

MINUTES
Education, Community, & Human Development Faculty Council
Friday, January 23, 2026
9:30 AM, Conducted Electronically

Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Christine Nehring

Present:

Amanda Spooner	Colleen Bell*	Kelly Guiaya	Sameena Karim
Amea Wilbur	Crystal Sylvester	Kirsten Hargreaves	Jamal
Amrit Cojocar	Curtis Magnuson	Kristina Kopp	Sarine Sadhra
Beth Watters	Darrell Fox	Leah Douglas	Sharnelle Matthew
Beverly Jones	Gena Hamilton	Lynn Kleinveldt	Smitty Miller
Bobby Jaswal	Greg St. Hilaire	Mark Friesen	Stefania Pizzirani*
Brianna Strumm	Hannah Sanvido	Mark Littlefield	Tannaz Zargarian
Candice McPherson*	Helen Butner	Natasha Marriette	Thais Amorim
Carmen Herman*	Inaam Charaf	Nikki Yee	
Carol Suhr*	Judy Larsen	Raji Balagopal	
Catherine McLean	Kari Gustafson	Rita Dhungel	

Regrets:

Allison Kilgannon	Elizabeth McWilliams	Jeff Wood*	RoseAnne Timbrell
Allyson Jule	Hewitt*	Jenn Van der Gulik*	Rosey Singh
Andrea Sator	Evan Taylor	Joanne Robertson	Shameela Zaman*
Carolyn MacLaren	Gunita Gupta	Jonathan Ferris	Sheryl MacMath
Chuck Charles*	Heather Compeau	Kim Daley*	Tim Dueck
David Johnston*	James Mandigo	Lisa Moy	Tracy Ryder Glass*
Declan Roshea*	Jas Uppal	Monique Goerzen	Vandy Britton

Recorder: Angie Reid*

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order

1.1. Territorial Acknowledgement

1.2. Voting Process for Electronic Meeting

- Call for all opposed to the motion.
- Call for all abstentions to the motion.
- Those remaining will be deemed in favour of the motion.

1.3. Announcements

2. Items for Adoption

2.1. Agenda – January 23, 2026

MOTION:

That the agenda of January 23, 2026 be approved as presented.
Christine Nehring / Rita Dhungel
CARRIED.

2.2. Minutes – December 12, 2025

MOTION:

That the minutes of December 12, 2025 be approved as presented.
Christine Nehring / Smitty Miller
CARRIED.

3. FECHD News

3.1. Dean's News

- A written report was included in the agenda package.

3.2. Associate Dean's News

- A written report was included in the agenda package.

3.3. Department and School News

- Written reports were included in the agenda package.

4. For Decision

5. For Discussion

5.1. Policy 70 Student Academic Integrity – *Sameena Karim Jamal*

- Sameena shared the documents included in the agenda package and collected feedback.
- Further feedback may be e-mailed to sameena.karimjamal@ufv.ca.
- A discussion was held around if faculty should still be using Turnitin. Teaching and Learning was consulted and confirmed that using original Turnitin features to check for plagiarism (e.g., similarity check, citation errors) is still acceptable; however, UFV does not support the use of Turnitin's AI checker and will not be purchasing the AI add-on.

6. Standing Committees

6.1. FECHD Curriculum Committee (FECHDCC) – *Curtis Magnuson*

- No update to report.

6.2. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Committee (EDI) – *Tannaz Zargarian*

- An e-mail with the registration link for the next EDI Committee event, Settler Colonialism in Palestine and Canada: Resilience Despite Dispossession, was shared this morning.

6.3. Indigenization Committee

- No update to report.

7. Reports

7.1. Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) – *Raji Balagopal*

- No update to report.

7.2. Library Advisory Committee (LAC) – *Kirsten Hargreaves*

- No update to report.

7.3. Research Advisory Committee (RAC) – *Rita Dhungel*

- A written report was included in the agenda package.

7.4. Teaching & Learning Advisory Council (TLAC) – *Rita Dhungel*

- A written report was included in the agenda package.

7.5. Field Placement Committee – *Lynn Kleinveldt*

- No update to report.

7.6. Representative Reports

7.6.1. Advising – *Bobby Jaswal*

- No update to report.

7.6.2. Library – *Colleen Bell*

- No update to report.

7.6.3. Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies – *Greg St. Hilaire & Carmen Herman*

- No update to report.

7.6.4. College of Arts

- No representative to report.

7.6.5. Faculty of Business and Computing – *Raji Balagopal*

- No update to report.

7.6.6. Faculty of Health Sciences – *Natasha Marriette & Jenn Van der Gulik*

- No update to report.

7.6.7. Faculty of Science – *Declan Roshea & Stefania Pizzirani*

- No update to report.

8. Ceremony

8.1. Indigenizing our Academy, Recognizing Indigenizers: Curriculum and Practice – Shirley Hardman, Associate Vice-President, Xwexwilmexwawt

- Amea Wilbur and Brianna Strumm were honoured for their Indigenization efforts.

9. Information Items

9.1. Course & Program Approvals from Curriculum Committee

- Bachelor of Social Work – Minor Revisions

9.2. Council and Committee Vacancies

Members interested in any of these vacancies should contact FECHD.Committees@ufv.ca.

- Education, Community, & Human Development Faculty Council has the following vacancies:
 - 2 Student Representatives
 - 2 Sessional Representatives
 - Representative to the [College of Arts](#)
 - Representative to the [Faculty of Science](#)
 - Representative from the College of Arts
 - Representative from the Faculty of Business and Computing

9.3. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- Budget Town Hall – January 23 – [Register online](#)
- EDI Event – Save the Date – February 6, 2 - 4:30
- Work-Study Grant Program – Applications Due February 15
- [Nominations for Professor and Librarian Emeritus](#) – Deadline February 16
- Family Day – UFV Closed – February 16
- Workshop Series: AI for Teaching, Learning, and Research with Sameena Karim Jamal – All sessions take place on Zoom from 11 am to 12pm. [Register online](#).
 - Session 4 – Research Smarter, Not Harder: AI for Scholars – March 20
 - Session 5 – Leveling the Playing Field: AI for Accessibility, Inclusion, and Comprehension – May 22
- A variety of digital pedagogy and teaching strategies workshops are being hosted by the [Teaching & Learning Centre](#).
- 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.

9.4. Faculty Microlectures – Presenters Needed

9.5. Reminder – [End-of-Class Steps to Power Down AV and Lights](#)

9.6. Useful Links

- [Campus Closure/Severe Weather Notices](#)
- [Campus Construction Notices](#)
- [UEC](#) and [GSC](#) Resources
- [UFV News](#)

9.7. The next Faculty Council Meeting is February 20, 2026. Agenda deadline is February 5. Send submissions to FECHD.Committees@ufv.ca.