

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, March 8, 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	Ismail El Sayad	Nipuni Jayetileke
Amir Hajbaba	Julie Croft	Omer Waqar
Amir Shabani	Kevin deWolde	Opeyemi Adesina
Ashley Bolding	Kevin Wainwright	Parsa Rajabi*
Chris Schinckus	Khyati Shetty	Raechel Healey-Chamberlain*
Cindy Stewart	Kim Milnes	Raji Balagopal*
Colleen Bell*	Kurt Siemens	Rilla Apostolakis
Cyrus Chaichian	Liz Wiebe	Russell Campbell
David Dobson	Lorne Mackenzie	Sha Scholtens
David Thomson*	Mariana Toniolo Barrios	Sophie Farmani*
Dewang Marya	Mariano Mapili*	Susan Brown
Faisal Naeem*	Mark Breedveld	Talia Q
Felicia Chong	Masud Khawaja	Tanya Vanpraseuth
Frank Zhang	Mike Ivanof	Yahya Rashid*
Gerry Gannon	Nathan Arney	Ziaul Hossain

Regrets:

Cynthia Lambert*	David Harper*	Kirsten Robertson
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Guests:

Sonia Harding

Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Presentations

2.1. Microcredentials and FBC – Kevin Wainwright (Associate Dean, Faculty of Business and Computing)

- Presented the differences between microcredentials and badges.
- Shared how microcredentials can meet industry and community needs.
- A discussion was held after the presentation.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – March 8, 2024

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of March 8, 2024 be approved as presented.

Cyrus Chaichian / Chris Schinckus

CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – February 9, 2024

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of February 9, 2024 be approved as presented.
Cyrus Chaichian / Chris Schinckus
CARRIED

4. For Decision

4.1. Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Business Analytics – Program Changes Approval – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: To approve the proposed changes to the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Business Analytics (PBD BA) program as presented.
Khyati Shetty / Chris Schinckus
CARRIED

4.2. Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in International Business – Program Changes Approval – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: To approve the proposed changes to the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in International Business (PBD IB) program as presented.
Khyati Shetty / Chris Schinckus
CARRIED

5. Schools & Associate Dean News

5.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- Faculty members have been invited to work with academic journals and co-authored articles.
- Nominations for student research projects are in progress.
- Two members of the school participated in a Building Community Across Cultures trip to India.
- The EFMD accreditation review meeting will occur later in March. Faculty and staff were thanked for their hard work during the process.
- The Sales Management Research Exhibition and Mixer will occur in March, facilitated by Mark and Nathan.
- Saeed will be mentoring and accompanying students to the Enactus regional competition.

5.2. School of Computing – *TBC*

- Talia gave updates on behalf of the school as the Acting Director.
- Maryam mentored students in a regional competition. The students ranked 25th.
- Frank promoted the school at an international office and discussed opportunities in Beijing and Vancouver.

- Opeyemi is coordinating an upcoming Tech Industry Panel in March with industry experts and representatives. The event will coincide with the UFV Career Fair.
- Carl participated in a community outreach event on the Chilliwack campus to connect with high school students. The school collaborated with the Faculty of Science.
- A high school partnership team is hosting a capture the flag hackathon event. The focus will be to inspire students to pursue cybersecurity and cyber-related careers in university.
- The school has been in the process of establishing an IEEE Computer Society student branch.

5.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Projects with drones are currently in progress. There will be a drone activity on campus this month.
- Discussions have been held for developing a project with Seabird Island and a school district.
- The Dean's Office has partnered with the Future Students Office (FSO) to host an event on March 21 for potential future students. The audience will include applicants that have applied to and have been accepted into a Business or Computing program. The event is career-themed, with a goal to increase commitment for students to attend UFV in the fall.

6. For Discussion

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

- The URC will go through the last applications for tenure and promotion in the faculty soon.
- Individuals that can apply for tenure and promotion next year should have received an email.
- All processes are on track and more information should be available at the next Faculty Council meeting.

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

- No new updates to report.

7. Reports

7.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- Chris thanked Carl for his work and commitment as the School of Computing Director. Talia was thanked for accepting to be the Acting Director. The process of selecting a new Director is in progress.
- Saeed and Kurt were thanked for their work with the EFMD accreditation. An accreditation review meeting will occur at the end of the month.

- International Women's Day was acknowledged, and the importance of EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) was highlighted. A call for interest for an EDI working group will be shared soon.
- The international students cap number was allocated. The faculty can move forward with the enrolment plan.
- An email about the Business and Computing Review (BCR) will be sent. The BCR document will capture the faculty's initiatives and activities that relate to the United Nations Sustainable Goals.
- The faculty is in the process of hiring a Curriculum Strategist, a non-teaching faculty position. The individual will work with both schools to develop a consistent framework to keep their course outlines updated and aligned to UFV's Institutional Learning Outcomes and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

7.2. Decolonization Subcommittee – *Chris Schinckus*

- A call for interest was sent. Individuals interested have been contacted and invited to the first meeting in March.
- The Terms of Reference and priorities of the committee will be discussed at the first meeting.

7.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Kirsten Robertson*

- No updates to report.

7.4. Faculty/College Council Reports

7.4.1. Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies – *Carl Janzen*

- No updates to report.

7.4.2. College of Arts

- No representative for updates.

7.4.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

- No representative for updates.

7.4.4. Faculty of Health Sciences

- No representative for updates.

7.4.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*

- No updates to report.

7.5. 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

- March 22: [Dean's Coffee Series](#)
- March 28: [Student Research Day](#) – Faculty can [sign up to be a judge here](#).
- March 29: Good Friday (UFV Closed)
- April 1: Easter Monday (UFV Closed)
- The [call for nominations](#) period for Senate faculty and staff has been extended.
- The Teaching and Learning Conference, ConnectEd, will occur on May 8 in Evered Hall – Call for proposals open on March 4.
- 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. Policy Revisions

- Presidential Search Policy Consultation – *Submit collaborative or individual feedback to policyconsult@ufv.ca by 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 4, 2024.*

8.4. The next Faculty Council Meeting is April 5, 2024. Agenda deadline is March 21, 2024. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.