

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, April 10, 2026
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*	Frank Zhang	Mandeep Pannu	Raechel Healey- Chamberlain
Carl Janzen	Gerry Palmer	Mariana Toniolo	Rania Mohammed*
Chang Lu	Ibrahim Javed	Barrios	Russell Campbell
Chloe Johnson	Ismail El Sayad	Marla Fralick	Sha Scholtens
Chris Schinckus	Jason Campbell	Maryam Siahbani	Simily Joseph*
Cindy Stewart	Julie Croft	Masud Khawaja	Talia Q
Colleen Bell*	Kate Kloos*	Nathan Arney	Tanya Vanpraseuth
Donna Derksen	Kevin Wainwright	Nipuni Jayetileke	Trevor Beugeling*
Faisal Naeem	Kim Milnes	Niranjana Geetha	Ziaul Hossain
Farshad Eshghi*	Kurt Siemens	Omer Waqar	Zubair Raja
Felicia Chong	Luciana Hakak	Opeyemi Adesina	

Regrets:

Cathy Hutchinson*	David Dobson	David Thomson*	Karen Cooper
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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 – April 10, 2026

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of April 10, 2026 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Chloe Johnson
CARRIED

2.2. Minutes – March 13, 2026

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of March 13, 2026 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Kim Milnes
CARRIED

3. Schools & Associate Dean News

3.1. School of Business – *Gerry Palmer*

- Registration numbers for the summer 2026 semester are high. Faculty members have been adding students to sections.
- The school held various research events. Raymond Leung, Felicia Chong, Nathan Arney, Chang Lu, and David Dobson were thanked for organizing student research events. Mark Breedveld and Nathan Arney were thanked for organizing the sales management research event.
- The student clubs have been active and hosted several events.

3.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- Curtis Joiner (Cascade Aerospace) was a guest speaker for an advanced topics class in March. Curtis spoke about software quality in an industry perspective.
- Opeyemi Adesina was a part of a panel at a technology event in March.
- Faisal Naeem presented at the school's research dialogue activity.
- A research workshop for students, organized by Ismail El Sayad, was held in March.
- The Computing Student Association organized for a student to attend a cyber strike challenge.
- Faisal Naeem launched a nonprofit program. The program provides an Artificial Intelligence (AI) lab that teaches kids how to use AI ethically.
- The Computing Students Association plan to host a gaming event.
- The school will have a Master of Science in Computing Science site visit in June.
- Maryam Siahbani was welcomed back from a sabbatical leave.

3.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Planning processes are in progress for the new budget plan.
- Kevin has been working on an economic impact study for the institution.
- Updates on the new Faculty Standards document draft will be shared.
- Kevin is working with Abbotsford and Chilliwack's Chambers of Commerce and small business associations to find opportunities for funding microcredentials.
- IPEC and 3-year review processes are in progress.

4. For Decision

4.1. BUS 324 – Course Outline Changes – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 324 be approved as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

4.2. BUS 418 – Course Outline Changes – Gerry Palmer

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 418 be approved as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

4.3. BUS 424 – Course Outline Changes – Gerry Palmer

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 424 be approved as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Cindy Stewart

CARRIED

4.4. BUS 457– Course Outline Changes – Gerry Palmer

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 457 be approved as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Kim Milnes

CARRIED

4.5. CIS 245 – Course Outline Changes – Opeyemi Adesina

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for CIS 245 are approved as presented.

Opeyemi Adesina / Gerry Palmer

CARRIED

5. Reports

5.1. Rank and Tenure– Chris Schinckus

- All processes with rank and tenure are on track, including IPEC.
- The Division Review Committee (DRC) has full membership. DRC member names will be shared soon.

5.2. Dean’s Report – Chris Schinckus

- The two schools and Directors were thanked for their hard work.
- The process of creating international partnerships is in progress. Conversations are currently being had with international partners to discuss flexible and agile learning options.
- UFV signed an MOU with Panjab University for a dual degree. The early stage for academic mapping is in progress. This program is intended for the School of Business. The possibility of having it for the School of Computing can be explored.

- Chris will be visiting universities in China and Malaysia to discuss partnerships.
- The two schools were thanked for their continuous work on accreditation processes. The School of Computing is moving forward with ABET and the School of Business is moving forward with AACSB.
- On May 19, UFV will launch its first Executive in Residence Program and welcome its Executive in Residence, Byng Giraud. Byng will be working with UFV and community members. Byng will also be working on economic reconciliation with non-Indigenous businesses.
- In his role as Interim Vice-Provost, Chris has been leading a series of consultations with the Research Office, UFV International, Continuing Education, and internal/external stakeholders to build a university-wide framework for innovation and entrepreneurship for the university.

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

- The guideline documents for inviting Elders and Indigenous Experts into classrooms have been shared with Business and Computing Faculty Council members.
- The committee is in the process of becoming a resource hub for the Faculty of Business and Computing. The goal is to connect individuals with the right contacts and resources for their Indigenization and decolonization inquiries.
- The creation of a website page for Indigenous resources on the Faculty of Business and Computing website is in progress.
- The Dean's Office is working on scheduling a Beyond Blankets Exercise for the two schools in June.

Faculty Standards Update

- The process of finalizing the updated Faculty Standards draft to reflect the feedback from both schools is in progress. Once completed, it will be shared with the Business and Computing Faculty Council for approval.
- The document will include sections that address items specific to each of the schools.

5.4. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- The two speakers for the June Learning Exchange session have been confirmed. All processes are on track.

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

- No new updates to report.

5.6. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- The Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies had budget and enrolment discussions during their Faculty Council meeting.

5.6.2. College of Arts

- No representative for updates.

5.6.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

- No representative for updates.

5.6.4. Faculty of Health Sciences – *Masud Khawaja*

- The Faculty of Health Sciences had budget discussions during their Faculty Council meeting.

5.6.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*

- The Faculty of Science discussed course changes and workloads during their Faculty Council meeting.

5.7. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- The Senate will have a meeting on April 10. No further updates to report.

6. Information Items – *Tanya Vanpraseuth*

6.1. 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.
- The Senate is seeking one faculty member from Business and Computing to serve on the Faculty Standards Committee for a two year term (August 1, 2026-July 31, 2028). [Click here to apply.](#)

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

6.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- April 3: Good Friday (UFV Closed)
- April 6: Easter Monday (UFV Closed)
- April 22: [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.

6.3. The next Faculty Council Meeting is May 8, 2026. Agenda deadline is April 23. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.