV during her last Faculty Council meeting.
- The schools and Dean's Office were thanked for their hard work and commitment during 2024.

6.2. Allyship & Reconciliation Committee – *Chris Schinckus*

- The committee held a meeting in November with guests Shirley Hardman and Betty Peters.
- Shirley and Betty shared insights on meaningful ways to engage with Elders and Knowledge Givers that are visiting classes. The recommendations included informing the Elder/Knowledge Giver of the class information in advance, meeting with them to build a relationship, and working with Betty in advance to select the right individual.
- A framework to assist faculty members in finding which Elder/Knowledge Giver to invite and how to ask meaningful questions about their life experience is in progress.

6.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- There will be two presentations during today's Faculty Council.

6.4. Faculty/College Council Reports

6.4.1. Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies – *Carl Janzen*

- No updates to report.

6.4.2. College of Arts

- No representative for updates.

6.4.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

- No representative for updates.

6.4.4. Faculty of Health Sciences

- No representative for updates.

6.4.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*

- No updates to report.

6.5. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- The Senate discussed academic planning and enrolment priorities.
- Strategies for improving programs and projects to increase the enrolment of international and domestic students were discussed.

7. Information Items – *Tanya Vanpraseuth*

7.1. Vacancies

Business and Computing Faculty Council Vacancy:

- We are seeking a faculty representative from the Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies.

Representative Vacancies:

- The College of Arts, Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development, and Faculty Health Science Faculty Councils are each seeking one representative (faculty member) from Business and Computing.

Please email fbcccommittees@ufv.ca if you are interested in any of the above positions.

7.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- December 18: [Dean's Conversation Series](#)
- UFV Seasonal Closure: All campuses will close at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 and will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2025.
- Faculty Excellence Award nominations in teaching, faculty service, and research excellence for the 2024-25 year are now open until December 3. Visit the [awards page](#) to learn more.
- A variety of digital pedagogy and teaching strategies workshops are being hosted by the [Teaching & Learning Centre](#).
- For upcoming events related to Inclusive Teaching & Indigenization, see UFV's [Teaching and Learning page](#).
- Learning and development workshops are being hosted by [Human Resources](#) to help employees improve their technical skills, physical and mental well-being, interpersonal communications, and more.

7.3. Policy Revisions

- Student Academic Misconduct (70) Procedures – *Approved*

7.4. The next Faculty Council Meeting is January 17, 2025. Agenda deadline is December 12, 2024. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.

8. Learning Exchange Presentations

8.1. Donna Derksen, School of Business – *Mental Health and Expatriate Psychological Adjustment Post-COVID: Towards a New Framework*

- Donna shared a presentation on mental health and expatriate psychological adjustment post-COVID.

8.2. Parsa Rajabi, School of Computing – *The New Learning Wave: ChatGPT's Potential and Risks*

- Parsa shared a presentation on ChatGPT's potential and risks.