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Applied & Technical Studies Faculty Council

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MINUTES

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Present: Alex Palameta, Brendan Matthews, Brock Hartman, Carl Janzen, Chris Monkman, Daniel Smythe, Elmer Magsino, Greg St. Hilaire, Greg Wedel, Jeff Chizma, Jenna Glover, Jennifer Lau, Jeremy Abbott, Joel Feenstra, John Garrett, Karen Cooper, Mark Rempel, Martin Warkentin, Mike Dieleman, Shahrzad Malek, Sian Hurley, Ted Zak, Teresa Kisilevich, and Trevor Murray

Regrets: Avner Bachar, Carl Nienhuis, Carmen Herman, Dean Key, Don Weitzel, Earl Pannila, Jamie Ubell, Lin Long, Marc Bardaro, Mark Ryan, Matt Olafson, Myles Andrew, Nick Penner, Pat McGurk, Peter Mulhern, Prabhjot Parmar, Rodney Smith, Russ Thompson, Spenser Julsethwhite, Trevor Beugeling, and Wes Macaulay

Guests: Michelle Moirier, Kelli Graham, Marta Ciccio

Recorder: Marlie Murphy

1. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

The meeting opened with a welcome and introductions of guests. The recent tragedy in Tumbler Ridge was acknowledged, and guidance was shared on supporting students, as well as family and friends, during this difficult time. Everyone was reminded to take care of themselves and to support one another. The group then proceeded with roundtable introductions.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Territorial acknowledgements were provided by Teresa.

3. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

3.1. Agenda – February 12, 2026

MOTION:

That the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 4.3 – Strategic Plan. Moved by Jeff, seconded by Sian, **carried**.

3.2. Minutes – January 15, 2026

MOTION:

That the January 15, 2026 minutes be approved as presented. Moved by Alex, seconded by Joel, **carried**.

4. NEW BUSINESS**4.1. Health & Safety**

- No health and safety concerns were raised.
- For any first aid needs (including bandages), students should be directed to Security.
- A reminder was shared that it is cold and flu season—everyone is encouraged to take care of themselves.

4.2. Inclement Weather - Sian

With some classes starting as early as 7:00 a.m., there was discussion about whether a small (informal) committee should be formed to help decide when to remain open or close during inclement weather, and when moving a class online may be appropriate. It was also noted that faculty already have the autonomy to adjust or delay start times when needed. Interested faculty members to contact Sian.

4.3. Strategic Plan

Lorne McKenzie has been contracted to review UFV's Strategic Plan and is requesting a 2-hour, faculty-only focus group (6–8 members). The purpose of this group is to gather faculty perspectives to help inform the development of UFV's next Integrated Strategic Plan (ISP).

Volunteers: Sian, Jeff, Mark Rempel, and Joel.

Student rep, Braden, indicated interest in volunteering if students are invited to participate.

Action: Marlie will send an email follow up requesting additional faculty to join.

5. DEAN'S REPORT**5.1. Dean's Report attached****6. COMMITTEE AND SENATE REPORTS****6.1. Senate Report | Greg/Joel/Teresa**

No formal reports were presented; however, there was discussion regarding AI and Strategic Plan conversations.

7. EVENTS**7.1. Build your Future 2026 | Regional Skills, Try Tech & Trades, Open House updates**

An update on the Regional Skills Competition was provided, and it was noted that there are fewer competitors this year compared to last year. An update was also provided on planning and preparations for Try Tech & Trades and Open House.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1. Library update:

There is still time for department requests or suggestions for Library collection purchases in this fiscal year. Please contact Martin Warkentin.

There is also a Library ZTC support fund available:

<https://libguides.ufv.ca/oemgp25/ztcmonographfund>

9. PRESENTATION

Guest Speaker: Shirley Hardman, Associate Vice-President, Xwexwilmexwawt

Presentation title: *Indigenizing our Academy, Recognizing Indigenizers: Curriculum and Practice*

Shirley Hardman, Associate Vice-President, Xwexwilmexwawt, visited the Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies Faculty Council along with her team and invited guests, including Elders, drummers, and speakers. The visit included a drumming ceremony and a blanketing ceremony honouring Sian Hurley and Joel Feenstra, as Indigenizers. The recognition reflected the collective work happening across our faculty.

10. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

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People

Updates on personnel:

- Maciej Kaczor (Tool Room Technician) will be leaving UFV for a new opportunity. His last day of work will be Friday, February 27.
- Dean Key (Associate Professor in Automotive) will be retiring from UFV after 30 years of teaching, including a stint as the Director, School of Trades. Dean's last day at UFV will be Thursday, April 30.
- Mark Ryan (Associate Professor in Carpentry) will be retiring after 36 years of working at UFV. Mark's last day at UFV will be May 31, 2026.
- Michelle Johnson (Learning Specialist based in Chilliwack) will also be retiring as of May 31, 2026. (With Teaching & Learning)

Progress (on 2025-26 ATS Plan)

Engaging Learners:

Our Carpentry Department was recently gifted a large donation of lumber from Interfor to support student learning – my thanks to the organization and to Ted for his work organizing this significant gift.

Transforming Lives:

A new scholarship agreement has just been signed with FortisBC for Indigenous students in Trades. Starting this March, and with the intention of being an annual contribution, there will be three \$2500 awards available per year.

Building Community:

Nick Penner represented the Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing program at the Fortins Trade Show (February at Heritage Park)

Congratulations to the Professional Cook 1 students who put on two exceptional dinners at the end of January and beginning of February. Another sold-out event!

Programs

Industry Services:

The development of a welding micro-credential is well on its way! (Currently at the fourth and final stage of approval before implementation)

Upcoming courses:

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Bicycle mechanics, Level 1	Pesticide Applicators' Certificate –
Building Service Worker	landscape & agricultural
Fundamentals of AutoCAD	Powerline Technician program
Small Garden Design	Welder testing
Motorcycle training	Welder booth rental
Ozone Protection	Woodworking essentials
WITT Explore Trades	

Upcoming Events & Activities

The focus for February is our Regional Skills / Try-Tech-and -Trades / Open House. My thanks to everyone who is helping to make this another great day.

March is [Sustainability Month](#) at UFV. There are a number of great events scheduled, including "Beyond Blankets" on March 2 and other dates, a Cedar Weaving Workshop on March 11, a pancake breakfast on March 17 and much more.

ConnectED 2026 – April 26, 2026. Chancellor Dr. Jo-ann Archibald will be this year's Keynote Speaker. If you are interested in presenting, the [Call for Proposals](#) is open until March 3.

Tentatively planned: In conjunction with BCCWITT – *Show up for Safer Workplaces*, May 25-28 in either Chilliwack or Abbotsford. More details to follow about this tuition-free professional development opportunity.

In Other News...

As we move into Skills Season, I want to manage expectations around sending post-secondary competitors and coaches to the Nationals in Toronto. As was the case last year, we will not be sending coaches for secondary students, as this is a school district responsibility. And should we have post-secondary students who win gold at the Provincials, we will have to look at the overall cost and logistics of sending students and/or coaches. Do not book flights or make other travel plans until I've had a chance to review things. Thanks.