

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, May 3, 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 Shabani
Carl Janzen
Chris Schinckus
Cindy Stewart
Cyrus Chaichian
Dewang Marya
Felicia Chong
Marla Fralick
Kevin deWolde
Kevin Wainwright

Khyati Shetty
Kim Milnes
Kirsten Robertson
Mariana Toniolo Barrios
Mariano Mapili*
Mark Breedveld
Masud Khawaja
Nathan Arney
Nipuni Jayetileke
Omer Waqar

Opeyemi Adesina
Rilla Apostolakis
Russell Campbell
Saeed Rahman
Simon Luke
Talia Q
Tanya Vanpraseuth
Yahya Rashid*
Ziaul Hossain

Regrets:

Al Wiseman*
Colleen Bell*
Cynthia Lambert*
David Dobson

David Harper*
Joanne MacLean
Julie Croft
Karen Cooper

Luciana Hakak
Mike Ivanof
Raechel Healey-Chamberlain
Susan Brown

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. Agenda and Minutes

2.1. Agenda – May 3, 2024

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of May 3, 2024 be approved as presented.
Cyrus Chaichian / Chris Schinckus
CARRIED

2.2. Minutes – April 5, 2024

MOTION:

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

3. Schools & Associate Dean News

3.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- The hiring process is currently in progress for B faculty positions.
- David Dobson and Raymond Leung hosted a successful undergraduate research excellence awards event.
- The school co-hosted an event in association with the Royal Bank of Canada. The event featured a speaker from Scotland. Mark Breedveld and Kurt Siemens were thanked for their organization.
- Members of the school have participated in conferences, new initiatives, and collaborations.
- The school is organizing an upcoming online market research seminar featuring a speaker from Brock University.
- The school will participate in the PEAK initiative hosted by UFV's International Office to welcome new international students.
- The strategic planning working committee is working on new initiatives, including a workshop.

3.2. School of Computing – *Talia Q*

- Omer Waqar gave a presentation on sustainable futures at UFV's March sustainability event.
- Frank Zhang is accompanying students on a study tour in China. The tour will cover visits to cultural landscapes and information on technology advancements.
- Mandeep Pannu represented the school at a high school capture the flag hackathon competition. The objective of the hackathon was to inspire students to pursue cybersecurity education at the post-secondary level.
- Faculty members have attended community events and participated as a judge.

3.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- Kevin continues to work with the UFV IT department and external groups to build onboarding courses for incoming post-baccalaureate students. These courses will ensure students have the appropriate level of math skills. A course focused on cultural literacy and adjusting to being at a Canadian university is also in progress with the UFV International Office.
- An initial pilot for a drone training microcredential for high school students is being discussed.

4. For Discussion

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

- Updates on rank and tenure processes will be shared from the President's Office soon.

5. Reports

5.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- Chris thanked all instructors and staff for their hard work during the end of the semester.
- The Dean's Office is working on organizing a networking event for the advisory boards with Shirley Hardman. The event will likely occur in the beginning of June.
- Candidates have been shortlisted for the Indigenous faculty member position in the School of Business.
- The Faculty of Business and Computing Convocation Ceremony is on June 13 at 2:30 pm. Faculty members were encouraged to attend.
- The Dean's Coffee event in May has been postponed for June.
- An email from the Student Affairs Office with information on grade grubbing has been sent to all instructors.
- Chris will be visiting another Canadian university next week to participate as an accreditation panel member.
- The Faculty Council plans to welcome President Joanne MacLean and Associate Vice-President of Indigenous Affairs, Shirley Hardman, as speakers for the next meeting.

5.2. Decolonization Subcommittee – *Chris Schinckus*

- The second meeting occurred for the subcommittee.
- A discussion was held about the name of the subcommittee. A general consensus has been made about the process of changing the subcommittee's name to the Allyship and Reconciliation Subcommittee.
- An updated Terms of Reference has been shared with members. Members will discuss the changes at the next meeting.
- The next steps of the subcommittee are to define the mandate and create action items.

5.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Kirsten Robertson*

- No updates to report.

5.4. Faculty/College Council Reports

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

- President Joanne MacLean spoke at the Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies Faculty Council meeting.
- Discussions were held about Chilliwack campus renovations and possible new funding opportunities.

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.

5.5. Senate Report – Gerry Palmer

- No updates to report.

6. Information Items – Tanya Vanpraseuth

6.1. 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.**

6.2. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- **May 8: ConnectED 2024 – [Teaching & Learning Conference](#)**
- **May 24: [Dean's Coffee Series](#) – Postponed for June**
- **The Business and Computing Convocation Ceremony will be on June 13 at 2:30 pm (Ceremony 6). Visit the [Convocation website page](#) for more details on all ceremonies.**
- **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 next Faculty Council Meeting is May 31, 2024. Agenda deadline is May 16. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.

- The May 31 meeting will be the last Faculty Council meeting of the 2023/2024 academic year.

7. Learning Exchange

7.1. Kirsten Robertson, School of Business – *Enacting a Calling Through Configurations of Multiple Jobs*

- Shared a presentation on *Enacting a Calling Through Configurations of Multiple Jobs*.

7.2. Amir Shabani, School of Computing – *The Intersection of AI and Healthcare*

- Shared a presentation on *The Intersection of AI and Healthcare*.