

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, June 5, 2026
9:00 AM, Zoom

Chair of the Faculty of Business and Computing: Chris Schinckus

Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting:

Present:

Alaeddin Kalantari*
Amir Shabani
Chang Lu
Chris Schinckus
David Thomson*
Donna Derksen
Faisal Naeem
Farshad Eshghi*
Felicia Chong
Frank Zhang

Gerry Palmer
Ibrahim Javed
Ismail El Sayad
Jason Campbell
Julie Croft
Kevin Wainwright
Kim Milnes
Kurt Siemens
Majid Babaei
Mandeep Pannu

Mariana Toniolo
Barrios
Marla Fralick
Maryam Siahbani
Masud Khawaja
Nipuni Jayetileke
Niranjana Geetha
Omer Waqar
Opeyemi Adesina
Rilla Apostolakis

Russell Campbell
Saeed Rahman
Sha Scholtens
Talia Q
Tanya Vanpraseuth
Ziaul Hossain
Zubair Raja

Regrets:

Cindy Stewart
Colleen Bell*

David Dobson
Kevin deWolde

Mike Ivanof
Raji Balagopal*

Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Agenda and Minutes

2.1. Agenda – June 5, 2026

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of June 5, 2026 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

2.2. Minutes – May 8, 2026

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of May 8, 2026 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

3. Schools & Associate Dean News

3.1. School of Business – *Gerry Palmer*

- The Enactus UFV team travelled to Montreal, alongside their faculty advisor Saeed Rahman, to attend the national competition. The team were semi-finalists.
- Kevin deWolde and Mark Breedveld organized a field school trip to Switzerland in May.
- The school extended their recent meeting. The school will write a letter expressing concerns for Policy 70. The September school meeting will commemorate the retirement of Liz Wiebe and Kim Milnes and celebrate their achievements.
- Khyati Shetty is returning in September in a full-time teaching position.
- Jason Campbell gave a presentation and Zubair Raja received a Rosa release.
- Saeed Rahman was published by Ivey publishing.
- Cindy Stewart and Benny Davidson are working on an industry paper about real estate.
- Cindy Stewart connected the school to the Canadian Marketing Association for a fast-tracked designation.
- David Dobson attended a conference in Calgary and presented a paper. His student also won an undergraduate research award.
- The Canadian Marketing Association will be assessing the Bachelor of Business Administration program.
- Donna Derksen was congratulated for earning her doctorate.
- Jelena Brcic was congratulated for receiving the 2026 Faculty Excellence Research Award.

3.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- Computing students had many recent achievements, including one student who received an Undergraduate Research Excellence Award. A computing student was also a speaker at the Undergraduate Research Awards celebration.
- An External Advisory Board meeting was held in June and was well attended by members. The Board had discussions about the ABET accreditation, renovations for the Building D room, student outcomes and goals, and integrating AI into curriculum.
- Opeyemi Adesina attended a conference in Edmonton and had a recent publication with his student.
- Mandeep Pannu published a paper in collaboration with a partner.
- The Master of Science in Computing Science program had a site visit from the ministry in June.

3.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- The updated Business and Computing Faculty Standards document was submitted to the Faculty Standards Senate committee for review.

The feedback received was for minor edits. The document will be resubmitted in the fall with the edits.

- Kevin has been working on organizing information sessions for the Abbotsford and Chilliwack Chambers of Commerce about possible workshops and microcredential opportunities.
- Jason Campbell was thanked for his work with the Indigenous entrepreneurship microcredential.
- Donna Derksen was congratulated for completing her doctorate.
- The individuals who completed their IPECs were congratulated.

4. For Decision

4.1. BUS 350 – Course Outline Changes – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:

Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 350 be approved as presented.

Gerry Palmer / Kevin Wainwright

CARRIED

5. Reports

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

- Some faculty members have recently declared their intention to submit their dossier for tenure and promotion.
- The Division Review Committee (DRC) membership is now complete and can move forward.
- Chris and Kevin Wainwright attended the Faculty Standards Committee meeting to discuss the updated Business and Computing Faculty Standards document. The document received feedback for minor corrections.

5.2. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- The faculty were thanked for their hard work and congratulated for reaching the end of the academic year.
- The colleagues that have departed the Faculty of Business and Computing team (Raechel, Margaret, Cathy) were acknowledged and thanked. The colleagues who will be departing in the summer months (Liz, Kim, and Sara) were also acknowledged and thanked.
- Chris visited China and Malaysia, alongside Frank Zhang's student study tour trip, in May. Frank was thanked for creating a great experience for students. The group met with four universities, including one existing partner, to discuss possible collaborations on programs and exchanges.
- The Business and Computing Faculty Council Terms of Reference are due for review. The updates will be discussed in September.

- The Master of Science in Computing Science program had a site visit in June from the ministry. The School of Computing team and previous School Coordinator, Raechel, were thanked for their work.
- Chris and Kevin Wainwright met with the Department of Economics (from the College of Arts). The department expressed their interest to join the Faculty of Business and Computing. This opportunity could provide potential collaborations, initiatives, and new resources. A memo has been shared with the Provost's Office.
- The UFV Convocation ceremonies will be held between June 9-11.
- The Beyond Blankets Exercise event will be held on June 18.

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

- The committee had their last meeting of the academic year in May.
- The committee developed a website resource page with Indigenous resources.
- Possible goals and objectives for the next academic year were discussed. Feedback from the Faculty of Business and Computing team members were encouraged.

5.4. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- No new updates to report.
- A Learning Exchange session will occur at the end of the Faculty Council meeting.

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*

- No updates to report.

5.6.2. College of Arts – *Donna Derksen*

- Donna will be starting her two-year representative term in September 2026.

5.6.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

- No representative for updates.

5.6.4. Faculty of Health Sciences – *Masud Khawaja*

- No representative for updates.

5.6.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*

- Not many updates to report. The Faculty of Science had their last Faculty Council meeting of the academic year.

5.7. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- Senate will have a meeting during the afternoon of June 5. Lorne Mackenzie will be sharing a presentation on his work with the UFV Strategic Plan.

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

Representative Vacancies:

- The Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development Faculty Council is seeking one representative (faculty member) from Business and Computing.

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

6.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- 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.

- 6.3. The first Faculty Council meeting of the 2026/2027 academic year is scheduled for September 18. The agenda deadline is September 3. A tentative schedule of the 2026/2027 Faculty Council is attached. Questions and submissions can be sent to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.**

7. 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 below:

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

<https://www.ufv.ca/secretariat/policies/updates/policy-in-consultation/>

8. Learning Exchange

8.1. From Idea to Publication: Publishing Teaching Cases with Ivey Publishing – *Saeed Rahman (School of Business)*

- Saeed Rahman shared a presentation on the topic From Idea to Publication: Publishing Teaching Cases with Ivey Publishing

8.2. Course Content, Copyright, and Artificial Intelligence – *Russell Campbell (School of Computing)*

- Russell Campbell shared a presentation on the topic: Course Content, Copyright, and Artificial Intelligence