

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, September 12, 2025
9:00 AM, Zoom

Chair of the Faculty of Business and Computing: Chris Schinckus

Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Carl Janzen

Present:

Alaeddin Kalantari
Amir Shabani
Carl Janzen
Cathy Hutchinson*
Chloe Johnson
Chris Schinckus
Cindy Stewart
Colleen Bell*
David Dobson
Donna Derksen
Faisal Naeem
Farshad Eshghi*

Felicia Chong
Frank Zhang
Ibrahim Javed
Ismail El Sayad
Jason Campbell
John Flett
Kevin Wainwright
Khyati Shetty
Kim Milnes
Kurt Siemens
Luciana Hakak
Mandeep Pannu

Mariana Toniolo
Barrios
Marla Fralick
Mike Ivanof
Mridul Sharma
Nipuni Jayetileke
Niranjana Geetha
Omer Waqar
Opeyemi Adesina
Parsa Rajabi*
Raechel Healey-
Chamberlain

Rania Mohammed*
Rilla Apostolakis
Russell Campbell
Saeed Rahman
Sara Babaee
Sha Scholtens
Simily Joseph*
Tanya Vanpraseuth
Trevor Beugeling*
Ziaul Hossain
Zubair Raja

Regrets:

Chang Lu
James Mandigo

Kate Kloos*
Mark Breedveld

Raji Balagopal*
Tracy RyderGlass*

Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

2. Presentations

**2.1. Program Development and Quality Assurance at UFV: How it All Works –
Chris Campbell (Associate Director, Program Development and Quality Assurance)**

- Chris Campbell shared updates on program development and quality assurance processes at UFV.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – September 12, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of September 12, 2025 be approved as presented.
Raechel Healey-Chamberlain / Khyati Shetty
CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – June 6, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of June 6, 2025 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Raechel Healey-Chamberlain

CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- The school hosted their retreat in August. The retreat included presentations and discussions about enrolment numbers and projections from Vladimir Dvoracek (Institutional Research Planning) and Kevin Jeske (Human Resources). It also included introductions from the Faculty and Staff Association President, an Insights Discovery Shop on communication and collaboration, and a session on Artificial Intelligence in Teaching.
- Kevin deWolde, Felicia Chong, and Mark Breedveld were recognized for their service excellence.
- The advisors, staff, and faculty who participated in the Student Orientation were thanked.
- Faculty members were thanked for being flexible during enrolment changes.

4.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- The Computing Students Association (CSA) has a new executive team for the 2025-2026 academic year. The President of the CSA will be attending the Business and Computing Faculty Council to represent computing students.
- Five computing students received grants. The faculty members that mentored them were thanked.
- Two computing students have been accepted to fully funded Master's programs.
- The Stage 1 proposal for the Master of Science in Computer Science received the minister's approval. The Stage 2 proposal is in progress.
- The new advanced computing lab has been completed. The school is looking forward to the new opportunities that the lab will bring.
- Ismail El Sayad and Frank Zhang had recent publications.
- Frank Zhang became a member of the Editorial Board for the Journal of Advances in Engineering and Technology.
- Ibrahim Javed presented on Overview Polygon at the Blockchain Summit Institute at the University of British Columbia.
- Carl Janzen had a recent trip to China.

4.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Kevin is focused on developing relationships with the greater Fraser Valley to reach domestic markets such as high schools, the business community, and mature students. Opportunities such as training,

research projects, and internships could be developed for these audiences.

- Students worked on an independent studies projects that included an environmental scan of the needs of the Fraser Valley and a market research study on microcredentials.
- The microcredential pilots went well. More opportunities for microcredential partnerships with community groups and the Chamber of Commerce are being discussed.
- The development of microcredentials focused on Indigenous land management is in progress.
- Research and project-based microcredentials with students focusing on case studies for industries and companies are in development.

5. For Decision

5.1. Master of Science in Computer Science – Stage 2 Proposal – *Opeyemi Adesina*

MOTION:

Motion: That the Stage 2 proposal for the Master of Science in Computer Science be approved as presented.

Opeyemi Adesina / Donna Derksen

CARRIED

5.2. BBA Human Resources Major – Program Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: To approve the program changes for the Bachelor of Business Administration Human Resources major as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Kevin Wainwright

CARRIED

5.3. CIS 270 – Course Outline Changes – *Opeyemi Adesina*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for CIS 270 be approved as presented.

Opeyemi Adesina / Kevin Wainwright

CARRIED

5.4. CIS 321 – Course Outline Changes – *Opeyemi Adesina*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for CIS 321 be approved as presented.

Opeyemi Adesina / Khyati Shetty

CARRIED

5.5. COMP 230 – Course Outline Changes – *Opeyemi Adesina*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for COMP 230 be approved as presented.

Opeyemi Adesina / Raechel Healey-Chamberlain

CARRIED

5.6. COMP 251 – Course Outline Changes – *Opeyemi Adesina*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for COMP 251 be approved as presented.

Donna Derksen / Opeyemi Adesina

CARRIED

5.7. COMP 359 – Course Outline Changes – *Opeyemi Adesina*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for COMP 359 be approved as presented.

Opeyemi Adesina / Russell Campbell

CARRIED

6. For Discussion

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

- All processes for rank and tenure are on track.
- The Divisional Review Committee (DRC) now has full membership. Carl Janzen was reappointed as the Chair.
- The process for revising the Faculty of Business and Computing Faculty Standards will begin this academic year. A call for interest email for participants in this process has been sent by the Dean's Office. More details will be shared in October.
- All IPEC processes are on track.

7. Reports

7.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- The new members of the Business and Computing Faculty Council were welcomed.
- The process for updating the Faculty Standards will begin this academic year. Updates on this process will continue to be shared.
- A new Students Engagement Committee was created to work with the Presidents of the Business and Computing clubs and associations. The goal of the committee is to identify opportunities for collaborations and ways to optimize resources. The Dean, Associate Dean, School Directors, and Student Union Society President are a part of the committee. There will also be opportunities for students to share reports at the Business and Computing Faculty Council meetings.

- Updates about the advisory group and working group for the development of the Master of Agritech program will be shared soon.
- The School of Computing were congratulated for receiving approval for Stage 1 of the Master of Science in Computer Science program development process.
- Accreditation reviews are in progress. These accreditations could bring new opportunities for domestic and international students.
- An international internship is now in place with Qatar University in Kuala Lumpur. Students will gain work experience and credits for their program.
- Microcredential development processes are in progress, including the development of international and domestic partnerships.
- The upcoming guest speakers at Faculty Council meetings include representatives from UFV's Teaching & Learning Office and President James Mandigo.

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

- The committee did not meet during the summer. Meetings will resume for the academic year.
- Chris is working on a draft list of meaningful questions to ask Indigenous Elders. The list will be shared with the committee and Shirley Hardman for review.
- A flow chart to assist faculty members in understanding the differences in processes for inviting Indigenous leaders and Indigenous Elders is being finalized.
- The first class of the Halq'eméylem Language Learning Sessions occurred on September 11. The classes will continue for the Fall semester.

7.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- The committee will be revising and updating their Terms of Reference. A completed draft version will be sent to the Faculty Council for approval.

7.4. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- No new 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*

- The Faculty of Science discussed possible changes to entry requirements for the Bachelor of Science program.

7.5. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- No new updates to report.
- Colleen Bell shared that the Faculty Council's library representatives will be starting new roles soon. Colleen recommended submitting any library requests as soon as possible.

8. Information Items – *Tanya Vanpraseuth*

8.1. 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 fbcccommittees@ufv.ca if you are interested in any of the above positions.

8.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- September 24: [Dean's Coffee Series](#)
- September 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (UFV Closed)
- October 18: [UFV Open House](#)
- Learn more about the [Community of Practice: Holistic Assessment Sessions](#) happening on November 14 and December 12.
- 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

- [Tuition and Other Fees \(227\)](#) – *Reviewed, approved, and updated*

8.4. The next Faculty Council Meeting is October 10, 2025. Agenda deadline is September 25. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.