

MINUTES
Business and Computing Faculty Council
Friday, November 8, 2024
9:00 AM, Zoom

Chair of the Faculty of Business and Computing: Chris Schinckus
Chair of the Faculty Council Meeting: N/A

Present:

Amir Shabani
Carl Janzen
Cathy Hutchinson*
Chang Lu
Chris Schinckus
Cindy Stewart
Donna Derksen
Faisal Naeem
Farshad Eshghi
Felicia Chong
Frank Zhang

Ibrahim Javed
Ismail El Sayad
Jason Campbell
Kevin Wainwright
Khyati Shetty
Kim Milnes
Mariana Toniolo Barrios
Mason Paquette
Nipuni Jayetileke
Niranjana Geetha
Omer Waqar

Opeyemi Adesina
Raechel Healey-Chamberlain
Rilla Apostolakis
Russell Campbell
Samuel Okegbile
Sha Scholtens
Tanya Vanpraseuth
Uduak Ituen*
Ziaul Hossain
Zubair Raja

Regrets:

Colleen Bell*
David Dobson
Denise Calvert*
John Flett

Kate Kloos
Kirsten Robertson
Liz Wiebe
Lorne Mackenzie

Mark Breedveld
Simon Luke

Recorder: Tanya Vanpraseuth

* Indicates Non-Voting Member

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Presentations

2.1. Micro-credentials and Domestic Enrolment Initiatives – Kevin Wainwright, Associate Dean, Faculty of Business and Computing

- Kevin shared an overview of a micro-credential model. These included stages of development, delivery, registration, and learning platforms.
- Potential partnerships for micro-credentials are being explored, including one with First Nation Land Management.
- International student enrolment has decreased due to changes by the IRCC. Post-baccalaureate diplomas will likely be affected.
- Universities within the Lower Mainland have been making greater efforts to recruit students in the Fraser Valley.
- Strategies to improve domestic enrolment strategy include promoting business and computing programs and UFV's strengths. This includes small class sizes, working with faculty, research, and industry projects.

3. Agenda and Minutes

3.1. Agenda – November 8, 2024

MOTION:

Motion: That the agenda of November 8, 2024 be approved with the following amendment:

- The addition of a new section titled “For Decision” after item 4.3 which includes a new motion of the appointment of a new Faculty Council Chair.

Chris Schinckus / Kevin Wainwright
CARRIED

3.2. Minutes – October 11, 2024

MOTION:

Motion: That the minutes of October 11, 2024 be approved as presented.

Chris Schinckus / Kevin Wainwright
CARRIED

4. Schools & Associate Dean News

4.1. School of Business – *Khyati Shetty*

- Raymond Leung, Benny Davidson, and Quan Cheng were congratulated for publishing in peer-reviewed journals.
- Mariana Toniolo Barrios attended a conference in Texas and won the Best Paper Award.
- The school received a grant from ACF.
- The school's Research Coordinator, Felicia Chong, has started Writing Tuesdays again. The sessions create a supportive environment for academic writing.
- The Innovation Brew Series was introduced to foster collaborate research among faculty.
- Quan was thanked for securing the school's CPA affiliation which strengthens the reputations of the school's programs.
- Zubair Raja had a guest lecture from Teck in one of his classes.
- Kevin deWolde hosted a study abroad information session for students.
- The school received funding from Enterprise Car Rental to launch a Social Media Student Ambassador program. The program is aimed at enhancing the school's digital presence and student engagement.
- The school received strong participation at the UFV Open House. There was a significant interest in the Aviation program.
- Donna Derksen was thanked for inviting a franchise owner of McDonald's to the school. This introduction gave the school a chance to explore opportunities and partnerships.
- The school had representation at the Archway Community Builders Awards. Khyati Shetty emceed the event alongside nine students.
- The school will have their Strategic Plan implementation meeting on November 12.

- The Accounting Students Association will have a Career Fair on November 14.
- Khyati will deliver a TED Talk on "The Power of Boundaries" on November 15.
- The Sales Academy is hosting a School of Business and Sales Academy Mixer on November 20.

4.2. School of Computing – Opeyemi Adesina

- The Master of Science program progress is on track. The program received letters of support from institutions, employers, and external organizations.
- The school hosted a webinar on Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity. There were over sixty students, including students from other disciplines.
- The Fall 2024 External Advisory Board's meeting is scheduled for November 21.
- The Post-Baccalaureate Diplomas in Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning, Cybersecurity, and Software Engineering has been approved by UEC. The next steps forward will be at APPC and Senate.
- Frank Zhang attended the British Columbia Computing Education meeting which was held at North Island College in Fort St. John in October.
- The school participated in UFV's Open House event. The school featured robotics demonstrations and received questions about programming and software development concentrations.
- CoderDogo, in collaboration with Mission Literacy in Motion and Mission Public Schools, launched in the beginning of November. CoderDojo will be facilitated by Opeyemi Adesina and Robbie Wright (student volunteer).

4.3. Associate Dean – Kevin Wainwright

- There were plans to meet with the schools on strategic enrolment management.
- There have been discussions on different scheduling options, including hybrid options. Sample data from both schools are being evaluated. Further conversations will be held before making changes.

5. For Decision

5.1. Faculty Council – Chair Position – Chris Schinckus

MOTION:

Motion: To approve the appointment of Carl Janzen as the Chair of the Business and Computing Faculty Council for a two-year term.

Chris Schinckus / Kevin Wainwright

CARRIED

6. For Discussion

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

- There are no updates to report. No individuals are going through the rank and tenure process for this academic year.
- There is a new Director for Rank and Tenure, Alastair Hodges, for the institution. Alastair might be invited to speak at a future Faculty Council meeting.

7. Reports

7.1. Dean's Report – *Chris Schinckus*

- The federal cap on international students in Canada has reduced international enrolment. The conditions for obtaining post-graduate work permits have also changed. Only diplomas that are aligned with specific market needs are eligible for the permit.
- The School of Business post-baccalaureate diplomas in Business Analytics and International Business are not eligible for work permits. The post-baccalaureate diplomas in progress for the School of Computing are eligible. The possibility of exploring the development of Master's degrees was suggested.
- Budget requests from both schools have been sent to the Provost's Office. There has been no response from the Provost's Office yet. The assumption is that the faculty will have a flat budget. Post-Baccalaureates and Master's programs may assist with budget growth.

7.2. Allyship & Reconciliation Committee – *Chris Schinckus*

Note: Meeting minutes available upon request.

- There have been no recent meetings or updates.
- The next meeting will be on Friday, November 15.
- Shirley Hardman will join the next meeting. The committee hopes to interact with Shirley on how to invite Indigenous leaders and experts in classes and ask them meaningful questions.

7.3. Learning Exchange Committee – *Mariana Toniolo Barrios*

- Russell Campbell has joined the committee to represent the School of Computing. The committee hopes to strengthen the collaboration between the two schools.
- Donna Derksen and Parsa Rajabi will be the presenters for the December Learning Exchange session. Donna will present research in human resources and Parsa will present research on artificial intelligence.

- 7.4. **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 representatives for updates.
- 7.4.3. **Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development**
- No representatives for updates.
- 7.4.4. **Faculty of Health Sciences**
- No representative for updates.
- 7.4.5. **Faculty of Science – *Frank Zhang***
- The Faculty of Science discussed micro-certificates and collaborating with the Faculty of Business and Computing.

7.5. **Senate Report – *Gerry Palmer***

- No updates to report.

8. **Information Items**

8.1. **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.**

8.2. **Upcoming Events/Important Dates**

- **November 11: Remembrance Day (UFV Closed)**
- **November 29: [Dean's Coffee Series](#)**
- **Faculty Excellence Award nominations in teaching, faculty service, and research excellence for the 2024-25 year are now open until December 3. Visit the [awards page](#) to learn more.**
- **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.**

8.3. **Policy Revisions**

- **[Information Security \(249\) Policy](#) – *Approved***
- **[Privacy \(250\) Policy](#) – *Approved***

8.4. **The next Faculty Council Meeting is December 6, 2024. Agenda deadline is November 21. Send submissions to FBC.Committees@ufv.ca.**