MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, December 8, 2023
9:00 AM, Zoom & AB A225

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

Present:

Alana Dallaire	Frank Zhang	Omer Waqar
Amir Shabani	Ismail El Sayad	Opeyemi Adesina
Ashley Bolding	Marla Fralick	Prachee Sehgal*
Carl Janzen	Julie Croft	Raji Balagopal*
Chris Schinckus	Kevin Wainwright	Rilla Apostolakis
Cindy Stewart	Khyati Shetty	Russell Campbell
Colleen Bell*	Kim Milnes	Saeed Rahman
Cyrus Chaichian	Kurt Siemens	Sha Scholtens
David Dobson	Luciana Hakak	Sophie Farmani*
David Harper*	Mandeep Pannu	Susan Brown
David Thomson*	Masud Khawaja	Tanya Vanpraseuth*
Felicia Chong	Nipuni Jayetileke	Ziaul Hossain

Regrets:

Gurneet Anand*	Leon Pan	Quan Cheng
James Mandigo	Lorne Mackenzie	Sergey Skobkarev
Karen Cooper	Mariana Toniolo Barrios	
Kirsten Robertson	Parsa Rajabi	

Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1.   Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

- Meeting called to order at 9:05 am.

2.   Presentations

2.1.   Supporting Research at UFV– *Garry Fehr (Associate Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies, UFV)*

3.   Agenda and Minutes

3.1.   Agenda – December 8, 2023

MOTION:
Motion: That the agenda of December 8, 2023 be approved as presented.
Chris Schinckus / Kevin Wainwright
CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – November 10, 2023

MOTION:
Motion: That the minutes of November 10, 2023 be approved as presented.
Chris Schinckus / Kevin Wainwright
CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- The school had a visit from Indigenous students.
- The Enactus students' classroom session received great feedback.
- The Business After Business Mixer was a success.
- The Sales Academy recently launched. Khyati thanked Nathan and Mark for their work.
- The CPHR networking event was a success. Khyati thanked the HR students and Masud for their work.
- An initiative for the school to collaborate with a university in Morocco is being discussed.
- Faculty have been inviting industry guests and Indigenous guests to speak during their classes.
- An improved strategy for longer class waitlists is being discussed.

4.2. School of Computing – *Carl Janzen*

- The school has been busy with preparation for the Winter 2024 semester. Discussions are being held for faculty ratios and high admission numbers.
- Hiring processes for faculty members are still ongoing.
- A competition was held for computing students.
- Amir Shabani was interviewed and published by Macleans magazine.
- There was a high waitlist for over 100 sections.

4.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Kevin has been connecting with business associations, business chambers, and non-business associations. Opportunities for workshops and partnerships were discussed.
- Opportunities for micro-credentials and associate certificates are in discussion.
- Discussions for revisions and improvements for student expectations, academic processes, and academic misconduct are currently in progress.
- Improvements for processes regarding the School of Business Post-Baccalaureate Diploma programs are in progress.

5.   For Discussion

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

- All processes for rank, tenure, promotion, and IPEC are on track.

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

- No new updates to report.

6.   Reports

6.1.   Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- Faculty members, staff, instructors, and Directors were thanked for their hard work during this busy period.
- Budget requirements from both schools have been submitted to the Provost's office.
- A successful Indigenous Advisory Board meeting was held in November. A suggestion to bring the Indigenous Advisory Board to the Faculty level was discussed and well received. A proposal for this initiative will be brought to a future Faculty Council meeting.
- A networking event to connect faculty members with the Indigenous Advisory Board and External Advisory Committees from both schools is currently being planned for next year.
- The creation of a Decolonization Committee that is meaningful to both schools is currently in progress.
- An Indigenous faculty position for the School of Business is currently open, with an anticipated start date of Fall 2024.
- Plans to work more with the Sumas First Nation have been discussed.
- The School of Business is working on an initiative focused on EDI (Equity, Diversion, and Inclusion). Initiatives at the faculty level focusing on EDI are currently in progress.
- Processes for the new School of Computing Post-Baccalaureate Diplomas are on track. More updates are to come. Ismail was thanked for his leadership.
- Faculty members were reminded to submit any necessary information to Saeed and Kurt for the EFMD accreditation process. Saeed and Kurt were thanked for their work.
- The working group of the computing Master's program will be reactivated in 2024.
- All processes for the BBA Agriculture program are on track. Important discussions were held for the program.
- The Faculty of Science plans to hire a faculty member in Agribusiness.
- Cyrus was thanked for his leadership as the Faculty Council's chair.

6.2.   Learning Exchange Committee – *Kirsten Robertson*

- No updates to report.

6.3. Faculty/College Council Reports

6.3.1. Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies
- No representative for updates.

6.3.2. College of Arts
- No representative for updates.

6.3.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development
- No representative for updates.

6.3.4. Faculty of Health Sciences
- No representative for updates.

6.3.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*
- No updates to report.

6.3.6. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development (Indigenization Committee) – *Saeed Rahman*
- No updates to report.

6.4. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- No updates to report.

7. Information Items – Tanya Vanpraseuth

7.1. 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.**

7.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates
- **December 13: Dean's Conversation Series**
- **Holiday Closure: UFV will close at 4:30 pm on Friday, December 22, 2023 and remain closed until we return in the new year on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.**
- **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.**

    7.3.   **Policy Revisions**
- [**Sustainability (244) Policy**](#) – *Approved*
- **Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response (236) Policy –** *Submit collaborative or individual feedback to* [*policyconsult@ufv.ca*](mailto:policyconsult@ufv.ca)*by 4 pm on Friday, January 5, 2024.*

    7.4.   **The next Faculty Council Meeting is January 12, 2024. Agenda deadline is December 14, 2023. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.**

8.   **Learning Exchange**

    8.1.   **Luciana Hakak, School of Business –** *Overcoming crises: Women and identity work in disruptive times*

- Shared a presentation on **Overcoming crises: Women and identity work in disruptive times**.

    8.2.   **Ismail El Sayad, School of Computing –** *Using AI to detect toxicity in transcribed audio conversations*

- Shared a presentation on **Using AI to detect toxicity in transcribed audio conversations**.