MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, May 31, 2024
9:00 AM, Zoom

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

Present:

Alana Dallaire	Ismail El Sayad	Nathan Arney
Amir Shabani	Joanne MacLean	Nipuni Jayetileke
Carl Janzen	Julie Croft	Omer Waqar
Cathy Hutchinson*	Kevin deWolde	Opeyemi Adesina
Chris Schinckus	Kevin Wainwright	Parsa Rajabi*
Cindy Stewart	Khyati Shetty	Raechel Healey-Chamberlain
Cyrus Chaichian	Kim Milnes	Raji Balagopal*
David Dobson	Liz Wiebe	Rilla Apostolakis
David Thomson*	Lorne Mackenzie	Russell Campbell
Dewang Marya	Luciana Hakak	Saeed Rahman
Faisal Naeem*	Mariana Toniolo Barrios	Susan Brown
Felicia Chong	Marla Fralick	Tanya Vanpraseuth
Frank Zhang	Mark Breedveld	Yahya Rashid*
Gerry Palmer	Masud Khawaja	

Regrets:

Colleen Bell*	Kirsten Robertson
David Harper*	Simon Luke

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.   Updates from the President – Dr. Joanne MacLean *(President and Vice-Chancellor, UFV)*

- The President shared updates on the international student cap. The university is working to ensure that students are supported.
- The university is planning to adjust the infrastructure to accommodate student growth.
- The President encouraged the Faculty to join in the celebrations for Convocation and UFV's 50th anniversary.
- The Faculty was encouraged to submit nominations for honourary doctorate and service excellence award recipients.

2.2. **Updates from the Associate Vice-President, Indigenous – Dr. Shirley Hardman** *(Associate Vice-President, Indigenous, UFV)*

- Dr. Hardman shared recommendations for connecting and building partnerships with Indigenous communities.
- Suggestions for Indigenizing the aesthetics of the university, including paintings and carvings, were shared.
- The importance of reconciliation and building Indigenous staff and faculty members at the university was highlighted.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. **Agenda – May 31, 2024**

MOTION:
Motion: That the agenda of May 31, 2024 be approved as presented.
Cyrus Chaichian / Chris Schinckus
CARRIED

3.2. **Minutes – May 3, 2024**

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

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. **School of Business – *Khyati Shetty***

- The school completed interviews for B Faculty and LTA positions. Eight positions have been successfully filled.
- The first draft of the school's strategic plan has been completed by the working committee. The committee was thanked for their work.
- The Enactus UFV team were semi-finalists at the 2024 Enactus National competition.
- Jelena Brcic will be sharing her research with the University of Sydney.
- The Accounting and Finance Students Associations ran tax clinics to assist students with their taxes.
- Khyati Shetty will be giving a talk at an upcoming Women in Business event in June. School of Business students have been sponsored to attend the event.
- The School of Business retreat will occur in early June. Cyrus Chaichian's retirement party will be held on the same day to celebrate his legacy.

4.2. School of Computing – *Opeyemi Adesina*

- New B Faculty members have been hired. LTAs have also been recommended for appointments and interviews have been scheduled.
- Ismail El Sayad and Carl Janzen presented a paper on computing education at a conference.
- Omer Waqar presented a paper at a symposium and gave an invited talk on machine learning.
- Five students were awarded innovation grant awards. The grants totalled at $20,000.
- Omer Waqar's student received an undergraduate research award.
- School of Computing student groups placed first and second at an IT skills competition.
- Computing Association President Josh Gourde was selected as the student speaker for the Business and Computing Convocation.
- The school hosted a meeting with their External Advisory Board in May.

4.3. Associate Dean – *Kevin Wainwright*

- The process of creating a non-credit courses/workshop series to assist with onboarding international students for the post-baccalaureate diplomas is in progress. Courses will be focused on the culture and expectations of classes and reviewing and upgrading math skills. Kevin is working with UFV International on this initiative.
- The creation of a microcredential focused on drone technology is currently in progress.

5. For Discussion

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

- All processes for rank and tenure are on track.
- Opeyemi Adesina, Frank Zhang, Saeed Rahman, and Amir Shabani were promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.
- Kirsten Robertson was promoted to the rank of Full Professor.

6. Reports

6.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- Faculty and staff were thanked for a successful academic year.
- Faculty Council Chair Cyrus Chaichian will be retiring. Cyrus was thanked for his service as the Chair and his 30 years of service at UFV.
- The discussion of an interest for a new Faculty Council Chair will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Opeyemi Adesina was congratulated for his promotion to the rank of Associate Professor and Director of the School of Computing. As well as being the recipient of the UFV Faculty Service Excellence Award.
- Talia Q was thanked for being the Acting Director and for working with Opeyemi during the transition.

- The School of Business has been renewed for an EFMD accreditation for three years. Saeed Rahman, Kurt Siemens, Marla Fralick, and Sha Scholtens were thanked for their work and support.
- The Dean's Office will organize a networking social event at the Stó:lō Longhouse on June 19 with the School of Business, School of Computing, and Indigenous Advisory Boards.
- Faculty were encouraged to attend the Business and Computing Convocation Ceremony on June 13 to celebrate with students.
- The Faculty is currently in the process of hiring a Curriculum Strategist. The previous candidate that was offered the position had declined. The position was reopened until May 31. Interviews are planned for June.
- David Harper, the Faculty of Health Sciences representative of the Business and Computing Faculty Council, resigned from his role and shared his best wishes for the Faculty.

6.2. Allyship and Reconciliation Subcommittee – *Chris Schinckus*

- The subcommittee's Terms of Reference updates have been shared with members. Feedback will be discussed at the next meeting.
- A networking social event is currently being planned to give Indigenous and non-Indigenous Board members an opportunity to connect.
- Two members of the subcommittee were involved in the interview and shortlisting process for an Indigenous faculty member.

6.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Kirsten Robertson*

- No updates to report.

6.4. Faculty/College Council Reports

6.4.1. Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies – *Carl Janzen*
- No updates to report.
6.4.2. College of Arts
- No representative for updates.
6.4.3. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development
- No representative for updates.
6.4.4. Faculty of Health Sciences
- No representative for updates.
6.4.5. Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang*
- No updates to report.

6.5. Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer*

- The last Senate meeting of the term will be in June. Reports on the university's Strategic Enrolment Management plan and new Chilliwack campus plan will be discussed.
- The Senate is in the process of electing a Vice-Chair.

7.   **Information Items**

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**
- **June 7: Dean's Coffee Series**
- **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.**
- **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.   **This is the last Faculty Council meeting of the 2023/2024 academic year. Faculty Council will resume for the new academic year in September 2024. A draft schedule of the 2024/2025 meeting dates is attached. More details for next year's meetings will be shared in the summer. Please emailFBC.Committees@ufv.ca with any questions.**

Thank you for a great academic year.