

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, June 6, 2025
9:00 AM, Zoom

Chair of the Faculty of Business and Computing: Chris Schinckus
Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Carl Janzen

Present:

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| Amir Hajbaba | Gerry Palmer | Mason Paquette | Russell Campbell |
| Amir Shabani | Ibrahim Javed | Mike Ivanof | Samuel Okegbile |
| Chang Lu | Jason Campbell | Nathan Arney | Sara Babaee* |
| Chris Schinckus | John Flett | Nipuni Jayetileke | Sha Scholtens |
| Cindy Stewart | Khyati Shetty | Niranjana Geetha | Talia Q |
| Colleen Bell* | Kim Milnes | Omer Waqar | Tanya Vanpraseuth |
| Donna Derksen | Kurt Siemens, | Opeyemi Adesina | Ziaul Hossain |
| Faisal Naeem | Mariana Toniolo | Parsa Rajabi | Zubair Raja |
| Farshad Eshghi* | Barrios | Raji Balagopal* | |
| Felicia Chong | Mark Breedveld | Rania Mohammed* | |
| Frank Zhang | Marla Fralick | Rilla Apostolakis | |

Regrets:

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| Kate Kloos* | Liz Wiebe | Marla Fralick | Youry Khmelevsky |
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Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

- The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.

2. Agenda and Minutes

2.1. Agenda – June 6, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of June 6, 2025 be approved with the following amendment:

- Removal of Decision item 4.2 BUS 345 Course Outline Changes.

Chris Schinckus / Nipuni Jayetileke
CARRIED

2.2. Minutes – May 9, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of May 9, 2025 be approved as presented.
Chris Schinckus / Nipuni Jayetileke
CARRIED

3. Schools & Associate Dean News

3.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- The school hosted their Faculty Retreat in May. The retreat included a presentation from the City's Economic Table team who shared insights on the changing external environment and how it impacts the school's programs. There was also an alumni panel and celebration for Lorne Mackenzie's retirement.
- Cindy Stewart attended a City Focus Group which discussed the retail industry. Cindy's participation will give the school valuable insights for the retail industry.
- Jason Campbell has been appointed to the Commissioner's National Indigenous Advisory Committee.
- Khyati Shetty represented the school at the Agri-tech Panel during the Grounded Innovation event hosted by FAI. The event showed how innovation was shaping agriculture and food systems.
- A few members from the school had the opportunity to attend the Leaders Luncheon with the Minister of Jobs and Economic Development, Diana Gibson. The lunch included great conversations and an energizing exchange of ideas.
- The school hosted a School of Business Research Symposium. The Research Symposium featured presentations from School of Business faculty members and an external keynote speaker. Felicia Chong was thanked for leading this initiative.
- Saeed Rahman and his co-authors were congratulated for securing third place in the PRME Case Writing Competition.
- Benny Davidson recently had three articles published in index journals, along with a conference presentation.
- Rohan Chandan, a School of Business student, won first place in the Global Simulation Championship after completing the course.

3.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- Ismail El Sayad, Omer Waqar, Mandeep Pannu, and Opeyemi Adesina attended the 2025 IEEE Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering Industry Summit at the University of British Columbia Vancouver campus.
- The spring edition of the School of Computing's External Advisory Board meeting was held on May 29. The meeting was well-attended by members. Associate Dean Kevin Wainwright was thanked for his attendance.
- Majid Babaei was the successful candidate for the new Assistant Professor position. Majid completed a PhD in Computing from Queen's University and is currently an Assistant Professor at McGill University.
- Ismail El Sayad had three accepted publications. Frank Zhang had two accepted publications.

3.3. Associate Dean – Kevin Wainwright

- Dean Chris Schinckus gave the Associate Dean report on behalf of Kevin Wainwright.
- The development of new microcredential programs is in progress. The marketing and promotion for microcredentials is ongoing.
- The process for including the Blue Seal recognition in microcredentials to recognize individuals in Trades programs is in progress.
- Kevin has been working on IPEC and 3-year review processes.
- The Curriculum Strategist, Sara Babae, is working with Kevin on analyzing data to identify new opportunities for microcredentials. As well as updates for programs and course outlines.

4. For Decision

4.1. BUS 201 – Course Outline Change – Khyati Shetty

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 201 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Gerry Palmer

CARRIED

4.2. BUS 347 – Course Outline Changes – Khyati Shetty

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 347 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Gerry Palmer

CARRIED

4.3. BUS 390 – New Course Approval – Khyati Shetty

MOTION:

Motion: That the new course BUS 390 Special Topics: Aviation Operations Safety Management be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Gerry Palmer

CARRIED

4.4. BUS 408 – Course Outline Changes – Khyati Shetty

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 408 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Gerry Palmer

CARRIED

5. For Discussion

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

- The Faculty of Business and Computing did not have colleagues involved in tenure and promotion processes for this academic year.
- Frank Zhang and Carl Janzen were thanked for being members of the Divisional Review Committee (DRC). The DRC will also welcome an external member, Michael Batu (Economics). The next step for the committee is to elect a Chair. Updates about the DRC will be shared in the future.

6. Reports

6.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- Chris thanked instructors and staff for a successful academic year.
- Chris participated in a program review for an external post-secondary institution.
- The program working group for the Master of Business Administration in Agri-tech plans to begin their work in the late summer.
- A call for interest will be sent soon for a Faculty Standards working group. The Faculty Standards for the Faculty of Business and Computing will need an update for the next academic year.
- The Spark faculty and staff social event will be on August 27. The event will include lunch and presentations from the two Directors, Dean, Associate Dean, and Curriculum Strategist.
- Chris Campbell (Associate Director, Program Development and Quality Assurance) will be the speaker at the September Faculty Council meeting. Chris will discuss the importance of guidelines and timelines for program reviews.
- UFV Convocation ceremonies will take place from June 10-12. Members were invited to attend the Faculty of Business and Computing's ceremony during the afternoon of June 12.

6.2. Allyship & Reconciliation Committee – *Chris Schinckus* (meeting minutes are available upon request)

- The committee's last meeting was in the beginning of May.
- Discussions for Halq'emeylem language learning classes are in progress. The classes will likely start in September.
- The process of the creation of a flow chart to clarify processes for inviting Indigenous guests into classrooms and defining the difference between Indigenous Elders and Experts is in progress.

6.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- A Learning Exchange will occur at the end of Faculty Council. Updates for the committee will be shared before Learning Exchange.

6.4. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- No new updates to report.

6.4.2. College of Arts

- No representative for updates.

6.4.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

- No representative for updates.

6.4.4. Faculty of Health Sciences

- No representative for updates.

6.4.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*

- The Faculty of Science discussed workload and enrolment items.

6.5. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- The Senate meeting will be in the afternoon of June 6.
- The Senate will be saying farewell to departing President, Joanne MacLean.
- The Board of Governors elected a new Board Chair.

- Colleen Bell shared updates on the library search interface changes. More information will be shared in the summer. Colleen included a link to the [search interface website](#).

7. Information Items – *Tanya Vanpraseuth*

7.1. Vacancies

Business and Computing Faculty Council Vacancy:

- We are seeking a faculty representative from the Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies.

Representative Vacancies:

- The College of Arts, Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development, and Faculty Health Science Faculty Councils are each seeking one representative (faculty member) from Business and Computing.

Please email fbc.committees@ufv.ca if you are interested in any of the above positions.

7.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- UFV's Convocation Ceremonies will be from June 10-12. The Faculty of Business and Computing's Convocation is Ceremony 6. [See the full schedule](#).
- 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

- The University Secretariat invites the UFV community to submit collaborative or individual feedback on the [Instructional Responsibilities \(46\) policy](#) to policyconsult@ufv.ca by the deadline 4:00 pm, Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

7.4. Faculty Council meetings will resume in September 2025 for the 2025/2026 academic year. A tentative agenda is attached. Please submit questions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.

8. Learning Exchange Presentations

8.1. Legitimation of School of Business Accreditation – *Felicia Chong and Kurt Siemens, School of Business*

- Felicia Chong and Kurt Siemens shared a presentation about the legitimation of School of Business accreditation.

8.2. Blockchain for Secure and Transparent Health Data Sharing – *Ibrahim Javed, School of Computing*

- Ibrahim Javed shared a presentation about blockchain for secure and transparent health data sharing.