

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, April 11, 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	Frank Zhang	Mariana Toniolo	Raechel Healey-
Carl Janzen	Gerry Palmer	Barrios	Chamberlain
Cathy Hutchinson*	Ibrahim Javed	Mark Breedveld	Rania Mohammed*
Chang Lu	Ismail El Sayad	Marla Fralick	Russell Campbell
Chris Schinckus	Jason Campbell	Mason Paquette	Saeed Rahman
Cindy Stewart	Kate Kloos*	Mike Ivanof	Samuel Okegbile
David Dobson	Kevin deWolde	Nipuni Jayetileke	Sha Scholtens
Donna Derksen	Kevin Wainwright	Niranjana Geetha	Simon Luke
Faisal Naeem	Khyati Shetty	Omer Waqar	Tanya Vanpraseuth
Farshad Eshghi*	Kim Milnes	Opeyemi Adesina	Youry Khmelevsky
Felicia Chong	Mandeep Pannu	Parsa Rajabi*	Zubair Raja

Regrets:

Colleen Bell*	David Thomson*	John Flett	Ziaul Hossain
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Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Presentations

2.1. University-Wide Principles for the Establishment and Review of Standards for Tenure and Promotion – *Alastair Hodges, Director, Tenure and Promotion*

- Alastair gave updates on the establishment and review of standards for tenure and promotion.
- An overview of the background and purpose of faculty standards was shared.
- An overview of the development and approval process of university-wide principles was shared.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – April 11, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of April 11, 2025 be approved as presented.

Jason Campbell / Raechel Healey-Chamberlain

CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – March 14, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of March 14, 2025 be approved as presented.

Zubair Raja / Raechel Healey-Chamberlain

CARRIED

4. For Decision

4.1. BUS 320 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 320 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Lorne Mackenzie

CARRIED

4.2. BUS 323 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 323 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Donna Derksen

CARRIED

4.3. BUS 326 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 326 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

4.4. BUS 327 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 327 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

4.5. BUS 328 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 328 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

4.6. BUS 329 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 329 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

4.7. BUS 426 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 426 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

4.8. BUS 427 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 427 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Gerry Palmer

CARRIED

5. Schools & Associate Dean News

5.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- Luciana Hakak's paper was accepted for presentation at the AOM Conference.
- David Dobson and Raymond Leung led a successful Undergraduate Research Excellence Awards event.
- Chang Lu received a Work-Study Grant and hosted a lecture with the Co-founder of Avee Health.
- Benny Davidson's BUS 424 class collaborated with Student Affairs on supporting academically at-risk students.
- The 5th annual Sales Management and Research Exhibition and Mixer was a success. Mark Breedveld and Nathan were thanked for their work.
- The Strategic Implementation Committee presented their recommendations. The committee plans to discuss their recommendations at the school's retreat in May.
- The Student Accounting Association secured CPA BC funding.
- The CPHR Student Association hosted a well-attended networking event with strong CPHR participation.
- The student Aviation Club continued its momentum with another successful event.
- The school had a well-attended External Program Advisory Committee meeting. Lorne Mackenzie shared strategic implementation updates and received great feedback.

- Khyati has been re-elected in the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce and Fraser Valley Indo-Canadian Association as a Board member.
- The Enactus UFV team won awards at the Enactus Regional Championship. The team will be attending the national competition.
- The school is collaborating with the Abbotsford Police Foundation on a branding project which may possibly expand into social media.
- The school was represented at the Women in Aviation event at Chinook Helicopters.

5.2. School of Computing – Opeyemi Adesina

- On March 21, Ismail El Sayad facilitated the final session of the 2024/2025 Research Dialogues: Connect, Present, Collaborate. This session featured Ibrahim Javed as the presenter. Ibrahim shared information on his research titled *"Empowering Patients with Blockchain: A Secure Platform for Genomic Data Sharing."*
- Omer Waqar had the following publication in a Q1 journal: *"Beyond Single-User Scheduling: Exploiting Massive MIMO for Concurrent Data Delivery With Minimum Age of Information."*
- On March 29, Mandeep Pannu, Ismail El Sayad, and Samuel Okegbile represented UFV at the IEEE AGM and gala. The School of Computing was a gold level sponsor for the event.
- The School of Computing sponsored Simon Luke and Chang Lu (School of Business), along with five students, to enter the BC New Ventures Competition on March 31. Their business proposal, SmartClassX, uniquely integrates adaptive learning technologies, immersive gamification, and emotional analytics. SmartClassX also works to transform classroom experiences through cutting-edge methods aligned with NVBC's competitive framework. The competition runs from April 1 to September 29 with four elimination rounds. As of April 11, the SmartClassX group will be moving into round two.
- On April 2 the School of Computing had 6 groups (8 students) present at the UFV Student Research Day. Two of the groups received the following awards:
 1. Kshitij Goyal and Ishwak Sharda were awarded the President's award (highest marks in any category) on their research in "Improving Speech Emotion Recognition: A Semi-Supervised Approach for Fine-Grained Analysis."
 2. Zhaoqi Gu and Robert Bocsanu were awarded the Dean's award on their research in "Software System for a Network of Social Companion Robots in Nursing Homes."
- On April 2, Opeyemi Adesina and Ismail El Sayad presented a webinar to counsellors and recruiters in India to help promote the three new post-baccalaureate diplomas: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Software Engineering, and Cybersecurity.
- On April 29, there will be a MITACS presentation for faculty members and students to attend. This presentation will be hosted by the Research and Graduate Studies Office and will focus on the Faculty of Business and Computing. The one-hour session will provide information on MITACS funding and how to apply for these grants.

Participants will also have time to ask questions on any specific areas of interest.

- On April 29, the school will celebrate Karin de Beer who will retire from UFV after 20+ years of teaching and inspiring students. As a Sessional instructor, Karin has taught 357 classes for the following foundational courses: CIS 100, CIS 110, and BUS 160.
- From April 14-15, Frank Zhang will be a part of the TRU external Computer Science program review committee. He will be completing the review onsite.
- On April 30, Frank Zhang will be attending the BCCAT at Mount Royal University. this also aligns with the WCCCE conference which will be at Mount Royal University from April 28-29.
- Faculty members had several recent publications. Ziaul Hossain had an accepted paper, Omer Waqar had three accepted publications, Frank Zhang had two accepted conference papers, and Samuel Okegbile had two recent publications. Opeyemi Adesina, Chris Schinckus, and Faisal Naeem had one accepted paper.

5.3. Associate Dean – Kevin Wainwright

- The microcredential website pages have been created for courses in development.
- The first pilot microcredential course for Excel Data Analysis has completed and students have received their badges.
- Students in the microcredential pilot course completed a post-course survey. The survey received great results. Students shared that they enjoyed the course's format and content. They also shared that they believed the course was beneficial, would take more microcredential courses, and would recommend microcredentials to their peers.
- A second microcredential pilot course for the general public is in development.
- Partnerships with organizations and other universities for microcredential programs are in progress.
- The creation of a microcredential trades and business certification related to Blue Seal is in development.

6. For Discussion

6.1. Master of Science in Computer Science Program – Opeyemi Adesina

- The Stage 1 proposal of the Master of Science in Computer Science program was submitted to the ministry for feedback.
- The Stage 2 proposal document was shared with Faculty Council members.
- Omer Waqar discussed the Stage 2 proposal and answered questions from Faculty Council members.

6.2. Rank and Tenure – Standing Item – Chris Schinckus

- All processes for rank and tenure are on track. Members involved with rank and tenure have been contacted.

- IPEC schedules are on track.
- The Divisional Review Committee was seeking two nominations for faculty members from the School of Computing. If there are no nominations, the Dean's Office will nominate two individuals.

7. Reports

7.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- James Mandigo will begin his role as UFV's new President in July.
- Youry Khmelevsky was welcomed as a new Sessional representative for the Business and Computing Faculty Council.
- UFV's convocation ceremonies are scheduled for June 10, 11, and 12. The Faculty of Business and Computing's ceremony will be on June 12 (Ceremony 6). Members were invited to attend to celebrate students.
- Various partnerships with organizations have been in development, including ones with Stó:lō Community Futures, Chinook Helicopters, and international universities.
- The University of Toronto Press will be sponsoring two research awards for Business and Computing students. Awards will be given to one student from each school.
- A new Students Engagement Committee has been created. The committee includes Presidents of student clubs and associations and the school Directors. The committee is an opportunity for students to connect with one another and optimize their resources.
- The new Curriculum Strategist, Sara Babae, will start in mid-April. The Curriculum Strategist will work on strengthening curriculum internally and externally, engaging with employers, and creating synergies between both schools.

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

- The committee's next meeting will be in early May.
- The committee is working on ways that it can support faculty members and create processes for inviting Indigenous Elders, leaders, and experts into classes.
- An idea for the creation of a Halq'eméylem language learning class for the next academic year had been initiated.
- The next Indigenous Advisory Board meeting will occur at the end of April.

7.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- The next Learning Exchange session will be on June 6.
- Felicia Chong will be the presenter for the School of Business and Ibrahim Javed will be the presenter for the School of Computing.

7.4. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- The Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies received a presentation from Alastair Hodges about the standards for tenure and promotion.

7.4.2. College of Arts

7.4.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

7.4.4. Faculty of Health Sciences

7.4.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*

- The Faculty of Science received a presentation from Alastair Hodges about the standards for tenure and promotion. Discussions about tenure and promotion processes followed.

7.5. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- The Senate's next meeting will be focused on changes to programs and discontinuations.

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

- April 18: Good Friday (UFV Closed)
- April 21: Easter Monday (UFV Closed)
- April 25: [Dean's Coffee 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.

8.3. Policy Revisions

The following administrative policy as been reviewed, revised and approved:

- [Adjunct Faculty, Research Associates and Visiting Scholars \(197\)](#)
– Revised
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- Procedures – Revised

8.4. The next Faculty Council Meeting is May 9, 2025. Agenda deadline is April 24, 2025. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.