

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, February 13, 2026
9:00 AM, Zoom

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

Present:

Amir Shabani	Gerry Palmer	Mariana Toniolo	Russell Campbell
Carl Janzen	Ibrahim Javed	Barrios	Sha Scholtens
Chang Lu	Ismail El Sayad	Masud Khawaja	Simily Joseph*
Chloe Johnson	Jason Campbell	Nathan Arney	Talia Q
Cindy Stewart	Julie Croft	Nipuni Jayetileke	Tanya Vanpraseuth
Colleen Bell*	Kate Kloos*	Omer Waqar	Youry Khmelevsky
David Dobson	Kevin Wainwright	Opeyemi Adesina	Ziaul Hossain
David Thomson*	Kim Milnes	Raechel Healey- Chamberlain	Zubair Raja
Donna Derksen	Kurt Siemens	Raji Balagopal*	
Faisal Naeem	Luciana Hakak	Rania Mohammed*	
Farshad Eshghi*	Majid Babaei	Rilla Apostolakis	
Frank Zhang	Mandeep Pannu		

Regrets:

Cathy Hutchinson*	Chris Schinckus	Felicia Chong	Gurneet Anand*
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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 9:01 am.

2. Agenda and Minutes

2.1. Agenda – February 13, 2026

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of February 13, 2026 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Chloe Johnson
CARRIED

2.2. Minutes – January 16, 2026

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of January 16, 2026 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Kevin Wainwright
CARRIED

3. For Decision

3.1. CIS 385 – Course Outline Changes – *Opeyemi Adesina*

MOTION:

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

Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina

CARRIED

3.2. CIS 497 – Course Outline Changes – *Opeyemi Adesina*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for CIS 497 be approved as presented.

Opeyemi Adesina / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Gerry Palmer*

- Benny Davidson recently published a paper.
- David Dobson and Raymond Leung organized a business research day for students.
- Felicia Chong (Research Coordinator) is organizing a PhD Colloquium for the School of Business faculty members. The presenters will be Nathan Arney and Donna Derksen.
- Jelena Brcic had a recent presentation at Science World in Vancouver.
- Faculty members, instructors, and staff were thanked for fitting students into classes.
- Gerry shared his Senate update earlier: The Senate meeting on February 13 will include a discussion on the proposal for later end dates for exams in December.

4.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- The school is organizing a Tech Panel for March 12. The theme is AI For Everyone: Changing Our Lives, Shaping Our Future.
- Ziaul Hossain had a recent publication.
- The school is planning to host their first Women in Tech event.
- Frank Zhang is organizing a study tour to China in April.

4.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- The Associate Dean's and Dean's Report will be merged for this meeting.
- The Student Engagement Committee discussed their upcoming activities and ways that the Faculty of Business and Computing can support their initiatives.

- Changes to the BBA Aviation program are being discussed, including a possible partnership with Chinook Helicopters.

5. For Discussion

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

- All processes for tenure and promotion are on track.

6. Reports

6.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- The Associate Dean's Report and Dean's Report were merged.

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

- Associate Dean Kevin Wainwright is now overseeing the committee.
- The Engaging with Elders and Knowledge Givers document and Indigenous elders Invitations Flowchart were shared in the Faculty Council meeting's agenda package. Members were invited to review the documents and share their feedback.
- The process of having the committee be a resource for inquiries and information was discussed.

6.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- There was no new report for the committee. Individuals 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 process of consolidating student clubs/association initiatives, events, and announcements on the Faculty of Business and Computing's website is ongoing.

6.5. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- The faculty had discussions on the topic of campus closures due to weather and Trades programs.

6.5.2. College of Arts

- No representative for updates.

6.5.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

- No representative for updates.

6.5.4. Faculty of Health Sciences – *Masud Khawaja*

- No new updates to report.

6.5.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*

- The faculty had discussions about course revisions.

6.6. Senate Report – Gerry Palmer

- The Senate report was shared earlier during the School of Business Director's Report.

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:

- The College of Arts and Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development are each seeking one representative (faculty member) from Business and Computing.

Please email fbccommittees@ufv.ca if you are interested in any of the above positions.

7.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- February 16: Family Day (UFV Closed)
- February 15-22: Reading Week (No Classes)
- February 26: [Dean's Coffee Series](#)
- March 11: [Dean's Conversation 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 March 13, 2026. Agenda deadline is February 26. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.

8. Presentations

8.1. Indigenizing our Academy, Recognizing Indigenizers: Curriculum and Practice – Shirley Hardman (Associate Vice-President, Xwexwilmexwawt, UFV)

- This agenda item was moved from item 5.1 to item 8.1.