

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, January 17, 2025
9:00 AM, Zoom

Chair of the Faculty of Business and Computing: Chris Schinckus

Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Carl Janzen

Present:

Cathy Hutchinson*
Chang Lu
Cindy Stewart
Colleen Bell*
David Dobson
Donna Derksen
Faisal Naeem
Farshad Eshghi*
Felicia Chong
Frank Zhang
Gerry Palmer

Ibrahim Javed
Ismail El Sayad
James Mandigo*
Jason Campbell
Kevin Wainwright
Kim Milnes
Kurt Siemens
Liz Wiebe
Mandeep Pannu
Mariana Toniolo
Barrios

Marla Fralick
Mason Paquette
Mike Ivanof
Nathan Arney
Nipuni Jayetileke
Niranjana Geetha
Omer Waqar
Opeyemi Adesina
Parsa Rajabi*
Raechel Healey-
Chamberlain

Raji Balagopal*
Rilla Apostolakis
Russell Campbell
Saeed Rahman
Samuel Okegbile
Sha Scholtens
Simily Joseph*
Tanya Vanpraseuth
Ziaul Hossain
Zubair Raja

Regrets:

Carl Janzen
Chris Schinckus

David Thomson*
Gurneet Anand*

Joanne MacLean
John Flett

Kate Kloos*
Mark Breedveld

Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

- The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.
- Kevin Wainwright was the Acting Chair and Acting Dean of the meeting.

2. Presentations

2.1. Updates from the Provost – James Mandigo, Provost and Vice-President Academic, UFV

- The Provost, James Mandigo, shared institutional updates on international education, financial positions, enrolments, collaborations, and the UFV India campus.
- The university has been working on strategies for enrolment, diversity, and international and local collaborations.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – January 17, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of January 17, 2025 be approved as presented.
Kevin Wainwright / Nipuni Jayetileke
CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – December 6, 2024

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of December 6, 2024 be approved as presented.

Kevin Wainwright / Nipuni Jayetileke

CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- Acting Director, Gerry Palmer, gave a report on behalf of Khyati Shetty.
- The school's processes are going well. There were no new updates to report.

4.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- The Winter semester is progressing smoothly. Faculty and staff were thanked for their efforts and support for programs and students.
- The review for the Computer Science program is commencing in February.
- The 2025 Global Game Jam will be from January 20-26. A scholarship of \$10,000 USD will be awarded to the winning group of students. Business students are also welcome to participate.
- Omer Waqar organized a workshop for the Master of Science in Computer Science program's working group in January. The workshop was facilitated by the UFV's Teaching and Learning Centre.
- Samuel Okegbile had two recent publications. Omer had one recent publication.

4.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- The Associate Dean report will be merged with the Dean's Report.

5. For Decision

5.1. Applied Management Concentration – Discontinuation – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: To approve the discontinuation of the Applied Management Concentration in the Bachelor of Integrated Studies program.

Gerry Palmer / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

5.2. BUS 203 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 203 be approved as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

5.3. BUS 304 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 304 be approved as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Nipuni Jayetileke

CARRIED

6. For Discussion

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

- Kevin Wainwright gave the Rank and Tenure report on behalf of Chris Schinckus.
- There have been no individuals involved in rank and tenure processes for this academic year.
- All processes related to IPEC are on track.

7. Reports

7.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- Kevin Wainwright shared the Dean's Report on behalf of Chris Schinckus.
- The first pilot of a microcredential will launch in the beginning of February. The free pilot will be for a select group of business students. The microcredential will include Excel skills modules with a digital badge to be awarded upon completion.

7.2. Allyship & Reconciliation Committee – *Chris Schinckus*

- Kevin Wainwright shared the committee report on behalf of Chris Schinckus.
- The next committee meeting will occur at the end of January. The committee plans to discuss how to engage with Elders attending classrooms, ways to engage with the Indigenous Advisory Board, and the importance of Territorial Acknowledgements.

7.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- No new updates to report.

7.4. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- No new updates to report.

7.4.2. College of Arts

- No representative for updates.

7.4.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

- No representative for updates.

7.4.4. Faculty of Health Sciences

- No representative for updates.

7.4.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*

- The Faculty of Science participated in an Indigenous study group.

7.5. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- No new updates to report.

8. Information Items – *Tanya Vanpraseuth*

8.1. 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.

8.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- January 22: [Dean's Conversation Series](#)
- January 31: [Dean's Coffee Series](#)
- Nominations for Service Excellence Awards are open until February 14. [Read more here.](#)
- 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.

8.3. Policy Revisions

- Grading System (101) – *Revisions Approved*

8.4. The next Faculty Council Meeting is February 14, 2025. Agenda deadline is January 30. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.