

MINUTES
Education, Community, & Human Development Faculty Council
Friday, April 17, 2026
9:00 AM, Conducted Electronically

Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Christine Nehring

Present:

Allyson Jule	Carolyn MacLaren	Helen Butner	Mark Littlefield
Amanda Spooner	Catherine McLean	Inaam Charaf	Natasha Marriette
Andrea Sator	Colleen Bell*	Judy Larsen	Raji Balagopal
Beth Watters	Crystal Sylvester	Kari Gustafson	Rita Dhungel
Beverly Jones	Curtis Magnuson	Kelly Guiaya	Sameena Karim Jamal
Bobby Jaswal	Darrell Fox	Leah Douglas	Smitty Miller
Brianna Strumm	Gena Hamilton	Lisa Moy	Stefania Pizzirani*
Candice McPherson*	Greg St. Hilaire	Lynn Kleinveldt	Thais Amorim
Carol Suhr*	Hannah Sanvido	Mark Friesen	

Regrets:

Allison Kilgannon	Evan Taylor	Kim Daley*	Sharnelle Matthew
Amea Wilbur	Gunita Gupta	Kirsten Hargreaves	Sheryl MacMath
Amrit Cojocar	Heather Compeau	Kristina Kopp	Tannaz Zargarian
Carmen Herman*	James Mandigo	Monique Goerzen	Tim Dueck
Chuck Charles*	Jas Uppal	Nikki Yee	Tracy Ryder Glass*
David Johnston*	Jeff Wood*	RoseAnne Timbrell	Vandy Britton
Declan Roshea*	Jenn Van der Gulik*	Rosey Singh	
Elizabeth McWilliams	Joanne Robertson	Sarine Sadhra	
Hewitt*	Jonathan Ferris	Shameela Zaman*	

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. Presentations

2.1. Launch Graduate Presentations – Amanda Spooner, Kari Gustafson, & Smitty Miller

3. Items for Adoption

3.1. Agenda – April 17, 2026

MOTION:

That the agenda of April 17, 2026 be approved as presented.
Christine Nehring / Leah Douglas
CARRIED.

3.2. Minutes – March 20, 2026

MOTION:

That the minutes of March 20, 2026 be approved as presented.
Christine Nehring / Helen Butner
CARRIED.

4. FECHD News

4.1. Dean's News

- Further details regarding workload reductions and layoff details are still to be finalized.
- This is Crystal Sylvester's last ECHDFC meeting as she is leaving UFV for another opportunity. It is also Lynn Kleinveldt's last meeting before she leaves UFV.
- FECHD [Convocation](#) will be held during Ceremony 5 on the morning of June 11.
- The June 12 ECHDFC meeting will be in-person and extended to include a potluck lunch.
- TASK was congratulated for a well-done celebration held on April 16.
- BEd students are halfway through their long practicum.
- ECE is having a retreat this week.
- The most recent Dean's Council included a discussion on new ways to manage waitlists.
- Kirsten Hargreaves is the CYFS Program Chair.
- Christine Nehring was the successful candidate for the SAILL Director position. Congratulations were given.

4.2. Associate Dean's News

- Some exams have been moved to J building. If your exam has been moved, please ensure your students are aware.
- The deadline for the Undergraduate Research Excellence Awards is April 24.
- Thanks and congratulations were given to students who participated in Student Research Day.
- Faculty were reminded that final grades are due 4 days after the last exam. If submitting an I grade, ensure that a contract has been made with the student.
- The deadline for Dean's Teaching Award nominations is May 29. Anyone in FECHD can submit a nomination, including students.

4.3. Department and School News

- Written reports were included in the agenda package.

5. For Decision

5.1. ADED 422 Wellbeing and Lifelong Learning – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to ADED 422 Wellbeing and Lifelong Learning be approved as presented.

Curtis Magnuson / Sameena Karim Jamal
CARRIED.

5.2. EDUC 451 Leading and Mentoring in Multilingual K-12 Schools – New Course – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the new course EDUC 451 Leading and Mentoring in Multilingual K-12 Schools be approved as presented.

Curtis Magnuson / Smitty Miller
CARRIED.

5.3. HSER 120 Interpersonal Communications for Human Services – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to HSER 120 Interpersonal Communications for Human Services be approved as presented.

Curtis Magnuson / Carolyn MacLaren
CARRIED.

5.4. HSER 130 Social Service Worker Practicum I – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to HSER 130 Social Service Worker Practicum I be approved as presented.

Curtis Magnuson / Carolyn MacLaren
CARRIED.

5.5. HSER 230 Social Service Worker Practicum II – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to HSER 230 Social Service Worker Practicum II be approved as presented.

Curtis Magnuson / Beth Watters
CARRIED.

**5.6. SOWK 225 Human Development and Social Work – Major Revisions –
*Curtis Magnuson***

MOTION:

That the major revisions to SOWK 225 Human Development and Social Work be approved as presented.

Curtis Magnuson / Beth Watters

CARRIED.

**5.7. SOWK 283 Introduction to Social Work Practice with Families – Major Revisions –
*Curtis Magnuson***

MOTION:

That the major revisions to SOWK 283 Introduction to Social Work Practice with Families be approved as presented.

Curtis Magnuson / Smitty Miller

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*

- New members are welcome. Those interested in joining may contact Inaam.Charaf@ufv.ca.

7.3. Indigenization Committee

- No update to report.

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) – *Rita Dhungel*

- No update to report.

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

- The deadline to register for [ConnectEd](#) is April 22.

8.5. Field Placement Committee – Lynn Kleinveldt & Christine Nehring

- The Committee has been discussing the new agreement signing process. Concerns and questions have been sent to Legal. Christine Nehring and Tamara Courage also have a meeting with Stephen Gaspar next week.

8.6. Representative Reports

8.6.1. Advising – *Bobby Jaswal*

- No update to report.

8.6.2. Library – *Colleen Bell*

- Library ordering will begin soon. Send requests to your Library Representative.
- Colleen shared that she is retiring on May 31 and enjoyed working with those in FECHD these past years.

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 – *Sarine Sadhra, Declan Roshea, & Stefania Pizzirani*

- No update to report.

9. Faculty Connections

Share stories of your first year at UFV.

Feel free to add your highlights, words of wisdom, and/or supportive comments in the [Padlet](#).

10. Information Items

10.1. Course & Program Approvals from Curriculum Committee

- **ADED 435 Facilitating Adult Learning – Minor Revisions**

- 10.2. 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
- 10.3. Upcoming Events/Important Dates**
- [ConnectEd](#) – April 29
 - [Building Reconciliation Through History: A speaker series with Dr. Keith Thor Carlson](#) – May 5, 7, 12, and 14
 - FECHD [Convocation](#) – Ceremony 5 on June 11
 - Save Time in Your Calendar – June 12 ECHDFC extended to 9-12:30 for Beyond Blanket exercise and potluck lunch
 - 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.
- 10.4. 2026-27 FECHD Meeting Schedule – Please place holds in your calendar. Outlook invitations will not be sent until the membership list is finalized in August or September.**
- 10.5. Useful Links**
- [Campus Closure/Severe Weather Notices](#)
 - [Campus Construction Notices](#)
 - [UEC](#) and [GSC](#) Resources
 - [UFV News](#)
 - [Homewood Health \(Employee and Family Assistance Program\) Information](#)
- 10.6. The next Faculty Council Meeting is May 15, 2026. Agenda deadline is April 30. Send submissions to FECHD.Committees@ufv.ca.**