

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

Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Christine Nehring

Present:

Allyson Jule	Crystal Sylvester	Judy Larsen	Sameena Karim
Amanda Spooner	Curtis Magnuson	Kari Gustafson	Jamal
Amea Wilbur	Darrell Fox	Kelly Guiaya	Sarine Sadhra
Andrea Sator	Gena Hamilton	Kirsten Hargreaves	Sharnelle Matthew
Beth Watters	Greg St. Hilaire	Leah Douglas	Smitty Miller
Beverly Jones	Hannah Sanvido	Lisa Moy	Stefania Pizzirani*
Bobby Jaswal	Heather Compeau	Lynn Kleinveldt	Thais Amorim
Brianna Strumm	Helen Butner	Mark Littlefield	Vandy Britton
Carmen Herman*	Inaam Charaf	Nikki Yee	
Carol Suhr*	Jas Uppal	Raji Balagopal	
Catherine McLean	Joanne Robertson	Rita Dhungel	

Regrets:

Allison Kilgannon	Elizabeth McWilliams	Jonathan Ferris	Rosey Singh
Amrit Cojocar	Hewitt*	Kim Daley*	Shameela Zaman*
Carolyn MacLaren	Evan Taylor	Kristina Kopp	Sheryl MacMath
Chuck Charles*	Gunita Gupta	Mark Friesen	Tannaz Zargarian
Colleen Bell*	James Mandigo	Monique Goerzen	Tim Dueck
David Johnston*	Jeff Wood*	Natasha Marriette	Tracy Ryder Glass*
Declan Roshea*	Jenn Van der Gulik*	RoseAnne Timbrell	

Recorders: Angie Reid* and Candice McPherson*

* 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. **Presentations**

3. Items for Adoption

3.1. Agenda – March 20, 2026

MOTION:

That the agenda of March 20, 2026 be approved as presented.
Christine Nehring / Joanne Robertson
CARRIED.

3.2. Minutes – February 20, 2026

MOTION:

That the minutes of February 20, 2026 be approved as presented.
Christine Nehring / Inaam Charaf
CARRIED.

4. FECHD News

4.1. Dean's News

- Allyson acknowledged that this is a difficult week at UFV with lay off and workload reductions being communicated.
- Budget updates are being posted on the [Financial Sustainability website](#). The March 18 update includes key dates, including the anticipated Board of Governors approval date and working notice end dates.
- Allyson continues to have open office hours Mondays from 9-10 am.
- The Ministry's Sector Sustainability Report has a planned submission date for the end of March, but no release date has been communicated.
- The winner of the new FECHD Dean's Teaching Award will be announced at the June 12 ECHDFC meeting. Department Heads and Directors were given nomination details.
- Allyson and Awneet Sivia will be presenting Our Teaching University at Oxford next week.
- Senate has recently approved the revised English Language Studies certificates and the Adult Education for Equity, Workplace and Community Transformation certificate. The development of a full program proposal for a Teaching English Language Learners in K-12 certificate was also approved.
- Curtis Magnuson was thanked for serving as Interim Department Head of CYFS. His term ends on March 31.
- Tannaz Zargarian was thanked for serving as Chair of the EDI Committee.

4.2. Associate Dean's News

- The Undergraduate Research Excellence (URE) award nomination deadline is April 24.
- [ConnectEd](#) will be held on April 29. Many FECHD members are presenting, including Amanda Spooner, Amea Wilbur, Brianna Strumm, Inaam Charaf, Kari Gustafson, Sarine Sadhra, and Smitty Miller.

- Geographies of the Heart: Stories from Newcomers to Canada, which was co-edited by Amea Wilbur, was awarded a 2026 Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Award in the Innovative Initiative category.
- As fiscal year end approaches, faculty were reminded to submit PD approvals.

4.3. Department and School News

- Written reports were included in the agenda package.

5. For Decision

5.1. CYC 480 Child Protection: Relational, Ethical, and Accountable Practice (Formerly CYC 380) – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to CYC 480 Child Protection: Relational, Ethical, and Accountable Practice (Formerly CYC 380) be approved as presented.

Curtis Magnuson / Christine Nehring
CARRIED.

5.2. Medical Laboratory Assistant Certificate – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to the Medical Laboratory Assistant Certificate be approved with the following amendments:

- Revise the keyboarding speed entrance requirement to ““A minimum keyboarding speed of 40 WPM.”
- Revise the criminal record check entrance requirement from a requirement to a note that reads “Note: Students in some practicum settings will be required to present a satisfactory criminal record check.”

Curtis Magnuson / Christine Nehring
CARRIED.

6. For Discussion

7. Standing Committees

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

- No update to report.

7.2. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Committee (EDI) – *Inaam Charaf*

- The Dean's Office was thanked for their support and assistance with the EDI Committee events.
- Those who attended Truth Before Reconciliation: How to Identify and Confront Residential School Denialism on March 5 were thanked. A recording will be circulated at a later date.

7.3. Indigenization Committee – *Lisa Moy*

- A meeting will be held in May to discuss revitalizing the Committee. Anyone interested in joining may contact lisa.moy@ufv.ca.

8. Reports

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

- No update to report.

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

- No update to report.

8.3. Research Advisory Committee (RAC) – *Joanne Robertson*

- RAC is investigating planning a Graduate Student Research Day.
- At the last meeting, the Committee discussed exploring additional research ideas around decolonization, reconciliation, and visual arts.

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

- No update to report.

8.5. Field Placement Committee – *Lynn Kleinveldt*

- No update to report.

8.6. Representative Reports

8.6.1. Advising – *Bobby Jaswal*

- A written report was included in the agenda package.

8.6.2. Library – *Colleen Bell*

- No update to report.

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

- No update to report.

8.6.4. College of Arts – *Gena Hamilton*

- No update to report.

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

- No update to report.

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

- No update to report.

8.6.7. Faculty of Science – *Stefania Pizzirani*

- Faculty are in the process of nominating students for the London International Youth Science Forum.
- There are [March for Sustainability](#) events scheduled until the end of the month.
- A Masters of Biotechnology and Sustainability is in development.
- Agriculture has welcomed new faculty and new programs this year, including [One Health](#).

9. Information Items

9.1. Course & Program Approvals from Curriculum Committee

- EDUC 480 Designs for Teaching French as a Second Language (FSL) – Minor Revisions
- MLA 09 Practicum – Minor Revisions
- TESL 433 Second Language Education Practicum – 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 from the College of Arts
 - Representative from the Faculty of Business and Computing

9.3. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- [Jackie Hogan's Retirement Reception](#) – March 20
- [Student Research Day](#) – April 1
- Good Friday – Campus Closed – April 3
- Easter Monday – Campus Closed – April 6
- Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair – Call for Judges – April 9
- Undergraduate Research Excellence Awards – Nomination Deadline April 24
- 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. [Policy Revisions](#)

- Final Grade Appeals (217) – Approved

9.5. Useful Links

- [Campus Closure/Severe Weather Notices](#)
- [Campus Construction Notices](#)
- [UEC](#) and [GSC](#) Resources
- [UFV News](#)
- [Homewood Health \(Employee and Family Assistance Program\) Information](#)

9.6. The next Faculty Council Meeting is April 17, 2026. Agenda deadline is April 2. Send submissions to FECHD.Committees@ufv.ca.