

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, April 5, 2024
9:00 AM, Zoom

Chair of the Faculty of Business and Computing: Chris Schinckus
Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: Cyrus Chaichian

Present:

Amir Hajbaba
Carl Janzen
Chris Schinckus
Colleen Bell*
Cyrus Chaichian
David Harper*
Dewang Marya
Faisal Naeem*
Felicia Chong
Ismail El Sayad

Kevin Wainwright
Lorne Mackenzie
Luciana Hakak
Mandeep Pannu
Mariana Toniolo Barrios
Mariano Mapili
Masud Khawaja
Nipuni Jayetileke
Omer Waqar
Opeyemi Adesina

Parsa Rajabi*
Raechel Healey-Chamberlain
Russell Campbell
Simon Luke
Sophie Farmani*
Susan Brown
Talia Q
Tanya Vanpraseuth
Yahya Rashid*

Regrets:

Ashley Bolding
David Dobson
Frank Zhang

Gurneet Anand*
Karen Cooper
Kirsten Roberston

Mark Breedveld
Mike Ivanof

Guests:

Sonia Harding

Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

2. Presentations

2.1. UFV Sustainability Action Planning – *Doran Hoge (Director, Energy and Environmental Sustainability)*

- A presentation was given on sustainability action plan planning for the university.
- Sustainability focus areas, activities, and pathways were highlighted.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – April 5, 2024

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of April 5, 2024 be approved as presented.
Cyrus Chaichian / Chris Schinckus
CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – March 8, 2024

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of March 8, 2024 be approved as presented.

Cyrus Chaichian / Chris Schinckus

CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- Lorne Mackenzie read the Director's school updates on behalf of Khyati Shetty.
- The school completed its EFMD accreditation visit. Final results are anticipated to arrive in approximately eight weeks. Chris, Saeed, Kurt, Felicia, Sha, and Marla were thanked for their work. Faculty and staff were thanked for their support.
- Mark, Nathan, and Marla were congratulated on the success of the Sales Management Research Exhibition & Mixer.
- The student Enactus team was named regional runner-up in the Desjardins Youth Empowerment competition at the regional competition in Calgary.
- Kirsten Robertson and her student's paper was accepted at a conference.
- David Dobson led an economic impact study for the Abbotsford International Airshow as a work integrated learning project for his research course.
- Gerry Gannon was thanked for his pro bono consultancy work for the Veterans of the Royal Canadian Legion.
- The school is sponsoring a hole in the upcoming 2024 ACS Charity Golf Tournament. Enactus students will also attend.

4.2. School of Computing – *Talia Q*

- The school hosted a Tech Industry Panel, led by Opeyemi. Six tech industry experts were panelists and over one hundred students attended. The event received positive feedback.
- Omer gave a microlecture in February and has had a few publications.
- Ziaul was accepted to a conference and is sharing a paper.

4.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Students from the BUS 499 project class have been completing research on an environmental scan on the need for microcredentials and workshops. Kevin plans to share their results.
- The development of processes to prepare incoming students for the post-baccalaureate diplomas are ongoing. Plans for launching a math assessment system is in progress.

5. For Discussion

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

- Tenure and promotion processes for the current academic year are now in the final steps. Documents have been forwarded to the President's Office.
- Colleagues involved in tenure and promotion processes for the next academic year have been contacted.

6. Reports

6.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- The EFMD accreditation visit went well. Saeed and Kurt were thanked for leading the process. Marla and Sha were thanked for their support.
- The Dean's Office is in the process of hiring a Curriculum Strategist. The interview process is in progress.
- The process of selecting a new School of Computing Director is in progress.
- The UFV Convocation Ceremonies begin on June 11. Faculty of Business and Computing's Convocation Ceremony will occur on June 13. Members of the faculty were encouraged to attend.
- The relaunch of the Bachelor of Business Administration for Agriculture Management program is in progress. The British Columbia Institute of Agrologists endorsed seven of the program's courses.
- Faculty Council members were informed of the plans to invite two adjunct professors as non-voting members to the Council.

6.2. Decolonization Subcommittee – *Chris Schinckus*

- The first subcommittee meeting was held in March. The second meeting has been scheduled.
- Discussions of changing the subcommittee's name are in progress.
- A draft of the updated Terms of Reference has been shared with members.

6.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Kirsten Robertson*

- No updates to report.

6.4. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- No updates to report.

7.4.2. College of Arts

- No representative for updates.

7.4.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development

- No representative for updates.

7.4.4. Faculty of Health Sciences

- No representative for updates.

7.4.5. Faculty of Science – Frank Zhang

- No updates to report.

6.5. Senate Report – Gerry Palmer

- No updates to report.

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Information Items – Tanya Vanpraseuth

7.1. BCFC Vacancies

- Business and Computing Faculty Council and its subcommittees have the following vacancies:
 - Representative from FBC to the Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies
- Members interested in any of these vacancies should contact FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.

7.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- April 9: School of Business Student Research Day – 11:30 am in room AB K149
- April 17: [Dean's Conversation Series](#)
- April 26: [Dean's Coffee Series](#)
- May 8: ConnectED 2024 – [Teaching & Learning Conference](#)
- Nominations for Convocation 2024 speakers are due by April 14 – [Nominate a student here](#).
- 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. Policy Revisions

- University Visitor Policy Draft – *Submit comments to* policyconsult@ufv.ca

7.4. The next Faculty Council Meeting is May 3, 2024. Agenda deadline is April 18, 2024. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca. A Learning Exchange session will occur after the May 3 meeting.