



MINUTES
Professional Studies Faculty Council
Friday, April 9, 2021
9:00 AM, Conducted Electronically

Chair of the Faculty of Professional Studies: Tracy Ryder Glass

Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Cyrus Chaichian

Present:

Amanda LaVallee	Colleen Bell*	Kenneth Gariepy	Nipuni Jayetileke
Awneet Sivia	Colleen Gingerich	Kim Milnes	Prachee Sehgal*
Barbara Salingré	David Dobson	Lisa Moy	Quan Cheng
Brianna Strumm	Evan Taylor	Mandeep Pannu	Rilla Apostolakis
Carl Janzen	Frank Zhang	Margaret Coombes	Saeed Rahman
Chris Campbell	Georg Melzer	Mark Littlefield	Sandy Hill
Chris Schinckus	Joanne Robertson	Mary Saudelli	Suzan Beattie
Christine Slavik	Karen Power*	Maryam Siahbani	Tamika Schilbe
Cindy Rammage	Karen Sharkey	Masud Khawaja	Vandy Britton
Cindy Stewart	Kelly Guiaya	Mostafa Pruhmehdi*	

Regrets/Absent:

Al Wiseman*	Gerry Palmer	Leah Douglas	Razi Iqbal*
Allison Kilgannon*	Harleen Kaur*	Leon Pan	Reza Dibaj*
Amea Wilbur	Heather Compeau*	Liz Wiebe	Robert Harding
Amir Amintabar*	James Mandigo*	Lorne MacKenzie	Ron Zitron
Amir Hajbaba	Jeff Wood*	Luciana Hakak	RoseAnne Timbrell
Amir Shabani	Jelena Brcic	Malaka Walpola*	Sarah Kinsley*
Christina Neigel	Jillene Marlowe	Maple Melder-Crozier	Seonaigh MacPherson
Curtis Magnuson	Joanne MacLean	Mariano Mapili*	Sha Liao
Darrell Fox	Jon Thomas	Mark Breedveld	Shannon Draney
David Johnston*	Karen Cooper	Mike Ivanof	Sheryl MacMath
Deirdre DeGagne	Karun Karki	Monique Goerzen	Simon Luke
Edward Lo	Keith Lownie	Opeyemi Adesina	Sophie Farmani*
Fiona McQuarrie	Kevin deWolde	Patrick Storey*	Talia Q
Gabriel Murray	Kirsten Robertson	Paul Kroeker	
Gerry Gannon	Laura Crawford*	Raymond Leung	

Recorder: Angie Reid*

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Agenda and Minutes

2.1. Agenda – April 9, 2021

MOTION:

That the agenda of April 9, 2021 be approved as presented.
Cyrus Chaichian / Tracy Ryder Glass
CARRIED.

2.2. Minutes – March 12, 2021

MOTION:

That the minutes of March 12, 2021 be approved as presented.
Cyrus Chaichian / Tracy Ryder Glass
CARRIED.

3. FPS News

3.1. Department and School News

- The report was included in the agenda package.
- Tracy Ryder Glass welcomed the following new hires:
 - Dr. Christophe Schinckus – Director of the School of Business
 - Amy Tucker – Department Assistant for the Faculty of Professional Studies and supporting Adult Education and Information Studies, a new permanent role
 - Sandrine Trichard – Practicum and Internship Coordinator in Child, Youth and Family Studies
 - Melissa Bukta – Department Assistant in Child, Youth and Family Studies

3.2. Associate Dean's News

- The report was included in the agenda package.

4. For Decision

4.1. Teaching English Language Learners K to 12 Post-Baccalaureate Certificate – Concept Paper – *Kenneth Gariepy*

MOTION:

To support further development of the Teaching English Language Learners K to 12 Post-Baccalaureate Certificate.
Kenneth Gariepy / Tracy Ryder Glass
CARRIED.

4.2. Early Childhood Education Diploma – Major Revisions – *Kenneth Gariepy*

MOTION:

That the major revisions to the Early Childhood Education Diploma be approved as presented.
Kenneth Gariepy / Tracy Ryder Glass
CARRIED.

**4.3. CIS 104, 124, 141, 160, 162, 180, 185, 262 – Block Discontinuation –
Kenneth Gariepy**

MOTION:

That the discontinuation of CIS 104, 124, 141, 160, 162, 180, 185, 262 be approved as presented.

Kenneth Gariepy / Tracy Ryder Glass

CARRIED.

5. For Discussion

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

- The deadline for expressions of interest for promotion has passed for this year.
- Maryam Siahbani has joined the Divisional Review Committee (DRC) for Business, Computing and Information Studies as a voting member. Talia Q has moved from this DRC to the University Review Committee.
- No applications were received for the DRC for Adult Education; Teacher Education; Child, Youth and Family Studies; and Social Work and Human Services. Those members who have agreed to a year extension on that DRC were thanked. The DRC will be seeking new membership this Fall and Winter.

5.2. Fall Planning Update – Tracy Ryder Glass

- The UFV Planning Principles for Return to On-Campus Academic Programming for Fall 2021 were distributed by the Provost's Office. As the start of the Guidelines share, "the Minister of advanced Education and skills Training released a public statement that based on the advice of Dr. Bonnie Henry in her letter to all Presidents ([posted on our website](#)), post secondary institutions in BC should be planning for a safe resumption of regular on-campus activities starting in the Fall of 2021...However, this does not mean that we should be returning to replicate exactly what we did in the Fall of 2019." The document goes on to share key themes of safety, access, flexibility, academic integrity, technical support, distributed leadership, and community relevant programming.
- Tracy highlighted that the choice of what and how to deliver Fall courses will fall to the program areas and Dean to determine what works best for the students, staff, and faculty in those areas. Tracy recognized that all departments and schools are actively planning the best method for their areas and, of course, a Plan B which might include pivoting to fully online.
- The next step in Fall planning is to enter course offerings into the DCU, UFV's course scheduling software. The Office of the Registrar will provide definitions of the non-traditional delivery methods like "hybrid" and "flex" as well as data-entry processes when the DCU opens.

- UFV is currently under a health authority directive to which we do not require medical documentation for an employee or student when sick. With this in place, the Attendance Policy is not followed. Should this directive not be in place, UFV and the Faculty of Professional Studies will have to consider how to accommodate those that are absent from class due to illness, whether it is COVID or not. All courses have a Blackboard shell which should be used to communicate with students what occurred in class so that they might independently get themselves caught up, similar to what has been happening in K-12 over the last school year. The Teaching and Learning Centre and Mary Saudelli are available to provide support with this.

6. Reports

6.1. FPS Curriculum Committee – *Kenneth Gariepy*

- No update to report.

6.2. Indigenization Committee – *Sheryl MacMath*

- No update to report.

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 to report.

7.5.2. Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies – *Sandy Hill*

- No update to report.

7.5.3. College of Arts

- No representative to report.

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*

- No update to report.

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

- Members were encouraged to review the information items noted in the agenda package, including the PSFC vacancies.
- Discussions are continuing to move forward around Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; the Integrated Strategic Plan; UFV PD Day; and ongoing renovations and remediation.
- Discussions are also continuing regarding the possibility of creating new Faculties out of the Faculty of Professional Studies.
- Members were reminded to ensure they are taking care of themselves and to reach out to the Dean's Office if they need assistance.

7. Information Items

7.1. Course & Program Approvals from FPS Curriculum Committee

- **SOWK 311 Social Work Theory and Ethics – 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 the School of Business**
 - **Alternate Representative for the Department of 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

- **[UFV Reads: So You Want to Talk About Race](#) – April 7 and 28, 2021**
- **[UFV PD Day](#) – April 27-29, 2021**
- **Undergraduate Research Excellence Awards – Nominations Due May 3, 2021**
- **Summer Classes Begin (Early and Full Sessions) – May 3, 2021**
- **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.

7.4. [Policy Revisions](#)

- Course Audit (108) – Feedback Due April 28, 2021

7.5. The next Faculty Council Meeting is May 7, 2021. Agenda deadline is April 22. Send submissions to FPS.Committees@ufv.ca.