

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

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

Present:

Carl Janzen	Kate Kloos*	Omer Waqar
Cathy Hutchinson*	Kevin deWolde	Opeyemi Adesina
Chris Schinckus	Kevin Wainwright	Parsa Rajabi*
Cindy Stewart	Lorne Mackenzie	Rania Mohammed*
Donna Derksen	Luciana Hakak	Russell Campbell
Faisal Naeem	Mariana Toniolo Barrios	Samuel Okegbile
Farshad Eshghi*	Mark Breedveld	Sara Babaee*
Felicia Chong	Marla Fralick	Simily Joseph*
Frank Zhang	Mason Paquette	Simon Luke
Gerry Palmer	Mike Ivanof	Talia Q
Ibrahim Javed	Nathan Arney	Tanya Vanpraseuth
Ismail El Sayad	Nipuni Jayetileke	Ziaul Hossain
John Flett	Niranjana Geetha	Zubair Raja

Regrets:

Colleen Bell*	David Thomson*	Jason Campbell
David Dobson	Gurneet Anand*	Kim Milnes
		Liz Wiebe

Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

2. Presentations

2.1. Updates from the Research and Graduate Studies Office AVP – Garry Fehr (Associate Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies, UFV)

- Associate Vice-President Garry Fehr shared updates and information on resources from UFV's Research and Graduate Studies Office.
- An overview of the office's funding opportunities, student support services, research services, and events and activities were shared.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – May 9, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of May 9, 2025 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Kevin Wainwright
CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – April 11, 2025

MOTION:

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

Gerry Palmer / Frank Zhang

CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- Acting Director, Gerry Palmer, gave the school's updates on behalf of Director Khyati Shetty.
- The school recently hosted a Research Symposium and Networking event with the theme: Exploring Business Frontiers with the School of Business. Felicia Chong was thanked for organizing the event. The presenters and speakers were thanked for their participation.
- The UFV Enactus student club will be representing the school at the Enactus National Competition.
- Donna Derksen was invited to participate in the McHappy Day fundraiser at the Sumas Mountain McDonald's location.
- Jason Campbell presented a paper at the Humane Canada Summit.
- The school will have their spring retreat in May. Lorne Mackenzie, who is retiring, will be celebrated.

4.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- Frank Zhang attended the Western Canada Conference on Computing Education from April 28-29. He was elected as the treasurer of the Western Canada Computing Education Society for 2025-2026.
- Frank Zhang attended the BCCAT BCCEC meeting on April 30. He is the co-chair of the Computing Education Committee.
- The finalization of hiring processes for the school are in progress.
- Opeyemi Adesina attended the 2025 International Conference on Software Engineering in Ottawa.
- The school will be collaborating with Chilliwack Tech for a 24-hour challenge event.

4.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Sara Babaei has started her position as the new Curriculum Strategist. The role will continue to evolve, and Sara will be working on initiatives to assist both schools.
- The microcredential initiatives are progressing. The development of microcredentials with a focus on First Nation governance and First Nation land management are in progress.
- A partnership with the Trades & Technology Centre to launch a microcredential initiative to include a Blue Seal Certificate with the culinary program is in progress.
- IPEC and 3-year review processes will be ongoing for the upcoming weeks.

5. For Discussion

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

- All processes related to tenure and promotion are on track.
- Processes for IPEC and 3-year review meetings are in progress.
- Frank Zhang was welcomed to his new role in the Divisional Review Committee (DRC). Carl Janzen was congratulated for his reappointment in the DRC.
- The Teaching & Learning Centre will have new upcoming workshops.

6. Reports

6.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- Instructors and staff members were thanked for their hard work after a busy semester.
- Sara Babaei was welcomed as the new Curriculum Strategist.
- The UFV Convocation ceremonies will be held from June 10-12. The Faculty of Business and Computing's ceremony will be held during the afternoon of June 12 and will include an honorary doctorate. Instructors and staff are welcome to volunteer and attend the ceremonies.
- The first Student Engagement Committee meeting was held in May. The committee includes the presidents of Faculty of Business and Computing clubs and associations, a representative from the UFV Student Union Society, the Dean, the Associate Dean, and the two school Directors. The committee's goal is to increase collaboration among clubs and associations and ensure the optimization of resources. The members plan to meet every two months.
- The program development processes for microcredentials are ongoing.
- Updates regarding UFV's new hybrid and remote work policy will be shared with staff soon.
- The Indigenous Advisory Board had a meeting in April. The Board discussed ways to engage with Indigenous students, updates to the Terms of References, and microcredential opportunities for Indigenous communities.

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

- The committee members reviewed the Terms of Reference. The members discussed the importance of clearly indicating the purpose of the committee and the support they provide for faculty members.
- The committee plans to create a flow chart to understand the roles of Indigenous leaders, experts, and Elders. This resource can assist faculty members when they invite Indigenous speakers to classrooms.
- The significance of Territorial Acknowledgements was discussed.

- The committee members supported the initiative of organizing a Halq'eymeylem language learning class for faculty members and staff. The classes will likely begin in Fall 2025.

6.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

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

6.4. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- No new 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*

- The Faculty of Science discussed course changes, workloads, and enrolment.

6.5. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- The May Senate meeting was cancelled due to the limited items on the agenda.
- The next Senate meeting will be on June 6. The Senate will be saying farewell to President Joanne MacLean.

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

- May 19: Victoria Day (UFV Closed)
- May 22: [Dean's Conversation Series](#)
- UFV's Convocation Ceremonies will be from June 10-12. The Faculty of Business and Computing's Convocation is Ceremony 6. [See the full schedule.](#)

- 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

- Feedback on the [Instructional Responsibilities \(46\) policy](#) can be submitted to policyconsult@ufv.ca by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, May 27.

7.4. The next Faculty Council Meeting is June 6, 2025. Agenda deadline is May 22. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.