

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, March 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:

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

Regrets:

David Thomson*	John Flett	Saeed Rahman	Sha Scholtens
Gurneet Anand*	Luciana Hakak		

Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

2. Presentations

2.1. Legal Overview – Audrey Ackah, General Counsel & Privacy Officer, Office of the General Counsel

- Audrey gave an overview of the role of UFV's Office of the General Counsel.
- The support services and resources that the office provides for UFV employees was highlighted.

2.2. Work-Integrated Learning Activities – Candace Stewart-Smith, Director, Centre for Experiential and Career Education

- Deanna Devitt and Larissa Horne gave the presentation on behalf of Candace Stewart-Smith.
- Deanna and Larissa gave an overview of work-integrated learning activities and the process for reporting them.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – March 14, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of March 14, 2025 be approved as presented.
Jason Campbell / Alana Dallaire
CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – February 14, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of February 14, 2025 be approved as presented.
Kevin Wainwright / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- The B faculty course allocations have been completed. The school will work on the Sessional work allocations next.
- The Strategic Implementation Committee will be presenting their final plan on March 24.
- Saeed Rahman is presenting a case at the 2025 ASAC conference.
- Donna Derksen participated in the Women in Mobility event.
- The Accounting Students Association ran a Tax Clinic, which was a great hands-on experience for the students. The event partnered with nine organizations.
- The school is partnering with the Office of Sustainability for another Sustainable Development Goals Lab initiative this year.
- Mark Breedveld and Nathan Arney organized an industry tour to Structure Craft. Students connected with leaders in timber-based construction and structural engineering.
- Khyati and the Accounting Students Association met with the Chair of the Fraser Valley CPA BC Chapter to discuss possible partnerships for events.
- Cindy Stewart is hosting a Best Advertisement Poster Challenge in one of her classes to promote the Marketing program.
- Jason Campbell represented the school at the RCMP National Meeting which strengthened the school's ties with law enforcement and public safety initiatives.
- Khyati attended the Chambers Leaders Lunch in March where there were discussions of building intentional communities.
- The head of Human Resources at Enterprise Care Rentals attended the school's meeting in March. They will be partnering with the school for their Management Trainee Program.
- One of the school's key partners, Chinook Helicopters, won the 2025 Transport Canada Safety Award.

- David Dobson, Prachee Sehgal, and Khyati invited guest lecturers for their classes. One of the guests was Jen Menge, Senior Manager of Partnerships for the Canucks.
- Khyati thanked the Accreditation Steering Committee for their hard work.

4.2. School of Computing – Opeyemi Adesina

- The school had a guest speaker discuss market demands with students in February. The session offered valuable insights for students.
- The school met with a global leading technology company from Dubai to discuss possible partnership opportunities.
- Opeyemi attended an entrepreneurship research symposium at the University of British Columbia and met with a potential partner.
- The school hosted a computer science learning session with engaging activities for a Girl Guides group.
- The Computing Students Association, with mentorship from Russell Campbell, hosted a programming competition.
- The second annual Tech Panel occurred in March and had a high attendance. The event featured industry leaders and entrepreneurs. Kevin Wainwright was thanked for opening the event.
- The Study Tour to China was cancelled due to low enrollment. The school hopes to promote the Study Tour more in the future.
- Carl Janzen organized sustainability activities.

4.3. Associate Dean – Kevin Wainwright

- Kevin attended the School of Computing's successful Tech Panel event and UFV's International Women's Day event that Director Khyati Shetty moderated.
- The microcredentials program is progressing forward.
- The Excel microcredential pilot is almost complete. A report will be created to identify strengths and improvements for the microcredentials program.
- There are several microcredential topics in progress, including Employment Readiness, HealthTech, FinTech, and Research Skills.

5. For Discussion

5.1. Rank and Tenure – Standing Item – Chris Schinckus

- All processes for rank and tenure are on track.
- Alastair Hodges, the Director of Tenure and Promotion at UFV, will be presenting at the April Faculty Council meeting. Alastair will discuss important information about UFV's Faculty Standards.
- There are two vacancies in the Divisional Review Committee for the School of Computing. A call for nominations email will be sent soon.

6. Reports

6.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- Faculty members and staff were thanked for their hard work and dedication during a busy period of the semester.
- Chris discussed with the schools about their programs and resources.
- Chris and the two Directors discussed strategies and budgets for the schools.
- Kevin was thanked for his work on the microcredentials program. Institutions in Vietnam and Nigeria have already expressed interest in integrating the microcredentials into their programs.
- A microcredential related to research skills will allow faculty members to recognize the students that have assisted with their research projects.
- A development of research awards sponsored by the University of Toronto is in progress. There will be one award for each school.
- Chris interacted with the two Directors about a Master of Business Administration in Agritech program. The program can be a collaboration between both schools and the Food Institute.
- The development of a Students Engagement Committee is in progress. The committee members will include the presidents of Business and Computing student clubs, the two Directors, and representatives of the Dean's Office. The goal of the committee is to create collaborative initiatives, optimize resources, and support students.

6.2. Allyship & Reconciliation Committee – *Chris Schinckus* (Meeting minutes are available upon request)

- The committee is working on finalizing the updates to the Terms of Reference. The focus has been on clarifying specific terms and the type of support the committee will provide.
- The importance of Territorial Acknowledgements will be discussed at a future meeting. A book about the significance of Territorial Acknowledgements will be given to faculty members and staff at the next Spark Social event.
- The committee supported the idea of developing an ongoing Halq'emeylem language learning class for faculty members and staff. Chris will continue to discuss this idea with Shirley Hardman.

6.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- No new updates to report.

6.4. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- The Faculty of Applied and Technical studies received a presentation about reporting work-integrated learning activities.

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*

- The Faculty of Science discussed enrollments and potential workloads.

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

- March 19: [Dean's Conversation Series](#)
- March 28: [Dean's Coffee Series](#)
- Applications for the Faculty/Student Research and Scholarly Activity Fund (FSRSAF) are due on March 16. [Learn 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.

7.3. Policy Revisions

- [Conflict of Interest \(142\)](#) - Revisions Approved
- Rescinded: Faculty Qualifications (52), Faculty Overload and Outside Employment (49), Employee Exchange (139).

7.4. The next Faculty Council Meeting is April 11, 2025. Agenda deadline is March 27. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.