

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, December 5, 2025
9:00 AM, Room A225/Zoom

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

Present:

Benny Davidson	Ismail El Sayad	Masud Khawaja	Rania Mohammed*
Cathy Hutchinson*	Jason Campbell	Mridul Sharma	Rilla Apostolakis
Chang Lu	John Flett	Nathan Arney	Russell Campbell
Chloe Johnson	Kevin Wainwright	Nipuni Jayetileke	Saeed Rahman
Chris Schinckus	Khyati Shetty	Niranjana Geetha	Sara Babae*
Donna Derksen	Kim Milnes	Omer Waqar	Sha Scholtens
Farshad Eshghi*	Kurt Siemens	Opeyemi Adesina	Simily Joseph*
Felicia Chong	Mariana Toniolo	Quan Cheng	Susan Brown
Frank Zhang	Barrios	Raechel Healey- Chamberlain	Tanya Vanpraseuth
Gerry Palmer	Marla Fralick		Trevor Beugeling*
			Zubair Raja

Regrets:

Alaeddin Kalantari*	Carl Janzen	Colleen Bell*	Kate Kloos*
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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 9:04 am.

2. Presentations

2.1. Policy 70 Revisions – Liana Thompson (Executive Director, Student Academic Affairs) & Lisa McMartin (Manager, Policies, Projects, and Reporting, VP Students Office)

- Liana Thompson and Lisa McMartin shared updates on the Policy 70 revisions.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – December 5, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of December 5, 2025 be approved as presented.
Chris Schinckus / Kevin Wainwright
CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – November 7, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of November 7, 2025 be approved as presented.
Chris Schinckus / Kevin Wainwright
CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- Khyati thanked the staff, faculty, and student clubs for their hard work.
- Mark Breedveld and Nathan Arney were thanked for organizing the Sales Academy event. Masud Khawaja was thanked for organizing an event for the Human Resources Students Association.
- The new students association for marketing was recently approved.
- Khyati will be taking a one-year leave of absence starting in January 2026. Gerry Palmer will be the Acting Director during Khyati's absence.

4.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- Computing students were the winner of the Team Award "Real-Time Road Condition Detection and Mapping" at the CityStudio Hubbub.
- Faisal Naeem attended the ICET 25 in Pakistan.
- The school is monitoring the post-baccalaureate program enrolments for Winter 2026.
- The school provided student sponsorships for the CAN CWiC 2025.
- The Computing Students Association organized several events, including a games event, study social, and debate event with the Debate Club on the topic "Should We Have AI Relationships."
- A Research Dialogue on "Security at the API Gateway in Microservices: A Systematic Literature Review" occurred in November.
- The school had a presentation on "NSERC Discovery Grant Evaluation" in November.
- The Computing Students Association's Science Night Against Procrastination (inter-disciplinary) will happen in the beginning of December.
- The school's External Advisory Committee had a meeting in November and was well attended.

4.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Kevin is working with Jason Campbell on microcredentials focused on First Nation land management, governance, and guardianship.
- Kevin is hoping to get feedback during sessions about associate certificates.
- The plan to create an event, involving both School of Business and School of Computing, for high school students at the UFV Abbotsford Campus in Spring 2026 is being discussed.

5. For Decision

5.1. BAG 353 – New Course Approval – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the new course BAG 353 Agribusiness Process Management be approved as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

5.2. BUS 203 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 203 be approved as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

5.3. BUS 353 – Course Outline Changes – *Khyati Shetty*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 353 be approved as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

6. For Discussion

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

- There have been no new updates regarding rank and tenure processes.
- The Faculty Standards Working Group met in the beginning of December. The group is working on aligning the new faculty standards with the university-wide principles, components of the previous standards, and the AACSB (School of Business) and ABET (School of Computing) accreditations. There will be two subcommittees (one for each school) working on these items.

7. Reports

7.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- Faculty, staff, and Directors were thanked for their hard work in 2025.
- School of Business Director, Khyati Shetty, will be on a one-year leave, starting in January 2026. Khyati was thanked for her leadership. Gerry Palmer will be the Acting Director in her absence.
- In November, Chris met with several universities and professional organizations in Vietnam to discuss opportunities for teaching, developing microcredentials, and partnerships for students.
- Budget updates were shared with Faculty Council members, including updates on travel, research, and courses. More details will be shared in the future.

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

- The committee worked on developing a Questions for Engaging with Elders and Knowledge Givers document and an Indigenous Elders Invitations Flowchart. These items will be shared at a future Business and Computing Faculty Council meeting.

7.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- The committee has no new updates to report. A Learning Exchange session will occur at the end of the December 5 Faculty Council meeting.

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

- The Students Engagement Committee had a meeting at the end of November.
- The Computing Students Association organized various activities, including a student social, debate, and Students Night Against Procrastination event.
- The committee discussed methods to improve communication between clubs/associations with the UFV Student Union Society when requesting funding for activities/initiatives.
- The topic of inviting faculty advisors/mentors from clubs/associations to the committee was discussed. The committee did not meet quorum to make a decision on this topic. The topic will be discussed again at a future meeting.

7.5. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- No new updates to share.

7.4.2. Faculty of Health Sciences– *Masud Khawaja*

- Budget discussions were held.

7.4.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

- No representative for updates.

7.4.4. College of Arts

- No representative for updates.

7.4.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*

- The Faculty of Science discussed budget items and position changes.

7.6. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- The next Senate meeting will be in January 2026.
- The next Senate meeting will include a session on strategic planning.
- The new Chair of the UFV Board of Governors is Cristen Gleeson.

8. Information Items – Tanya Vanpraseuth

8.1. Vacancies

Business and Computing Faculty Council Vacancy:

- We are seeking one student representative from the School of Business and one Sessional representative.

Representative Vacancies:

- The College of Arts and Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development 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

- December 10: [Dean's Conversation Series](#)
- Holiday Closure: All UFV campuses will close at 12 pm on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, and will reopen on Friday, January 2, 2026.
- 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 January 16, 2026. Agenda deadline is December 11, 2025. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.

8.4. Policy Revisions

- [Instructional Responsibilities \(46\)](#) – Reviewed, approved, and updated. Effective January 1, 2026.
- [Process and Procedures for Student Non-Academic Conduct \(204\)](#) – Effective now.

9. Learning Exchange

9.1. Dr. Benny Davidson, School of Business – *Real Estate Purchase Decisions: An Interplay of Influential Factors*

- Dr. Benny Davidson shared a presentation on Real Estate Purchase Decisions: An Interplay of Influential Factors.

9.2. Dr. Russell Campbell, School of Computing – *Discussing the Design of Microcredentials*

- Dr. Russell Campbell shared a presentation on the Design of Microcredentials.