

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, January 12, 2024
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
Amir Hajbaba
Amir Shabani
Carl Janzen
Chris Schinckus
Cindy Stewart
Colleen Bell*
Cyrus Chaichian
David Dobson
David Harper*
Dewang Marya
Faisal Naeem*
Felicia Chong
Frank Zhang

Gerry Gannon
Ismail El Sayad
Julie Croft
Kevin Wainwright
Khyati Shetty
Kim Milnes
Lorne Mackenzie
Luciana Hakak
Mandeep Pannu
Marla Fralick
Masud Khawaja
Mike Ivanof
Nathan Arney
Nipuni Jayetileke

Omer Waqar
Opeyemi Adesina
Parsa Rajabi*
Raechel Healey-Chamberlain*
Raji Balagopal*
Rilla Apostolakis
Russell Campbell
Sha Scholtens
Simon Luke
Talia Q
Tanya Vanpraseuth*
Yahya Rashid*

Regrets:

Ashley Bolding
Cynthia Lambert*

David Thomson*
Mariana Toniolo Barrios

Mark Breedveld

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. Institutional Learning Outcomes and FBC: Pathways Forward – *Awneet Sivia (Associate Vice-President, Teaching & Learning)*

- Gave a presentation on Institutional Learning Outcomes and FBC: Pathways Forward.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – January 12, 2024

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of January 12, 2024 be approved as presented.
Cyrus Chaichian / Chris Schinckus

CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – December 8, 2023

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of December 8, 2023 be approved as presented.

Cyrus Chaichian / Chris Schinckus

CARRIED

4. For Decision

4.1. Decolonization Subcommittee – Approval – *Chris Schinckus*

MOTION:

Motion: To approve the creation of the Faculty of Business and Computing Decolonization Subcommittee with the attached Terms of Reference as presented.

Chris Schinckus / Cyrus Chaichian

CARRIED

5. Schools & Associate Dean News

5.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- Processes to improve the learning experience for the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma students are in progress.
- No further updates to report.

5.2. School of Computing – *Carl Janzen*

- Carl thanked staff and faculty for their hard work and support during the busy start of the Winter semester.
- The School of Computing External Advisory Board held a meeting.
- Faculty members have published articles and participated in events.
- The school plans to host a Game Jam event in January. More events are scheduled for February and March.
- Carl welcomed Raechel to her new role as School Coordinator.
- Two new LTAs were welcomed to the school. Updates for new B Faculty members are coming soon.

5.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Processes for improving the learning experiences of current and future School of Business Post-Baccalaureate Diploma students are currently in progress.
- No further updates to report.

6. For Discussion

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

- Processes for rank, tenure, and the Dean's Letter for URC are on track.

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

- No new updates to report.

7. Reports

7.1. Dean’s Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- Chris welcomed new members of the Faculty Council.
- Development for the Master of Computing has been reactivated. Chris thanked Mandeep for leading the initiative.
- The School of Business approved the motion for moving the Indigenous Advisory Board from school level to faculty level. The Board members look forward to connecting with both schools.
- Budget negotiations for both schools are still in progress. Updates will be available soon.
- Chris interacted with universities in Bangladesh about joint degrees, partnerships, and opportunities.
- A faculty-level EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) plan is in progress.
- The Dean's Community Alumni & Stakeholder Engagement Series is on January 17. Dr. Opeyemi Adesina (Assistant Professor, School of Computing) will present his community work.
- The February Faculty Council meeting's guest speaker is Chris Campbell (Department Head, Adult Education). Chris will speak about processes for creating a bridge between credit and non-credit courses.

7.2. Learning Exchange Committee – *Kirsten Robertson*

- No updates to report.

7.3. Faculty/College Council Reports

7.3.1. Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies

- Carl Janzen shared that there were positive conversations held about the Faculty of Business and Computing at the Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies Faculty Council meeting.

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*

- A note was made that there will be a new focus on an Indigenization and decolonization committee within the Faculty of Business and Computing.

7.4. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- A general discussion was held on possible adjustments to deadlines for grades and the holiday closure duration during December.

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

- January 17: [Dean's Community Alumni & Stakeholder Engagement Series](#)
- January 26: [Dean's Coffee Series](#)
- 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.
- A general discussion was held for the new Hybrid Workplace policy. Members were encouraged to provide their feedback.

8.3. The next Faculty Council Meeting is February 9, 2024. Agenda deadline is January 25, 2024. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.