

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, May 8, 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
Carl Janzen
Chang Lu
Chloe Johnson
Cindy Stewart
Colleen Bell*
David Dobson
David Thomson*
Donna Derksen
Faisal Naeem
Farshad Eshghi*

Frank Zhang
Gerry Palmer
Ibrahim Javed
Ismail El Sayad
Jason Campbell
Julie Croft
Kate Kloos
Kevin deWolde
Kevin Wainwright
Kim Milnes
Kurt Siemens

Luciana Hakak
Majid Babaei
Mariana Toniolo
Barrios
Marla Fralick
Maryam Siahbani
Masud Khawaja
Nathan Arney
Nipuni Jayetileke
Niranjana Geetha
Omer Waqar

Opeyemi Adesina
Raji Balagopal*
Rilla Apostolakis
Russell Campbell
Sara Babaee*
Simily Joseph*
Talia Q
Tanya Vanpraseuth
Trevor Beugeling*
Youry Khmelevsky
Ziaul Hossain

Regrets:

Cathy Hutchinson*
Chris Schinckus

Felicia Chong
Gurneet Anand*

Zubair Raja

Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Agenda and Minutes

2.1. Agenda – May 8, 2026

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of May 8, 2026 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Frank Zhang
CARRIED

2.2. Minutes – April 10, 2026

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of April 10, 2026 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

3. Schools & Associate Dean News

3.1. School of Business – *Gerry Palmer*

- The summer semester has begun and several courses are full. Instructors who added extra students into their classes were thanked.
- The UFV Enactus team is currently competing at the national competition in Montreal.
- The External Advisory Board had a meeting in April.
- The AACSB accreditation eligibility application was submitted for review. The school is still waiting on a response.

3.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- The summer semester has begun. The instructors who had extended the number of students in their classes were thanked.
- The school has been working with the panel for the Master of Science in Computing Science site visit to finalize the agenda for the visit.
- Frank Zhang organized a successful student study tour to China in April. The students were able to visit local sites and universities and gained valuable experiences.
- Opeyemi Adesina presented at the UFV Ethics Board retreat.
- Omer Waqar worked on several peer-reviewed articles.
- Maryam Siahbani, in collaboration with a School of Computing alum, recently published a paper.

3.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Donna Derksen was congratulated on completing her PhD.
- The process of developing three associate certificates focused on human resources, small business, and supply chain project management is currently in progress. These associate certificates may have a broader appeal to individuals in various industries seeking to upgrade their skills.
- The development of a microcredential focused on supply chain management is currently in progress.
- Opportunities to provide dual credits with high school districts are currently being discussed.

4. For Decision

4.1. Updated Faculty Standards – Approval – *Kevin Wainwright*

MOTION:

Motion: That the updated Faculty of Business and Computing Standards for Tenure and Promotion be approved as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina

CARRIED

5. For Discussion

5.1. New Chair – Business and Computing Faculty Council – Fall 2026

- Carl Janzen will be completing his term as the Business and Computing Faculty Council meeting Chair at the end of this academic year.
- The Business and Computing Faculty Council will be seeking a new meeting Chair for Fall 2026. More information on the call for nominations will be shared by the Dean's Office in the upcoming months.

6. Reports

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

- Associate Dean Kevin Wainwright shared the report for Rank and Tenure.
- No new updates to share.

6.2. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- Associate Dean Kevin Wainwright shared the Dean's Report.
- Chris accompanied Frank Zhang and his School of Computing students on their study tour in April to China. He connected with universities about potential partnerships.
- Chris will be visiting universities in Malaysia in May to discuss possible partnerships.

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

- A website with Indigenous resources has been created. The content will continue to be updated on an ongoing basis.
- The committee discussed having possible Indigenous conversation events for the next academic year.

6.4. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- The committee is in the process of updating their Terms of Reference.
- The next Learning Exchange session will be in June. Russell Campbell (School of Computing) and Saeed Rahman (School of Business) will be the presenters.

6.5. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- No new updates to report.

5.5.2. College of Arts

- No representative for updates.

5.5.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

- No representative for updates.

5.5.4. Faculty of Health Sciences – *Masud Khawaja*

- No new updates to report.

5.5.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*

- No new updates to report.

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

- No new updates to share.

6.7. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- The Senate will be meeting in the afternoon of May 8.

Library Report – *Colleen Bell*

- Colleen will no longer be the Faculty Council's Library Representative after this academic year due to her upcoming retirement in May.
- More information on Ivey Publishing will be shared on the library's website soon.

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

7.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- May 27: [Dean's Conversation Series](#)
- June 18: Beyond Blankets: A Stó:lō Lands Exercise
- UFV's Convocation Ceremonies will be between June 9-11. See the [full schedule here](#).
The Business and Computing Convocation Ceremony will be on June 9 at 2:30 pm. (Ceremony 2)
- 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 June 5, 2026. Agenda deadline is May 21. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.**

8. Policy Revisions

- As part of the consultation process, the University Secretariat invites the UFV community to submit collaborative or individual feedback on the revisions to the Student Academic Misconduct policy (70) and the procedures to policyconsult@ufv.ca by June 5, 2026.

The policy has a new name – Student Academic Integrity. The following information can be located on [the website](#):

1. Consultation package (includes memo and appendices)
2. Draft revised Policy 70
3. Draft revised Policy 70 Procedures