



MINUTES
Professional Studies Faculty Council
Friday, September 18, 2020
9:00 AM, Conducted Electronically

Chair of the Faculty of Professional Studies: Tracy Ryder Glass

Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Cyrus Chaichian

Present:

Allison Kilgannon*	Christine Slavik	Kelly Guiaya	Nipuni Jayetileke
Amanda LaVallee	Cindy Rammage	Kim Milnes	Rilla Apostolakis
Amea Wilbur	Colleen Bell*	Lisa Moy	Saeed Rahman
Awneet Sivia	Curtis Magnuson	Margaret Coombes	Sheryl MacMath
Barbara Salingré	David Dobson	Mariano Mapili*	Talia Q
Brianna Strumm	Evan Taylor	Mark Littlefield	Tamika Schilbe
Carl Janzen	Heather Compeau*	Mary Saudelli	Vandy Britton
Chris Campbell	Karen Power*	Masud Khawaja	
Christina Neigel	Karun Karki	Monique Goerzen	

Regrets/Absent:

Al Wiseman*	Harleen Kaur*	Leon Pan	Raymond Leung
Amir Amintabar*	James Mandigo*	Liz Wiebe	Razi Iqbal*
Amir Hajbaba	Jeff Wood*	Lorne MacKenzie	Reza Dibaj*
Amir Shabani	Jelena Brcic	Luciana Hakak	Robert Harding
Cindy Stewart	Jillene Marlowe	Malaka Walpola*	Ron Zitron
Colleen Gingerich	Joanne MacLean	Mandeep Pannu	RoseAnne Timbrell
Darrell Fox	John Hogg	Maple Melder-Crozier	Sandy Hill
David Johnston*	Jon Thomas	Mark Breedveld	Sarah Kinsley*
Deirdre DeGagne	Karen Cooper	Maryam Siahbani	Seonaigh MacPherson
Edward Lo	Karen Sharkey	Mike Ivanof	Sha Liao
Fiona McQuarrie	Keith Lownie	Mostafa Pruhmehdi*	Shannon Draney
Frank Zhang	Kenneth Gariepy	Opeyemi Adesina	Simon Luke
Gabriel Murray	Kevin deWolde	Patrick Storey*	Sophie Farmani*
Georg Melzer	Kirsten Robertson	Paul Kroeker	Suzan Beattie
Gerry Gannon	Laura Crawford*	Prachee Sehgal*	
Gerry Palmer	Leah Douglas	Quan Cheng	

Recorder: Angie Reid*

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Agenda and Minutes

2.1. Agenda – September 18, 2020

MOTION:

That the agenda of September 18, 2020 be approved as presented.
Cyrus Chaichian / Tracy Ryder Glass
CARRIED.

2.2. Minutes – June 5, 2020

MOTION:

That the minutes of June 5, 2020 be approved as presented.
Cyrus Chaichian / Tracy Ryder Glass
CARRIED.

3. FPS News

3.1. Department and School News

- Updated FPS News reports are included as an attachment.

3.2. Associate Dean's News

- The report was included in the agenda package.

4. For Decision

5. For Discussion

5.1. Rank and Tenure – Standing Item – *Tracy Ryder Glass*

- The information was included in the agenda package.

5.2. COVID-19 Update– *Tracy Ryder Glass*

- The information was included in the agenda package.

5.3. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Message on Blackboard Course Page – *Tracy Ryder Glass*

- The information was included in the agenda package.

5.4. Indigenization Committee Blackboard Site – *Sheryl MacMath*

- A demonstration of the Indigenization Blackboard site was given.
- All faculty have been granted access to the site. If it does not appear on a faculty member's course list, they should contact Sheryl.MacMath@ufv.ca.

6. Reports

6.1. FPS Curriculum Committee

- No update to report.

6.2. Indigenization Committee – *Sheryl MacMath*

- The report was included in the agenda package.

6.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Cindy Stewart*

- No update to report.

6.4. Faculty/College Council Reports

7.5.1. Faculty of Access and Continuing Education

- No representative.

7.5.2. Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies – Sandy Hill

- No update to report.

7.5.3. College of Arts

- No representative.

7.5.4. Faculty of Health Sciences – Colleen Gingerich

- No update to report.

7.5.5. Faculty of Science – Frank Zhang

- No update to report.

6.5. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- No update to report.

6.6. Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee Report – *Mary Saudelli*

- No update to report.

6.7. Race Antiracism Network Report – *Awneet Sivia & Vandy Britton*

- No update to report.

6.8. Field Placement Committee – *Monique Goerzen*

- The report was included in the agenda package.

6.9. Dean's Report – *Tracy Ryder Glass*

- The group was thanked for their work preparing for the remote Fall semester.
- Tracy is circulating weekly updates to Department Heads and Directors highlighting important information and changes. All members are encouraged to carefully read circulated information from their department, UFV Info, the President's Office, and other areas since COVID-19 has caused many things to move and change quickly.

7. Information Items

7.1. Course & Program Approvals from FPS Curriculum Committee

- **SOWK 720 Critical Perspectives on Social Justice and Anti-Oppressive Social Work – Minor Revisions**

7.2. PSFC Vacancies

- Professional Studies Faculty Council and its subcommittees have the following vacancies:
 - 2 student representatives – please communicate this opportunity to your students.
 - 1 member of Senate.
 - Representative from FPS to the Faculty of Access and Continuing Education
 - Representative from FPS to the College of Arts
- The Faculty of Professional Studies Curriculum Committee has the following vacancies:
 - Alternate Representative for Information Studies
 - Alternate representative for the School of Social Work and Human Services
- Members interested in any of these vacancies should contact FPS.Committees@ufv.ca.

7.3. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- A variety of digital pedagogy and teaching strategies workshops are being hosted by the [Teaching & Learning Centre](#)
- Records Management Workshops for Faculty

7.4. Library Report – *Colleen Bell*

7.5. [Policy Revisions Approved by Senate](#)

- Revisions to the Approval of Graduands (20) policy
- Revisions to the Grade Reporting (109) policy
- Revisions to the Prerequisites and Co-Requisites (84) policy

7.6. The next Faculty Council Meeting is October 16, 2020. Agenda deadline is October 1. Send submissions to FPS.Committees@ufv.ca.

FPS News Update

Department of Adult Education – Chris Campbell

1. Sarah Kinsley – New LTA (Adult Education and Mindfulness-Based Teaching and Learning)
We would like to welcome Sarah Kinsley as an LTA in the Department of Adult Education to replace Dr. Seonaigh MacPherson, who is currently on sabbatical. Sarah is teaching in the Mindfulness-Based Teaching and Learning Graduate Certificate and the BA ADED programs in the 2020/2021 academic year. Sarah holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Indigenous Studies from Trent University and has had the privilege to study and train with Indigenous Elders and Traditional Indigenous Knowledge holders in the field of healing. She is a Registered Clinical Counsellor (RCC) with the B.C. Association of Clinical Counsellors and provides counselling services for First Nations Health Authority. She holds a Bachelor of Education from Queen’s University and a Master of Education in Counselling from the University of Victoria. Sarah is a Somatic Experiencing® Practitioner (SETM) certified through the Somatic Experiencing® Trauma Institute. Sarah also has extensive training in Mindfulness-Based Interventions (MBIs) including Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT). She has completed the MBCT Facilitation Certificate and the Advanced Teacher Training Intensive at the Centre for Mindfulness Studies in Toronto. Sarah has offered MBCT courses at the Centre for Mindfulness Studies and various locations in Victoria.

2. Launch of the Minor in Adult Education – Fall 2020
The minor in Adult Education has been launched! The goal of an Adult Education minor is to offer students from other majors (e.g., Arts, Integrated Studies, Computer Information Systems, Kinesiology) a suite of knowledge and skills (curriculum, instructional design, teaching, assessment) to engage and empower learners in the formal, informal, and non-formal learning and working spaces within their own disciplines. The Adult Education minor adds significant value to students in other majors. For example, it would provide a strong base for a CIS student to take on mentoring roles in an evolving knowledge-intensive industry; a BA (Criminal Justice) grad to plan and implement training; an Environmental Studies student to engage in community education; and a Kinesiology student in blending teaching and assessment effectively in their work in physical education. Please encourage your students in other schools and departments of FPS to consider a minor in Adult Education!

3. The ADED Hub / First ADED Student Orientation
The ADED Hub and the first ADED student orientations were launched this fall. The ADED Hub is a new whole program course shell aimed at improving the ADED student experience by:
 - Introducing students to the Adult Education
 - Supporting students in navigating UFV/UFV ADED from an admin/institutional viewpoint
 - Building ADED community
 - Supporting students in functioning effectively online in ADED courses
 - Supporting students in functioning effectively academically in ADED courses
 - Providing a public platform for students to feature parts of their coursework through online blogs, discussion forums, curated content, etc.
 - Keeping students up-to-date with news items relating to their academic work and careers
 - Providing a location for students to archive their work across courses in one place to facilitate building a portfolio

The ADED Hub weaves curated/available and ADED-created content into three modules (1: How to Use Blackboard, 2: How to learn online effectively, 3: How to succeed academically) which are

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badged and lead to the ADED Online Learning Certificate and other support/content areas (e.g., Beyond “How to”: Student Support@UFV). The ADED student orientations in early September were highly successful and feedback from students completing the modules has been very positive. The ADED Hub will continue to evolve - based on stakeholder feedback – into a whole-program resource for ADED students.

4. Dr. Amea Wilbur: Research Project/Paper: Education in the age of Covid-19
The societal lockdown imposed in Canada in March 2020 to stem the spread of COVID-19 severed key points of digital connection for the 36% of low income Canadians who rely upon schools, libraries, and even fast food chains for Internet connectivity. This has had dire implications for timely access to vital information and resources, revealing the extent to which lives and livelihoods are tethered to digital technologies.
In this research, Dr. Suzanne Smythe (SFU), Dr. Amea Wilbur (UFV) and Emily Hunter (Community Researcher) interviewed 27 educators working on the ‘front lines’ of the pandemic in British Columbia to learn how digital inequalities play out among the low-income, newcomer communities with whom they work, and also how these educators and communities are responding through the invention of new pedagogies and new strategies. The researchers have presented their research findings at CASAE, and the UBC Migration Podcast. They will also be presenting for AMSSA (October 6th, 2020) and have an article under review for the International Review of Education (IRE) on “Education in the age of Covid-19”.

School of Business – Carl Janzen

1. New Members:
 - LTA – Mostafa Purmehdi, PhD
 - LTA – Prachee Sehgal, PhD
 - Assistant to Director – Sha Scholtens
 - Advisor – Gena Hamilton (Secondment coverage)
2. Promotion: Sha Liao, PhD has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor
3. New Program: International Business Major/Minor was approved by the province
 - Next step is moving to implementation.
 - Congratulations to the working group, and to the chair, Kevin DeWolde.
4. Online Exam Task Force: Carl Janzen was appointed to serve on the online exam task force, and requests input from all areas around the concerns around online exams and assessments for all areas, to share with the committee.
5. Faculty Creation: The School of Business continues to move forward with faculty creation, and will be setting up a new MS Team for this purpose. Initial plans were to refer to the group as “Faculty of Business and Computing – consultation”. However, we want to be respectful and use a less presumptive name for the time being, given that CIS is also exploring other options. The Dean of Science recently presented at a CIS department meeting around the benefits of membership in the Faculty of Science. Although we welcome continued collaboration and participation towards

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development of a new Faculty that may include CIS, it is our continuing wish that CIS make the most beneficial decision for their very bright future.

Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies – Christine Slavik

1. The labyrinth has been constructed and a new contemplative bench positioned beside it (located next to F building and the library). Boxwood and lavender plants will provide the final touches along the perimeter of the labyrinth and a plaque is being constructed on how to walk the labyrinth.
2. There are now 4 new Certified Child Life Specialists in the world! The 4 students who completed internships as part of the Grad Certificate in Child Life and Community Health this past academic year recently wrote and passed the certification exam by the Association of Child Life Professionals. Two of the students have found jobs already, one at Surrey Memorial Hospital as a Child Life Specialist in the Emergency Room and the other at Winnipeg Children's Hospital as a Child Behavioural Specialist at the Child Protection Centre. A 5th student will be writing the exam soon and three more students will be completing their internship hours this year. We have 16 new applicants being reviewed for 12 seats for the second cohort to begin in January 2021.
3. The CYC program as part of the CYFS department is applying to begin the accreditation process through the Child and Youth Care Educational Accreditation Board of Canada this September. We will be conducting a self-review and laying the groundwork for data collection over the coming months.

Department of Computer Information Systems – Talia Q

1. CIS has four new LTA's:
Dr. Amir Amintabar
Dr. Reza Bibaj
Dr. Razi Iqbal
Dr. Nimalka Wathupola

School of Social Work & Human Services – Margaret Coombes

1. This summer, the School of Social Work and Human Services submitted our UFV Human Services Program Review Self-Study. The Program Review's site visits are scheduled through November 2- 5, 2020, and are remote sessions due to the pandemic.
2. Also, the School is currently in the process of submitting to the Dean of Faculty Professional Studies and the President of the University our CASWE Accreditation BSW and MSW Self-Study. It is due to our accrediting body by November 1, 2020. In 2019, the Committee of Accreditation (COA) formally approved the synchronization of the two-degree programs. The Site visit will occur in early 2021 though the dates have yet to be determined due to pandemic.
3. The School has several new members of our team. Catherine (Cathi) McLean is the new Committee Assistant who started at the end of August. Cathi was the sole manager of a library at Mountain and Kent Institution. She has experience managing many databases (Banner, FAST, Excel) and brings such skills as meeting management and information services. Her professional career began in post-secondary institutions at Canada College, New Castle College, and Simon Fraser University, so she is

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comfortable in an academic setting. Cathi has been with UFV since 2017, working in multiple departments and was fulltime at the Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies since 2019. Trades taught Cathi a little about welding, so we hope to teach her a little about human services and social work.

4. Also, I am grateful to announce that Jeffrey (Jeff) Wood and Patrick Storey are back for another year. Jeff has been a sessional with us since 2013 and is a skilled clinician with experience in the health care system. He has worked as a social worker in various settings, hospitals, home healthcare, and geriatric mental health services. His passion is geriatrics. We have come to rely on his specialization in older adults and his Dig Deep attitude. Patrick has served in many professional capacities as a clinician, supervisor, instructor, team leader, and manager. He has provided prevention, transition and trauma services, and psychological first aid to individuals, families, and first responders. After many years with the Parole Board of Canada as a Regional Manager of Communications and Training, his depth of knowledge of the criminal justice system is an asset to the School. Jeff and Patrick are inspiring colleagues who do more than their share of the work of the School, so again we are delighted they have returned.

5. I am also pleased to announce the two new permanent Faculty, Dr. Karki Karun and Dr. Evan Taylor. Dr. Karki is coming to us from the School of Social Work at Memorial University, Newfoundland. As a Ph.D. graduate of the Faculty of Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University, his dissertation was titled: The deskilling experiences of skilled minoritized immigrants in the Canadian labour market: A study in third-tier cities in Southern Ontario. He holds a Master of Social Work (MSW) from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL, USA. He also received a Master of Arts in Sociology (MA) and a Master of Arts in English Literature (MA) from Tri-Chandra College, Tribhuvan University, Nepal. Dr. Karki's teaching experiences span across numerous countries, including Nepal, China, Hong Kong, Macao, USA and Canada. He has provided clinical services to individuals, couples, and families at the Caritas Family Solutions Foster Care, the Clinical Center in Southern Illinois University, KW, and at the Counselling Services and Gaia House Interfaith Center in Kitchener, Ontario. Earlier in his career in Nepal, for two years, he was the Assistant to Regional Field Coordinator at the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), and for one year was working as a Community Service Worker with the Nepal Red Cross Society. Dr. Karki is a multilingual speaker with extensive publications whose referees describe him as a writer who is a compassionate truth seeker and whose papers are brilliant and insightful. Dr. Karki comes from away and has much to offer the School of Social Work and Human Services. Dr. Taylor comes to UFV from the University of Victoria (UVIC). Dr. Taylor was an instructor for several years and was awarded a Post-Doctoral Fellow in Trans Oral History at UVIC. In 2019, Dr. Taylor's received their Ph.D. at the University of British Columbia (UBC), where they had also completed a Master of Social Work and a Bachelor of Social Work. Their dissertation was part of a larger collaborative project addressing the intersections of cancer, sexual and gender marginality, knowledge access and mobilization, the organization of health care, and support networks. For five years, Dr. Taylor taught as a Sessional Instructor at UBC in the Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality, & Social Justice, and the Critical Studies in Sexuality, Sociology & Family Studies, as well as the Faculty of Education. The students and colleagues described Dr. Taylor as an engaging and charismatic teacher who was active in School initiatives and projects. As a Registered Social Worker for six years, Dr. Taylor served individuals with complex concurrent disorders of mental health, in outpatient and residential treatment centers, and

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provided harm reduction services to street-involved and homeless populations in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Dr. Taylor will be a collegial addition to our team based on their knowledge, teaching experience, and community practice.

Teacher Education Department – Vandy Britton

1. Master of Education – the fourth course of the MEd occurred in July. It was an intensive class – Monday-Friday, 9-3 for 4 weeks. Students were disappointed that it could not be taught face to face as they had specifically chosen our MEd program over others available in the Fraser Valley because it was cohort-based and not taught through a virtual platform. However, they ended up being quite pleased with the course, and their instructor, Awneet Sivia.
2. Bachelor of Education – we began the 14th iteration of the Teacher Education program on August 17th in a virtual format. The HOURS of work that were put into making this as seamless as possible seemed to be effective. Thanks to Christina Nehring and Chris Campbell for their support with developing our BEd Organizational Shell in Blackboard. And thank you to Tracy (and her son) for the welcome video.
3. We are very sad to say good bye to Dr. Sara Davidson. She has accepted a position at SFU, leaving a large hole in our department.
4. We are hosting a virtual panel for our BEd students entitled, “Anti-racism in/and Education” on Wednesday, September 23rd, with guests from our partner school districts, including Dr. Kevin Godden (Abbotsford Superintendent), Balan Moorthy (Fraser-Cascade Superintendent), Jennifer Ofeimu (Abbotsford teacher/MEd candidate/TEP alumni), Tsandlia VanRy (recent grad and FPS convocation speaker), Nerlap Sidhu (Abbotsford teacher), and Paula Gosal (Chilliwack principal).
5. Finally, Awneet Sivia was a guest blogger for the President’s blog in honour of International World Literacy Day on September 8, 2020. Check it out here: <https://blogs.ufv.ca/president/>