

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, November 10, 2023
9:00 AM, Zoom

Chair of the Faculty of Business and Computing: Chris Schinckus
Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Cyrus Chaichian

Present:

Alana Dallaire
Amna Albayati*
Amir Hajbaba
Ashley Bolding
Chris Schinckus
Cindy Stewart
Colleen Bell*
Cynthia Lambert*
Cyrus Chaichian
David Dobson
David Harper*
David Thomson*
David Thomson*
Felicia Chong
Frank Zhang

Gerry Gannon
Ismail El Sayad
James Mandigo
Marla Fralick
Kevin Wainwright
Khyati Shetty
Kim Milnes
Kurt Siemens
Liz Wiebe
Mariana Toniolo Barrios
Marla Fralick
Masud Khawaja
Nipuni Jayetileke
Omer Waqar

Opeyemi Adesina
Parsa Rajabi
Raji Balagopal*
Rilla Apostolakis
Russell Campbell
Saeed Rahman
Sha Scholtens
Susan Brown
Tanya Vanpraseuth*
Yahya Rashid*
Ziaul Hossain

Regrets:

Karen Cooper
Kirsten Robertson

Mark Breedveld
Mike Ivanof

Quan Cheng
Simon Luke

Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

*** Indicates Non-Voting Member**

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

2. Presentations

2.1. UFV Updates from the Acting President – James Mandigo (Acting President and Vice-Chancellor, UFV)

- The Acting President shared updates on the university's and government's discussions on improving housing, quality education, and the verification system for letters of acceptance for international students.
- The Acting President acknowledged the important work the Faculty of Business and Computing is doing in internationalization and welcoming a high number of international students.
- Enrollment numbers for domestic and international students are projected to increase.
- There will be construction disruptions in 2024 on the Abbotsford campus. The university will work on building a new student housing building and renovating the dining hall.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – November 10, 2023

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of November 10, 2023 be approved as presented.

- Addition of 5.1 Motion: To approve the BUS 400 OCO updates as presented.

Cyrus Chaichian / Chris Schinckus
CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – October 13, 2023

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of October 13, 2023 be approved as presented.

Cyrus Chaichian / Chris Schinckus
CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- The School of Business will be submitting their budget request to the Dean's Office.
- The school will be welcoming a group of Indigenous high school students for experiential learning led by Enactus students and their faculty advisor.
- The HR Students Association collaborated with CPHR for an event. The Accounting Students Club hosted a successful networking event.
- A Business After Business Mixer event with the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce will be occurring soon.
- The school will be hosting External Advisory Board and Indigenous Advisory Board meetings soon.

4.2. School of Computing – *Carl Janzen*

- No updates to report.

4.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Kevin attended a conference in Montreal for Canadian business schools.
- Kevin met with various groups in the Marketing, Communications, and Office of the Registrar departments to discuss methods of improving connections with the school system.
- Opportunities for micro-credentials are currently in discussion.
- Methods to improve clarity in grade appeal policies are being discussed.
- There have been conversations about how to assist Post-Baccalaureate diploma students through any challenges.

5. For Decision

5.1. BUS 400 – OCO Updates Approval – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: To approve the BUS 400 OCO updates as presented.
Khyati Shetty / Chris Schinckus
CARRIED

6. For Discussion

6.1. Rank and Tenure – Standing Item – *Chris Schinckus*

- All processes for rank, tenure, and promotion are on track.
- Class evaluation processes are on track.
- All new B faculty members have interacted with IPEC committees.

6.2. COVID-19 Update – Standing Item – *Chris Schinckus*

- No new updates to report.

6.3. General Discussion – Student Success – *Cindy Stewart*

- A general discussion was held about student success. Cindy plans to discuss this item again at a future Faculty Council meeting.

7. Reports

7.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- Chris met with universities in Vietnam to discuss joint degrees and international co-op opportunities.
- Chris is meeting with Academ in Paris to discuss opportunities for integrating their software.
- A School of Business Indigenous Business Assistant Professor position was posted.
- Discussions for a Decolonization Committee and faculty level Indigenous Advisory Board are currently in progress.
- The development of the three School of Computing Post-Baccalaureate diplomas is on track and about to be accepted by the Vice Provost.
- The BBA Aviation extension item approval is currently in progress.
- The budget negotiation period is beginning soon. Discussions will be held with both schools.
- The School of Business EFMD accreditation process is currently in progress. Chris has interacted with EFMD representatives.

7.2. Learning Exchange Committee – *Kirsten Robertson*

- Cindy Stewart gave a report on behalf of the Learning Exchange Committee.

- There will be two Learning Exchange presentations at the December Faculty Council meeting. More details will be provided soon.
- Anyone that is interested in being a Learning Exchange speaker is encouraged to reach out to the committee.

7.3. Faculty/College Council Reports

7.3.1. Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies

- No representative for updates.

7.3.2. College of Arts

- No representative for updates.

7.3.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

- No representative for updates.

7.3.4. Faculty of Health Sciences

- No representative for updates.

7.3.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*

- No updates to report.

7.3.6. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development (Indigenization Committee) – *Saeed Rahman*

- No updates to report.

7.4. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- No updates to report.

8. Information Items – *Tanya Vanpraseuth*

8.1. BCFC Vacancies

- Business and Computing Faculty Council and its subcommittees have the following vacancies:
 - Representative from FBC to the Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies
- Members interested in any of these vacancies should contact FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.

8.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- November 13: Remembrance Day (UFV Closed)
- November 24: [Dean's Coffee Series](#)
- December 13: [Dean's Conversation Series](#)
- Faculty Excellence Award nominations are due on December 1. [Submit your nomination here.](#)
- The Open Education Micro Grant Program Call for Proposals is due on December 15 at 4 pm. [Read more and apply here.](#)
- A variety of digital pedagogy and teaching strategies workshops are being hosted by the [Teaching & Learning Centre](#).
- For upcoming events related to Inclusive Teaching & Indigenization, see UFV's [Teaching and Learning page](#).
- 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.

- 8.3. The next Faculty Council Meeting is December 8, 2023. Agenda deadline is November 23, 2023. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.

December's Faculty Council meeting will be hybrid, held on both Zoom and room AB A225. A Learning Exchange and Holiday Lunch will occur afterwards.