

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, February 14, 2025
9:00 AM, Zoom

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

Present:

Amir Shabani	Ibrahim Javed	Mark Breedveld	Russell Campbell
Carl Janzen	Ismail El Sayad	Marla Fralick	Saeed Rahman
Cathy Hutchinson*	Jason Campbell	Mason Paquette	Samuel Okegbile
Chang Lu	Kate Kloos*	Nathan Arney	Simon Luke
Chris Schinckus	Kevin deWolde	Nipuni Jayetileke	Sophie Farmani*
Cindy Stewart	Kevin Wainwright	Niranjana Geetha	Tanya Vanpraseuth
Colleen Bell*	Khyati Shetty	Omer Waqar	Ziaul Hossain
David Dobson	Kim Milnes	Opeyemi Adesina	Zubair Raja
Donna Derksen	Liz Wiebe	Raechel Healey- Chamberlain	
Faisal Naeem	Lorne Mackenzie	Raji Balagopal*	
Farshad Eshghi	Mariana Toniolo	Rania Mohammed	
Felicia Chong	Barrios	Rilla Apostolakis	
Frank Zhang	Mariano Mapili*		

Regrets:

Gurneet Anand*	John Flett	Karen Cooper	Sha Scholtens
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Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

- The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am.

2. Agenda and Minutes

2.1. Agenda – February 14, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of February 14, 2025 be approved as presented.
Khyati Shetty / Jason Campbell
CARRIED

2.2. Minutes – January 17, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of January 17, 2025 be approved as presented.
Chang Lu / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

3. Schools & Associate Dean News

3.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- Gerry Palmer was thanked for being the Acting Director.
- Khyati visited COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) partners. The COIL project and opportunities to explore collaborations is in progress.
- Faculty members recently showcased their research at the UFV Microlecture event and published papers.
- Mark Breedveld hosted a student event with community partners.
- Area Chairs have been working on the allocation of courses and planning for Fall 2025.
- The Strategic Implementation Committee has been having great progress. The implementation plan is on track.

3.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- The school had a collaboration with a local community partner for a 24-hour Game Jam with secondary students.
- The promotions for the student tour to China is ongoing.
- Russell Campbell provided mentorship and support in facilitating the 2025 Global Game Jam collaboration. Students were able to contribute their skills while working collaboratively with one another.
- Faculty members participated in research activities and had recent publications.
- Carl Janzen worked on a 2025 workshop series for students based on various topics, including an overview of computing programs and academic integrity.
- Ismail El Sayad and his students recently published a paper. The paper will be presented at an upcoming conference.

3.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- The first microcredential pilot is in progress. The pilot was made available to a group of business students to test for registration, tracking, loading to Blackboard and Brightspace, and badging.
- Six digital badges have been created and loaded into the badging portal. These include badges for Excel, Financial Technology, Employment Readiness, and Research Skills.
- The creation of more research badges, possibly in partnership with community groups and companies, is in progress.
- Kevin encouraged individuals with ideas for microcredentials to reach out to him.

4. For Decision

4.1. BUS 305 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 305 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Mariana Toniolo Barrios

CARRIED

4.2. BUS 313 – New Course Approval – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the new course BUS 313 HRM Data Analytics be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Donna Derksen

CARRIED

5. For Discussion

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

- The process for rank and tenure for the next academic year is on track.
- Faculty standards will be updated in the next academic year. A call for interest for the working group will be sent later in the year. The group will be formed in early fall.

6. Reports

6.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- UFV is currently in the process of transitioning from Blackboard to Brightspace. The university will likely be fully transitioned in the summer.
- The fiscal year is ending in March and there has been positive news about the university's financial status. Chris has interacted with the two school Directors about budgetary needs and the progress is on track.
- The development of microcredentials is in progress. More ideas for microcredentials are being explored. Individuals with microcredential ideas were encouraged to reach out to Chris.
- The development of internships for international students is in progress.
- There has been development of a dual degree with a university in Malaysia.
- The ACADEM pilot implementation process is in progress with the School of Business and will soon extend to the School of Computing. The goal of the platform is to improve administrative and accreditation processes.
- A United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Dashboard is currently in development. This platform will assist in tracking and reporting the faculty's activities in relation to the SDGs, Indigenization, and decolonization. More details about this platform will be shared soon.

- An MOU was recently signed with Chinook Helicopters which will assist in improving the BBA Aviation program.
- An MOU with Stó:lō Community Futures has been renewed. The creation of a certificate with the organization is in progress.
- The motion to rename the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Business Analytics to Financial Analytics will be included at the next UFV Senate meeting.
- The process for hiring a new Curriculum Strategist has completed. The successful candidate will start in mid-April.

6.2. Allyship & Reconciliation Committee – *Chris Schinckus*

- The committee discussed defining the regular words used in the committee, such as allyship and decolonization. There will be further discussions on clarifying these terms and ensuring that the committee is ready to work with decolonization, allyship, and reconciliation.
- The Terms of Reference will be updated to reflect concrete processes and actions that can assist faculty members and staff on activities related to reconciliation.
- The committee is working on processes for inviting Elders and Indigenous Experts to classrooms and improving the Faculty's relationship with the Indigenous Advisory Board.

6.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- The next Learning Exchange will be on June 6. The committee is now in the process of finding two presenters.
- Individuals that are interested in presenting can reach out to the committee.

6.4. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- The Faculty discussed their involvement in an Open House event in February.

6.4.2. College of Arts

6.4.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

6.4.4. Faculty of Health Sciences

6.4.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*

- No new updates to report.

6.5. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- No new updates to report.

7. Information Items – *Tanya Vanpraseuth*

7.1. BCFC Vacancies

- **Business and Computing Faculty Council and its subcommittees have the following vacancies:**
 - **Representative from FBC to the Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies**

- Representative from FBC to the Faculty of Health Sciences
- Members interested in any of these vacancies should contact FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.

7.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- February 16-23: Reading Week
- February 17: Family Day (UFV Closed)
- March 19: [Dean's Conversation Series](#)
- 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. The next Faculty Council Meeting is March 14, 2025. Agenda deadline is February 27. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.