

MINUTES
Education, Community, & Human Development Faculty Council
Friday, May 15, 2026
9:00 AM, Conducted Electronically

Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Christine Nehring

Present:

Allyson Jule
Amanda Spooner
Amea Wilbur
Amrit Cojocar
Andrea Sator
Beth Watters
Beverly Jones
Bobby Jaswal
Brianna Strumm
Candice McPherson*

Carmen Herman*
Carol Suhr*
Colleen Bell*
Curtis Magnuson
Darrell Fox
Declan Roshea*
Gena Hamilton
Greg St. Hilaire
Hannah Sanvido
Helen Butner

Inaam Charaf
Jas Uppal
Judy Larsen
Kari Gustafson
Kelly Guiaya
Kirsten Hargreaves
Kristina Kopp
Lisa Moy
Mark Friesen
Mark Littlefield

Natasha Marriette
Raji Balagopal
Rita Dhungel
Sameena Karim
Jamal
Sarine Sadhra
Sharnelle Matthew
Tannaz Zargarian
Thais Amorim

Regrets:

Allison Kilgannon
Carolyn MacLaren
Catherine McLean
Chuck Charles*
David Johnston*
Elizabeth McWilliams
Hewitt*

Evan Taylor
Gunita Gupta
Heather Compeau
James Mandigo
Jeff Wood*
Jenn Van der Gulik*
Joanne Robertson

Jonathan Ferris
Kim Daley*
Leah Douglas
Monique Goerzen
Nikki Yee
RoseAnne Timbrell
Rosey Singh

Shameela Zaman*
Sheryl MacMath
Smitty Miller
Stefania Pizzirani*
Tim Dueck
Tracy Ryder Glass*
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. Presentations

2.1. Liana Thompson, Executive Director, Student Academic Affairs

2.2. Launch Graduate Presentations – Hannah Sanvido and Sarine Sadhra

3. Items for Adoption

3.1. Agenda – May 15, 2026

MOTION:

That the agenda of May 15, 2026 be approved as presented.
Christine Nehring / Beth Watters
CARRIED.

3.2. Minutes – April 17, 2026

MOTION:

That the minutes of April 17, 2026 be approved as presented.
Christine Nehring / Kirsten Hargreaves
CARRIED.

4. FECHD News

4.1. Dean's News

- Nominations for the Dean's Teaching Award are due at the end of May. The winner will be announced at the June 12 ECHDFC meeting.
- Allyson is currently reviewing year 1 and 2 IPEC files.
- Allyson will be attending Congress in Winnipeg June 1-3.

4.2. Associate Dean's News

- Many faculty members are in the midst of professional development activities.
- Although sabbatical and ROSA applications are not due until the Fall, faculty may reach out to Lisa at any time for assistance.
- The Teaching and Learning Centre is hosting a course redesign intensive and a [Celebrate Learning](#) event soon. Hannah Sanvido and Smitty Miller are among the Celebrate Learning presenters.

4.3. Department and School News

- Written reports were included in the agenda package.

5. For Decision

5.1. HSER 140 Introduction to Indigenous-Centred Human Services – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to HSER 140 Introduction to Indigenous-Centred Human Services be approved as presented.
Curtis Magnuson / Beth Watters
CARRIED.

5.2. HSER 200 Interview and Assessment Skills for Human Services – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to HSER 200 Interview and Assessment Skills for Human Services be approved as presented.

Curtis Magnuson / Helen Butner
CARRIED.

5.3. SOWK 297 Introduction to Mental Health and Substance Use – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to SOWK 297 Introduction to Mental Health and Substance Use be approved as presented.

Curtis Magnuson / Kirsten Hargreaves
CARRIED.

5.4. University Foundation Certificate – Major Revisions – *Curtis Magnuson*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to the University Foundation Certificate be approved as presented.

Curtis Magnuson / Kari Gustafson
CARRIED.

6. For Discussion

6.1. BA CYC Intake Suspension and Course Substitutions – *Allyson Jule*

- A memo and course substitution plan was included in the agenda to share how current BA CYC students will be able to complete their program during the intake suspension.

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*

- No update to report.

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*

- [ROMEO](#), UFV's research administration tool is being replaced with Endpoint. More information and training will be available in the future.
- The [Scholarship of Teaching and Learning](#) (SOTL) movement has been discussed at recent meetings.

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

- No update to report.

8.5. Field Placement Committee – *Christine Nehring*

- Kelly Guiaya has volunteered to be the new FPC representative.

8.6. Representative Reports

8.6.1. Advising – *Bobby Jaswal*

- No update to report.

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*

- A written report was included in the agenda package.

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

- FBC is looking for new opportunities for collaboration with Malaysia and China.

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*

- BIO 105, which is popular for TEP students in the Science stream, will no longer be accepted as a lab entrance requirement starting in Fall 2026.

9. Faculty Connections

How will you be spending your Summer? Are you teaching, planning a vacation, doing research, relaxing, gardening, etc.? Write them in the [Padlet](#).

10. Information Items

10.1. 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

10.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- June 12 ECHDFC extended to 9-12:30 for Beyond Blanket exercise and potluck lunch – RSVP [online](#)
- Victoria Day – Campus Closed – May 18
- [Celebrate Learning: Teaching with Boundaries](#) – May 21
- Workshop Series: AI for Teaching, Learning, and Research with Sameena Karim Jamal – Session 5 Leveling the Playing Field: AI for Accessibility, Inclusion, and Comprehension – May 22 from 11 am - 12 pm on Zoom. Register [online](#).
- Convocation – [Register for the Platform Party](#) by May 22. FECHD Convocation is Ceremony 5 on June 11.
- Faculty Vacation Period – June 25 to August 21
- 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.

10.3. 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.

10.4. [Policy Revisions](#)

- [Student Academic \(70\)](#) – Feedback Due June 5
- Cash Handling (251) – Approved
- Microcredentials (245) – Approved

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 June 12, 2026 and extended to 9-12:30. Agenda deadline is May 28. Send submissions to FECHD.Committees@ufv.ca.