MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, September 18, 2026
9:00 AM, Zoom

Chair of the Faculty of Business and Computing: Chris Schinckus
Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Donna Derksen

Present:

Alaeddin Kalantari*	Gerry Palmer	Mandeep Pannu	Rania Mohammed*
Amir Shabani	Ibrahim Javed	Marla Fralick	Rilla Apostolakis
Chloe Johnson	Ismail El Sayad	Maryam Siahbani	Shawna Kristin*
Chris Schinckus	Julie Croft	Masud Khawaja	Talia Q
David Thomson*	Kevin deWolde	Nipuni Jayetileke	Tanya Vanpraseuth
Donna Derksen	Kevin Wainwright	Niranjana Geetha	Vishavjit Kaur*
Faisal Naeem	Kurt Siemens	Omer Waqar	Ziaul Hossain
Felicia Chong	Luciana Hakak	Opeyemi Adesina	Zubair Raja

Regrets:

James Mandigo	Mariana Toniolo Barrios	Mark Breedveld
Jelena Brcic		Tracy RyderGlass*

Guests:
Awneet Sivia

Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

*** Indicates Non-Voting Member**

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1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

2. Presentations

2.1. Transforming Teaching and Learning: Hands Back/Hands Forward – *Awneet Sivia (Associate Vice-President, Teaching and Learning, UFV)*

- Awneet Sivia (Associate Vice-President, Teaching and Learning) presented an overview on projects, initiatives, and services from the UFV Teaching and Learning Centre.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – September 18, 2026

MOTION:
Motion: That the agenda of September 18, 2026 be approved as presented.
Chris Schinckus / Gerry Palmer
CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – June 5, 2026

MOTION:
Motion: That the minutes of June 5, 2026 be approved as presented.
Chris Schinckus / Kevin Wainwright
CARRIED

4. For Decision

4.1. New Meeting Chair Appointment – Business and Computing Faculty Council – *Chris Schinckus*

MOTION:
Motion: To appoint Donna Derksen as the Business and Computing Faculty Council Meeting Chair for a 2-year term.
Chris Schinckus / Gerry Palmer
CARRIED

4.2. BCFC Terms of Reference Changes – Approval – *Chris Schinckus*

MOTION:
Motion: That the changes to the Business and Computing Faculty Council Terms of Reference be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

4.3. Learning Exchange Terms of Reference – Approval – *Learning Exchange Committee (Represented by Amir Shabani)*

MOTION:
Motion: That the changes to the Faculty of Business and Computing's Learning Exchange Committee's Terms of Reference be approved as presented.
Opeyemi Adesina / Gerry Palmer
CARRIED

4.4. BUS 204 – Course Outline Changes – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:
Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 204 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

4.5. BUS/ECON 226 – Course Outline Changes – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:
Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS/ECON 226 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

4.6. Bachelor of Business Administration – Program Changes – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:
Motion: That the program changes for the Bachelor of Business Administration be approved with a minor amendment that on page 34, Math 111 and 141 are referenced as they are on page 44 on the Bachelor of Business Administration Aviation program.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

4.7. Bachelor of Business Administration Aviation – Program Changes – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:
Motion: That the program changes for the Bachelor of Business Administration Aviation be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

4.8. Business Administration Diploma – Program Changes – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:
Motion: That the program changes for the Business Administration Diploma be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

4.9. BUS 316 – New Course Approval – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:
Motion: That the new course BUS 316 AI Governance and Adoption in HRM be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

4.10. BBA Human Resources Major – Program Changes – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:
Motion: That the program changes to the Bachelor of Business Administration's Human Resources major be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

4.11. BUS 408 – Course Outline Changes – *Gerry Palmer*

MOTION:
Motion: That the changes to the course outline for BUS 408 be approved as presented.
Gerry Palmer / Opeyemi Adesina
CARRIED

5. Schools & Associate Dean News

5.1. School of Business – *Gerry Palmer*

- The school had recent personnel movements, including returns from sabbaticals, leaves, and departures.
- A newsletter highlighting accomplishments from the school and its faculty members was shared.
- The processes of program reviews and development of new marketing certificates are in progress.
- The school is working on building different mentoring initiatives. They are connecting with local school districts and alumni to find mentors.
- Student clubs and associations have planned community and networking opportunities for students this Fall semester.

5.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- The Master of Science in Computing Science program received ministry approval. The program working group was thanked for their work. The school hopes to have its first intake for the program in September 2027.
- Personnel changes in the school was shared.
- Omer Waqar recently published papers and attended a conference.
- Mandeep Pannu presented a seminar, delivered workshops, and represented the school at a board meeting.
- Opeyemi Adesina presented a paper at an international conference in London.

5.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Committees, including the Allyship & Reconciliation Subcommittee and Students Engagement Committee, will be starting to meet for the new academic year.
- The process of updating the Business and Computing Faculty Standards is in progress.
- Kevin will connect with working groups about the development of associate certificates.
- The development of a students Supply Chain Management Association is in progress.
- PMI exam training will be offered in the form of a project management microcredential.

6. Reports

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

- All faculty members involved in the rank and tenure processes have been contacted. All processes are on track.

- The updated Business and Computing Faculty Standards document was sent for review to UFV's Faculty Standards Committee. The document received minor revisions. The process for approving the Faculty Standards with revisions is in progress.

6.2. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- The faculty was welcomed to the new academic year. Committee meetings and initiatives such as MOUs, articulations, and the development of dual degrees will begin soon.
- The School of Business is in the process of selecting a new Director for January 2027. Gerry Palmer will remain the Interim Director until December 2026.
- Personnel changes were announced.
- The School of Computing was congratulated for receiving ministry approval for their Master of Science in Computing Science program. The program's first intake is aimed for September 2027. The school was thanked for their hard work.
- The School of Business was congratulated for having their eligibility review report for the AACSB accreditation accepted without revisions. The school is officially in the process of becoming AACSB accredited. The accreditation team was thanked for their hard work.

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

- No new updates to share. The first meeting for the committee has been scheduled for the Fall semester.

6.4. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- The Learning Exchange Committee's report has been attached to the agenda package.

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

- No new updates.

6.6. Faculty/College Council Reports

6.6.1. Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies

- No new updates.

6.6.2. College of Arts – *Donna Derksen*

- The College of Arts discussed topics related to reorganization, budget, and new program ideas.

6.6.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

- No new updates.

6.6.4. Faculty of Health Sciences – *Masud Khawaja*

- The Faculty of Health Science's Faculty Council meeting was postponed. No new updates to report.

6.6.5. Faculty of Science

- No new updates.

6.7. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- The Senate will have its first meeting of the academic year on September 18.

7. Information Items – *Tanya Vanpraseuth*

7.1. Vacancies

Business and Computing Faculty Council Vacancy:

- **We are seeking a faculty representative from the Faculty of Health Sciences.**
- **We are seeking two student representatives and one Sessional representative.**

Representative Vacancies:

- **The Research Advisory Council and the Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies, Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development, and Faculty of Science Faculty Councils are each seeking one representative (faculty member) from Business and Computing.**

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

7.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- **September 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (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 October 16, 2026. Agenda deadline is October 1. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.