MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, October 10, 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*	Frank Zhang	Luciana Hakak	Russell Campbell,
Amir Shabani	Gerry Palmer	Marla Fralick	Sara Babaee*
Carl Janzen	Ibrahim Javed	Masud Khawaja	Sha Scholtens
Cathy Hutchinson*	Ismail El Sayad	Mridul Sharma	Simily Joseph*
Chloe Johnson	Jason Campbell	Nipuni Jayetileke	Talia Q
Chris Schinckus	John Flett	Niranjana Geetha	Tanya Vanpraseuth
Cindy Stewart	Julie Croft	Omer Waqar	Youry Khmelevsky
David Dobson	Kevin Wainwright	Opeyemi Adesina	Ziaul Hossain
Donna Derksen	Khyati Shetty	Raechel Healey-	Zubair Raja
Faisal Naeem	Kim Milnes	Chamberlain	
Farshad Eshghi*	Kurt Siemens	Raji Balagopal*	
Felicia Chong	Liz Wiebe	Rania Mohammed*	

Regrets:

Colleen Bell*	Kate Kloos*	Mariana Toniolo	Mark Breedveld
Gurneet Anand*		Barrios	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. **Open Education Strategy at UFV – *Claire Hay and Janelle Sztuhar (Open Education Team, UFV)***

      - The Open Education Strategy team provided an overview of their program's timeline, initiatives, and implementation plan.

3. **Agenda and Minutes**

   3.1. **Agenda – October 10, 2025**

      MOTION:
      Motion: That the agenda of October 10, 2025 be approved as presented.
      Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
      CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – September 12, 2025

MOTION:
Motion: That the minutes of September 12, 2025 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Raechel Healey-Chamberlain
CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- The school successfully hosted the Lucerne Leadership Week. The event welcomed twelve Swiss students and five UFV students who participated in the program. Kurt Siemens and Sha Scholtens were thanked for their work.
- The PRME report was submitted for reaccreditation. Saeed Rahman, Kurt Siemens, and the working committee were thanked for leading the initiative.
- Jelena Brcic secured a funding of over $1 million dollars from the Cadian Space Agency for research on SAR. Jelena also attended a conference and completed talks and podcasts related to this topic.
- Saeed Rahman had one of his cases published in Ivey.
- Cindy Stewart contributed four chapters to a marketing textbook.
- Mark Breedveld was a part of a program review for Thompson Rivers University.
- Nathan Arney and Mark Breedveld represented the School of Business at the Chamber's Manufacturing Tour.
- Five of the school's student leaders attended and represented their clubs at President James Mandigo's first community address for the Chamber of Commerce.
- The Accounting Association hosted a networking and career fair.
- The Human Resources Student Association are organizing a Human Resources skills networking session for October.
- The Sales Academy are planning a networking breakfast event in November. Faculty Advisors Masud Khawaja and Nathan Arney were thanked for their involvement.

4.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- Majid Babaei presented a research dialogue.
- The school collaborated with UFV's Centre for Experiential and Career Education (CECE) for the Tips to Ace Technical Interviews event for students.
- The school will be sponsoring CAN CWiC 2025 for women and non-binary people in the computing industry.
- A sticker competition for students is currently in progress.
- Faculty members and students will be participating at the UFV Open House event on October 18.

- Faisal Naeem was recognized by Stanford University as a Top 2% Scientist, which recognizes the top 2% of scientists worldwide across all disciplines. He also gave a presentation on artificial intelligence tools.
- Ibrahim Javed and Frank Zhang had recent publications.

4.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Kevin is working on connecting with the community to develop new microcredential opportunities.
- Faculty members were encouraged to connect with Kevin on any new ideas and initiatives.

5. For Discussion

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

- All processes with rank and tenure are on track.
- A working group to update the Business and Computing Faculty Standards has been created and the first meeting will occur in October. The working group members are Donna Derksen, Frank Zhang, Luciana Hakak, Masud Khawaja, and Opeyemi Adesina.

5.2. Students Engagement Team Committee – *Chris Schinckus*

- An overview of the Students Engagement Committee was shared.
- The committee's goal is to create a space for the student leaders to meet with one another and the Directors, Dean, and Associate Dean to create awareness for their activities and collaborate on initiatives.
- A discussion was held about members of this committee being student representatives at the Business and Computing Faculty Council.

6. Reports

6.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- The Students Engagement Committee connected at a recent meeting.
- The creation of international partnerships is in progress. International internship opportunities at Qatar University have been created. Chris will also be visiting Vietnam to discuss further international learning opportunities.
- Following the budget updates at the UFV Townhall, members were informed that they can share their thoughts and ideas with the Dean's Office confidentially.
- UFV's Open House event will be on October 18.

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

- The committee has been working on two items: a guideline for meaningfully engaging with Indigenous Elders and a flowchart that clarifies the different processes for inviting Indigenous Elders and Indigenous Experts into classes. Draft versions of these items will be shared with the Faculty Council for feedback.

6.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- No new updates to report.

6.4. Faculty/College Council Reports
   6.4.1. Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies – *Carl Janzen*
   - The Applied and Technical Studies Faculty council received an Open Education presentation and discussed budget items.
   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*
   - No new updates to report.

6.5. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- The October Senate meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

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
   - **October 13: Thanksgiving Day (UFV Closed)**
   - **October 15: [Dean's Conversation Series](#)**
   - **October 18: [UFV Open House](#)**
   - **October 31: [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.**

7.3.   **The next Faculty Council Meeting is November 7, 2025. Agenda deadline October 23, 2025. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.**