

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, January 16, 2026
9:00 AM, Zoom

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

Present:

Alaeedin Kalantari*	Frank Zhang	Marla Fralick	Raji Balagopal*
Cathy Hutchinson*	Gerry Palmer	Masud Khawaja	Rania Mohammed
Chang Lu	Ibrahim Javed	Mike Ivanof	Russell Campbell
Chloe Johnson	Jason Campbell	Mridul Sharma	Sara Babaee
Chris Schinckus	Julie Croft	Nathan Arney	Sha Scholtens
Cindy Stewart	Kevin deWolde	Nipuni Jayetileke	Simily Joseph*
Colleen Bell*	Kevin Wainwright	Niranjana Geetha	Talia Q
David Dobson	Kim Milnes	Omer Waqar	Tanya Vanpraseuth
David Thomson*	Kurt Siemens	Opeyemi Adesina	Trevor Beugeling*
Donna Derksen	Luciana Hakak	Quan Cheng	Ziaul Hossain
Farshad Eshghi*	Mariana Toniolo	Raechel Healey-Chamberlain	Zubair Raja
Felicia Chong	Barrios		

Regrets:

Carl Janzen	Kate Kloos*	Mark Breedveld
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Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Agenda and Minutes

2.1. Agenda – January 16, 2026

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of January 16, 2026 be approved as presented.

Chris Schinckus / Kevin Wainwright

CARRIED

2.2. Minutes – December 5, 2025

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of December 5, 2025 be approved as presented.

Chris Schinckus / Kevin Wainwright

CARRIED

3. For Decision

3.1. Bachelor of Business Administration (Aviation) – Program Changes Approval – Gerry Palmer

MOTION:

Motion: That the program changes for the Bachelor of Business Administration (Aviation) be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

3.2. Business Administration (Aviation) Diploma – Program Changes Approval – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:

Motion: That program changes for the Business Administration (Aviation) Diploma be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

3.3. BAG 404 – New Course Approval – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:

Motion: That the new course BAG 404 Management Science be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Masud Khawaja
CARRIED

3.4. BUS 314 – Course Outline Changes – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 314 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

3.5. BUS 404 – Course Outline Changes – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 404 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

3.6. BUS 416 – Course Outline Changes – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 416 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

3.7. COMP 381 – Course Outline Changes – *Opeyemi Adesina*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes the course outline for COMP 381 be approved with amendments.

Opeyemi Adesina / Gerry Palmer
CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Gerry Palmer*

- The school worked on finding solutions for adding extra students into classes. Instructors, advisors, and staff members were thanked for their work and support.
- Masud Khawaja successfully secured support from the "Teaching Inquiries into Pedagogical Practices" (TIPP) Fund through Teaching and Learning. Masud's project challenges how feedback is typically offered within business education. It will examine how real-time, individualized feedback can enhance student learning in a business/management classroom.
- Saeed Rahman's student, Yash Pandey, won the Best-Strategy Invitational (BSI) World Championship held in December 2025. Yash had the highest overall score across all industries and achieved the highest game score recorded in the last three years of the BSI. Yash and Saeed were congratulated for this accomplishment.
- The school will be welcoming local Indigenous students to the campus for an event in February. The Enactus team will be presenting about their club and demonstrating how their candle products are made.
- Gerry Palmer visited Mark Breedveld's BUS 425 class to hear students' presentations.
- The advisors and staff members had a busy start to the Winter semester, which included many student inquiries and advising appointments.
- David Dobson and Raymond Leung are organizing a Business Student Research Day on April 7.
- Kevin deWolde and Mark Breedveld are planning a two-week Field School trip to Europe in May 2026.

4.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- The start of the Winter 2026 has been progressing smoothly.
- The process of developing the Master of Science in Computing Science program is progressing with the ministry.
- The school met with the ABET accreditation team. A review has been completed and feedback has been received.

4.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Kevin and Jason Campbell are working on developing new programs and pathways for First Nation land management and guardianship.
- The first round of microcredential courses is being offered in Winter 2026 and available to view online. One of the courses include a project management certification preparation course.
- The possibility of creating associate certificates was discussed.

- Kevin is working on an economic impact study about the Fraser Valley.

5. For Discussion

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

- All processes for rank and tenure are on track.
- The Faculty Standards Working Group plans to meet in February.

6. Reports

6.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- John Flett had resigned from his position. John was thanked for his hard work and initiatives with the Aviation programs, the Aviation Club, and student activities.
- There were no specific updates about the budget. UFV will be hosting a Budget Townhall on January 23.
- Effective January 1, Chris will be serving as the Interim Vice-Provost for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Various processes in the Faculty of Business and Computing will be impacted, with Kevin Wainwright overseeing certain items. The changes will be shared to the Directors and School Coordinators via email.

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

- The committee had been working on a flowchart about the process of inviting Elders and Indigenous Experts to classrooms and a list of engaging questions to assist in facilitating interactions with Elders in the classroom. These documents will be shared with the Faculty Council.
- Kevin Wainwright will now be overseeing this committee.

6.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- There are no new updates to share. Members who are interested in presenting at the next Learning Exchange session were encouraged to reach out to Mariana.

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

- The committee does not meet every month and did not have a meeting in December.
- The last meeting included discussions on how faculty leaders can efficiently support planning processes for student activities.
- The next meeting will be at the end of January.

6.5. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- No new updates to share.

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 – *Masud Khawaja*

- No new updates to share.

6.4.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*

- The Faculty of Science discussed course/program changes and tenure and promotion.

6.6. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- The Senate did not meet in December but will meet in January.
- The January Senate agenda includes several items such as discontinuances, program changes, and accreditations. A session on strategic planning will be held.

7. Information Items – *Tanya Vanpraseuth*

7.1. Vacancies

Business and Computing Faculty Council Vacancy:

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

Representative Vacancies:

- Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development and Faculty of 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

- January 28: [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 February 13, 2026. Agenda deadline is January 29. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.