

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, November 7, 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*	Gerry Palmer	Luciana Hakak	Rania Mohammed*
Amir Shabani	Ibrahim Javed	Majid Babaei	Rilla Apostolakis
Carl Janzen	Ismail El Sayad	Mariana Toniolo	Russell Campbell
Cathy Hutchinson*	James Mandigo	Barrios	Saeed Rahman
Colleen Bell*	Jason Campbell	Marla Fralick	Sara Babaee*
David Thomson*	John Flett	Mridul Sharma	Sha Scholtens
Donna Derksen	Julie Croft	Nipuni Jayetileke	Simily Joseph*
Faisal Naeem	Kevin Wainwright	Niranjana Geetha	Talia Q
Farshad Eshghi*	Khyati Shetty	Omer Waqar	Tanya Vanpraseuth
Felicia Chong	Kim Milnes	Parsa Rajabi*	Ziaul Hossain
Frank Zhang	Kurt Siemens	Quan Cheng	Zubair Raja

Guests:

Durgesh Chitre (Enactus UFV)

Regrets:

Kate Kloos*	Mike Ivanof	Youry Khmelevsky
Mark Breedveld	Raji Balagopal*	

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. Updates from the President's Office – James Mandigo, President & Vice-Chancellor, University of the Fraser Valley

- President James Mandigo shared general updates about the university.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – November 7, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of November 7, 2025 be approved as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Kevin Wainwright

CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – October 10, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of October 10, 2025 be approved as presented.

Kevin Wainwright / Khyati Shetty

CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- The Open House event was a success and represented nine faculties and student club leaders. Faculty members, staff members, and students from the Faculty of Business and Computing were thanked for their support with the event.
- The External Advisory Board's recent meeting was successful and generated valuable insights and ideas from Board members.
- The development of microcredentials for Agri-Tech and Jason Campbell's Indigenous Board initiative are in progress.
- Mark Breedveld served on the BBA Program Review Committee for Trinity Western University which fostered cross-cultural collaboration.
- Felicia Chong and the Research Committee hosted a brainstorming session to plan topics for the rest of the year.
- Jelena Brcic's "Sea Star" project, which explores astronaut team dynamics in space, was approved. Jelena was featured on CBC TV.
- Saeed Rahman received a SSHRC grant in collaboration with FAI researchers.
- Chris Schinckus was recognized among the top 2% of scientists worldwide.
- Khyati Shetty delivered a keynote at the Chilliwack Summit Leadership event.
- The Professional Sales Students Association has been officially recognized. The Student Union Society approval was received for the new Marketing Student Association.
- The UFV Aviation Alliance is hosting a networking event in November.
- The Sales Academy is preparing for a Sales Networking Breakfast on November 21 and expecting 10 companies to participate.
- Enactus UFV received a \$2,500 Accelerator Grant for the Oak and Earth Design project.
- Three student leaders represented the School of Business at Archway's Community Builders Awards event.

4.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- The document for the School of Computing Director's Report is attached.

4.3. Associate Dean – Kevin Wainwright

- Associate Dean Kevin Wainwright is the Acting Dean for the November Business and Computing Faculty Council meeting. The Associate Dean Report and Dean's Report were merged.
- The microcredential development process is progressing. Five microcredentials will launch in Winter 2026. The process of marketing these programs is in progress.
- Kevin encouraged faculty members to reach out to him about any ideas for microcredentials.
- The process of adjusting the post-baccalaureate diploma programs to address current needs and challenges is in progress.
- Students from the Students Engagement Committee will be invited to share updates on student clubs/associations in the Faculty of Business and Computing at the Business and Computing Faculty Council. Students will be representing the committee on a rotating process.

5. For Decision

5.1. BUS 325 – Course Outline Changes – Khyati Shetty

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 325 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Kevin Wainwright

CARRIED

5.2. BUS 345 – Course Outline Changes – Khyati Shetty

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 345 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Kevin Wainwright

CARRIED

5.3. BUS 385 – Course Outline Changes – Khyati Shetty

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 385 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Kevin Wainwright

CARRIED

5.4. BUS 440 – Course Outline Changes – Khyati Shetty

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 440 be approved as presented.

Khyati Shetty / Kevin Wainwright

CARRIED

6. For Discussion

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

- No new updates to report.

7. Reports

7.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- The Dean's Report was merged with the Associate Dean Report.

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

- The report for the Allyship & Reconciliation Committee was tabled for a future meeting.

7.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- The next Learning Exchange session will be on December 5.
- The School of Business Learning Exchange speaker will be Benny Davidson. The committee is still seeking a speaker from the School of Computing.

7.4. Students Engagement Committee – *Student Representative(s)*

- Durgesh Chitre (Enactus UFV) shared a report on behalf of the Students Engagement Committee.
- Enactus UFV's main focus has been on recruitment and training for new project teams and executive leaders who are compatible with the team. The team also received a grant and had a visit from the Western Canada program manager.
- Enactus UFV represented the School of Business at the Archway Golf Tournament and showcased their Oak and Earth candle project in the community. The Oak and Earth project provided half of its profits to an Indigenous community organization. The group is also planning to host two events in the upcoming months.
- The Aviation Alliance have three upcoming events. These events will include networking sessions, opportunities to connect with pilots and pilot associations, and a Cascade Aerospace tour.
- The Student Accounting Association plans to host a Business Career Connect event with several accounting firms in November.
- The Computing Students Association plan to host an industry event and a game night student social event in November. They also plan on collaborating with the Academic Success Centre for a social event.
- The Human Resources Student Association had a recent networking event. School of Business Director, Khyati Shetty, and past Association President, Chad, were speakers.

- The Student Union Society hosted a Kickback event in September for students. The Society also celebrated their ten-year anniversary and are working on their annual Angel Tree initiative.
- The Sales Academy will be hosting a breakfast social event for students and plan to host a networking event soon.

7.5. 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 course scheduling adjustments.

7.6. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- The Senate did not meet in October.
- Instructional Policy 46 is currently being worked on and was sent out for consultations.

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

8.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- November 8-12: Fall Reading Break (No Classes)
- November 11: Remembrance Day (UFV Closed)
- November 27: [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.

8.3. The next Faculty Council Meeting is December 5, 2025. Agenda deadline is November 20, 2025. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.