

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, March 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:

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| Alaeddin Kalantari* | Frank Zhang | Majid Babaei | Rilla Apostolakis |
| Carl Janzen | Gerry Palmer | Mandeep Pannu | Russell Campbell |
| Chloe Johnson | Ibrahim Javed | Mariana Toniolo | Sha Scholtens |
| Cindy Stewart | Ismail El Sayad | Barrios | Simily Joseph* |
| Colleen Bell* | Jason Campbell | Marla Fralick | Talia Q |
| David Dobson | Jelena Brcic | Maryam Siahbani | Tanya Vanpraseuth |
| David Thomson* | Julie Croft | Masud Khawaja | Trevor Beugeling* |
| Donna Derksen | Kate Kloos* | Omer Waqar | Ziaul Hossain |
| Faisal Naeem | Kevin deWolde | Opeyemi Adesina | Zubair Raja |
| Farshad Eshghi* | Kevin Wainwright | Raechel Healey- Chamberlain | |
| Felicia Chong | Kim Milnes | | |

Regrets:

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| Cathy Hutchinson* | Gurneet Anand* | Nipuni Jayetileke |
| Chris Schinckus | Mike Ivanof | |

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. Presentations

**2.1. Supported Learning Groups (SLG) Program – Navneet Sidhu
(Coordinator, Supported Learning Groups)**

- Navneet Sidhu shared a presentation on an overview of the Supported Learning Groups program.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – March 13, 2026

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of March 13, 2026 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Kevin Wainwright
CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – February 13, 2026

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of February 13, 2026 be approved as presented.
Kevin Wainwright / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Gerry Palmer*

- Jon Thomas was featured in the research newsletter and was honoured in a blanket ceremony in February. He also participated as a keynote speaker at an event.
- Jelena Brcic hosted a Women in the Wild seminar at UFV for International Women's Day.
- Mark Breedveld and Nathan Arney hosted a business management research exhibition in March.
- Raymond Leung and David Dobson are in the process of planning a business student research day event.
- The school helped sponsor a guest speaker for a business class.
- The Enactus UFV team are representing UFV in Vancouver for a 2-day competition.
- The Aviation Alliance hosted a mental health seminar and have an upcoming movie night planned.
- The Human Resource Student Association hosted an interactive networking session for students.
- The Marketing Association hosted a movie night.

4.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- The school hosted a Tech Panel and networking session.
- The school hosted an event to launch the Women in Tech group in February. Mandeep Pannu was thanked for her presentation.
- Frank Zhang has a new special topics course.
- Frank Zhang, Majid Babaei, and Russell Campbell had recent publications.
- Omer Waqar was congratulated for being honoured in a blanket ceremony for integrating Indigenization into his curriculum.

4.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Kevin has been working on the process of developing associate certificates.
- Kevin has been connecting with external organizations about new opportunities for microcredentials and workshops.

5. For Discussion

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

- Associate Dean Kevin Wainwright shared updates on this item.
- Two faculty members are going through the process of rank and tenure.

6. Reports

6.1. Dean’s Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- Associate Dean Kevin Wainwright as Acting Dean for the March Faculty Council meeting. Kevin shared an Associate Dean's report.

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

- The Questions for Engaging with Elders and Knowledge Givers document and Indigenous Elders Invitation Flowchart were shared with the Faculty Council at the February meeting for their feedback.
- The committee discussed creating an initiative to be a resource for faculty members and staff Indigenous-related inquiries.
- The idea of creating an Indigenous-related conversation event series was discussed.
- The process of creating a website page for Indigenous resources is in progress.

6.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- The committee is in the process of updating their Terms of Reference. The draft version of the Terms of Reference will be shared with the Faculty Council once completed.
- Russell Campbell (School of Computing) and Saeed Rahman (School of Business) will be the presenters for the Learning Exchange session in June.

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

- No new updates to report.

6.5. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- No new updates to report.

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 Dean of Science left his position. The Associate Dean is serving as Acting Dean.

6.6. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- The Senate will be meeting on March 13.
- The Senate's previous meeting in February had discussion about the proposal for the final exam period to end on December 23. Student representatives shared their preference for an earlier end date. The Senate decided on the final date for exams to be December 21.

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

7.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- March 11: [Dean's Conversation Series](#)
- April 3: Good Friday (UFV Closed)
- April 6: Easter Monday (UFV Closed)
- 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 April 10, 2026. Agenda deadline is March 26. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.