

MINUTES
Education, Community, & Human Development Faculty Council
Friday, February 20, 2026
9:00 AM, Conducted Electronically

Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Christine Nehring

Present:

Allyson Jule	Crystal Sylvester	Judy Larsen	Natasha Marriette
Amea Wilbur	Curtis Magnuson	Kari Gustafson	Nikki Yee
Amrit Cojocar	Gena Hamilton	Kelly Guiaya	Rita Dhungel
Andrea Sator	Greg St. Hilaire	Kim Daley*	Sameena Karim
Beth Watters	Hannah Sanvido	Kirsten Hargreaves	Jamal
Beverly Jones	Heather Compeau	Kristina Kopp	Sharnelle Matthew
Brianna Strumm	Helen Butner	Leah Douglas	Smitty Miller
Candice McPherson*	Inaam Charaf	Lisa Moy	Tannaz Zargarian
Carmen Herman*	Jas Uppal	Lynn Kleinveldt	Thais Amorim
Carol Suhr*	Joanne Robertson	Mark Friesen	Vandy Britton
Catherine McLean	Jonathan Ferris	Mark Littlefield	

Regrets:

Allison Kilgannon	David Johnston*	Jeff Wood*	Shameela Zaman*
Amanda Spooner	Declan Roshea*	Jenn Van der Gulik*	Sheryl MacMath
Bobby Jaswal	Elizabeth McWilliams	Monique Goerzen	Stefania Pizzirani*
Carolyn MacLaren	Hewitt*	Raji Balagopal	Tim Dueck
Chuck Charles*	Evan Taylor	RoseAnne Timbrell	Tracy Ryder Glass*
Colleen Bell*	Gunita Gupta	Rosey Singh	
Darrell Fox	James Mandigo	Sarine Sadhra	

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 – February 20, 2026

MOTION:

That the agenda of February 20, 2026 be approved as presented.
Christine Nehring / Smitty Miller
CARRIED.

2.2. Minutes – January 23, 2026

MOTION:

That the minutes of January 23, 2026 be approved as presented.
Christine Nehring / Vandy Britton
CARRIED.

3. For Decision

3.1. ADED 446 Community-Based Adult Education Methods – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to ADED 446 Community-Based Adult Education Methods be approved as presented.
Curtis Magnuson / Sameena Karim Jamal
CARRIED.

3.2. SOWK 110 Introduction to Social Work and Social Services – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to SOWK 110 Introduction to Social Work and Social Services be approved as presented.
Curtis Magnuson / Beth Watters
CARRIED.

3.3. SOWK 210 Introduction to Social Welfare – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to SOWK 210 Introduction to Social Welfare be approved as presented.
Curtis Magnuson / Beth Watters
CARRIED.

3.4. SOWK 394 Social Work and Substance Use – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to SOWK 394 Social Work and Substance Use be approved as presented.
Curtis Magnuson / Beth Watters
CARRIED.

4. For Discussion

4.1. Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Care – Program Suspension – *Allyson Jule*

- Allyson answered questions that members had about the suspension.
- Members were reminded to limit discussions about the suspension until it is approved and students are notified.

4.2. Library Technician Post-Diploma Certificate – Program Suspension – *Allyson Jule*

- This post-diploma certificate is taught by sessional instructors, not type B faculty. The sessionals have been notified.
- Allyson answered questions that members had about the suspension.
- Members were reminded to limit discussions about the suspension until it is approved and students are notified.

4.3. English Language Studies – Program Reinstatement – *Allyson Jule*

- The program reinstatement comes after three years of work revising the program with input from community partners.

5. FECHD News

5.1. Dean's News

- While the University is finalizing the 2026-27 budget and making associated decisions, we are asked to balance care for our colleagues and students with understanding the necessity for sustainability of all programs and budgets.
- ABT's external review is occurring this week.
- The Dean's Student Advisory Council met for the second time this academic year. The students care for their professors and programs and are worried about the upcoming budget.

5.2. Associate Dean's News

- Lisa shared a number of informative links in the meeting chat.
 - ConnectEd, April 29: ufv.ca/connected
 - Leq'áleq'el, a multilingual video series where UFV faculty and staff share how they came to know and connect with the goals of Indigenization: ufv.ca/teaching-and-learning/inclusive-teaching/internationalization/leqaleqel
 - Embracing Elders and Knowledge Keepers: Beyond the Welcome resource guide: ufv.ca/media/assets/teaching--learning-centre/forms/Embracing-Elders-Resource-Guide-Final.pdf
 - Faculty Microlectures and Research Centres, Labs & Institutes Showcase, February 26: events.ufv.ca/events/faculty-microlectures-and-research-centres-labs-institutes-showcase

- UFV International Newsletter: ufv-international-newsletter.my.canva.site
- Finance's Year End Timelines: ufv.ca/finance/year-end-timelines

5.3. Department and School News

- Written reports were included in the agenda package.

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*

- Those who attended Settler Colonialism in Palestine and Canada: Resilience Despite Dispossession on February 6 were thanked. The Dean's Office was also thanked for their support.
- The next EDI event, Truth Before Reconciliation: How to Identify and Confront Residential School Denialism, will be held on March 5 from 12-1:30.

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*

- A written report was included in the agenda package.

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*

- A written report was included in the agenda package.

7.6.4. College of Arts

- No representative to report.

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

- A written report was included in the agenda package.

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*

- A written report was included in the agenda package.

8. Information Items

8.1. Course & Program Approvals from Curriculum Committee

- **ADED 370 Directed Studies – Minor Revisions**
- **ADED 470 Synthesis Project I – Minor Revisions**
- **TASK 051 Personal and Workplace Essentials – Minor Revisions**
- **TASK 052 Education and Employment Exploration – Minor Revisions**
- **TASK 053 Workplace Essentials: Industry Certificates, Health, Wellness, and Advocacy – Minor Revisions**
- **TESL 400 Foundations of Second Language Education – Minor Revisions**
- **TESL 408 Applied Linguistics in Second Language Education – Minor Revisions**
- **TESL 410 Teaching a Second Language – Minor Revisions**
- **TESL 420 Curriculum and Assessment in Second Language Education – Minor Revisions**

8.2. 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

8.3. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- [Freedom to Read](#) – February 25 – As part of Freedom to Read Week, the UFV Library is holding public readings of challenged books at five-minute intervals in the Atrium Rotunda outside the library. Assistant Professor Smitty Miller will be reading at 12:30 pm from the 2005 children's book, *And Tango Makes Three*.
- [Chilliwack Open House](#) – February 26
- SSHRC Explore Grant – Application Deadline – March 2
- [Open Education Strategy Launch and Celebration](#) – March 5
- Save the Date – [International Women's Day](#) – March 6
- 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
- Student Research Day – April 1
- 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.

8.4. Useful Links

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

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