



**FACULTY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting (Online)**  
**4:15 PM – 6:15 PM**

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**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Amy Jeon; *Dean*  
Erika Eliason; *Assoc. Dean*  
Leila Biu; *Recording*  
Allyson Rozell; *Chair*  
Mike Coombes; *Vice-Chair*  
Casey McConill  
Catherine Chow  
Christina Iggulden  
David Sud  
Dominic Bernard  
Ellen Pond  
Fergal Callaghan  
Jane Shin  
Kelsie Doering  
Mary Hosseinyazdi  
Melissa Drury  
Michelle Ikoma  
Nadia Henwood  
Nicole Tunbridge  
Russ Lyons  
Samaneh Ghanzafari Hashemi  
Suellen Zhou  
Tara Immell  
Tyron Tsui  
Xavier Ardez  
Janay Legge; *Guest*  
Karen Hammond; *Guest*

**Regrets:**

Jeff Dyck; *Assoc. Dean*  
Alan Davis  
Alex Lyon  
Muskandeep Kaur  
Sepideh Tahriri Abadi

**1. Guest: *The Family Campaign from the Office of Advancement* – Janay Legge and Karen Hammond**

- The Family Giving Campaign is a dedicated employee giving program. For every \$1 an employee donates, KPU matches it.
- Employees can donate a small recurring amount off of their pay cheque. \$20 is the minimum amount to create your own award. There is also tax credit for every donation.
- Last year, the KPU Foundation dispersed over \$2.3 million in financial aid.
- On September 11, the Family Campaign Kickoff Breakfast will happen at the Surrey Conference Centre.

**2. Approval of the Agenda of April 15, 2025**

*It was **moved** (Mike Coombes), **seconded** (Catherine Chow), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as distributed.*

**3. Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of March 18, 2025**

*It was **moved** (Ellen Pond), **seconded** (Mike Coombes), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as distributed.*

**4. Business Arising:**

- No business arising.

**5. Chair's Report:**

- For the calendar for this term, there are only two working days from the last day of exams to grade submission deadline. April 28<sup>th</sup> is Faculty of the Whole and also Election Day. Please reach out to your department if this is a widespread issue.

**6. Dean's Report:**

- KPU is going through challenging times. The Board of Governors approved the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. There is a \$49 million deficit that has to be resolved within this fiscal year. There were also 69 faculty members who received layoff notices.

**7. Senate Reports:**

- Two new Biology courses (BIOL 1150 and 1250) and two revised Biology courses (BIOL 1160 and 1260) were approved.
- The new Brewing Micro credentials (Brewing, Brewing Science, Business of Brewing, and Beer Sensory Evaluation) were approved.
- There was also revision to the approved Bachelor of Arts framework which will allow five physical geography courses to count as the Science requirement for Arts students.
- Congratulations to Richard Popoff who is elected to represent Science as a Faculty Senator starting in September.

**7.1. Senate Standing Committee on Program Review (SSCPR):**

- SSCPR approved the Environmental Protection Technology self-study report.

#### **7.2. Senate Standing Committee on University Budget (SSCUB):**

- In a joint meeting between SSCUB and SSCAPP, both voted in favour of the new proposed Certificate in Brewing and the new proposed Diploma in Engineering Physics. The Committees voted in favour of recommending that the Senate advises the Board of Governors to approve those credentials

#### **7.3. Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (SSCAPP):**

- Joint meeting with SSCUB.

#### **7.4. Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum (SSCC):**

- Nothing to report.

#### **7.5. Senate Standing Committee on Research (SSCR):**

- Nothing to report.

#### **7.6. Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning (SSCTL):**

- T&L is looking closely at budget. There are currently two teleconferencing licenses (Zoom and Big Blue Button), thus, they are recommending phasing out Big Blue Button. Both licenses have been renewed through the next year.

#### **7.7. Senate Standing Committee on Policy (SSCP):**

- Nothing to report.

### **8. Committee Reports**

#### **8.1. Curriculum Committee:**

- Nothing to report.

#### **8.2. Academic Planning and Priorities:**

- Nothing to report.

#### **8.3. Research:**

- Nothing to report.

#### **8.4. Nominations and Governance:**

- Nothing to report.

### **9. New Business:**

#### **9.1. EPT Program Suspension**

- The Dean is bringing forward a proposal to suspend the EPT program effective September 2026. FC is being asked to endorse the suspension.
- EPT is a limited intake program with new students being admitted during the Fall semester. The program has welcomed 5 new students in Fall 2024, 5 students in Fall 2023, and 7 in Fall 2022. Between 2019-2020 and the current academic year, the total headcount dropped from 41 students to 11 students in both first and second year. For the last academic year, the FTE rate is at 12% and over the past five years, that percentage has hovered between

12% and 20%. This meant that majority of students were taking only one or two classes per semester. The recent self-study report noted that similar programs across BC are also experiencing low declining enrolment, which implies that the enrolment in the current EPT program is unlikely to improve in the immediate future. The Faculty of Science has greatly benefited from the revenues generated by other faculties. With this large deficit to resolve, the faculty can no longer support programs or courses that are in inefficiencies. As Brett Favaro will return this September as Dean, there will be improvements to the program and there will be various options to be considered such as internal and external funding to revamp the program and discussion on what direction will be taken.

- There was discussion of the program suspension with concerns raised and recommendations provided. One of the concerns was how the program suspension will affect the service courses and student progression. There was also concern of how this will impact local industry. Furthermore, the Faculty of Science as well as the local industry and PAC were not listed as consulted prior to the suspension proposal. There were also no plans provided in the written proposal. Lastly, the EPT program and other departments do not feel properly supported by the Marketing department in the advertisement of their programs. It was recommended to continue the intake cancellation for one more academic year. Community outreach, combined a comprehensive plan for marketing, was also proposed. There was discussion on why there was a decline in enrolment and why those who applied did not continue at KPU.

**MOTION:** THAT the Faculty of Science Faculty Council endorses the suspension of the Environmental Protection Technology program, effective September 2026.

**Moved:** Mary Hosseinyazdi; **Seconded:** Catherine Chow. **Motion failed to pass.**

- Two other motions were brought forward with regards to the EPT program suspension.

**MOTION:** THAT the Faculty Council request a comprehensive and transparent consultation process, led by the Dean's Office, regarding the future of the EPT program, including meaningful engagement with faculty, students, the PAC and other relevant stakeholders.

**Moved:** Jane Shin; **Seconded:** Catherine Chow. **Carried.**

**MOTION:** THAT the Faculty council recommend the Dean's office return to faculty council in a year for re-evaluation with evidence on the efforts for program revitalization to make evidence-based decision on the program's future direction.

**Moved:** Jane Shin; **Seconded:** David Sud. **Carried.**

- A motion was brought forward with regards to Marketing.

**MOTION:** THAT the Faculty Council recommend the Dean's office to request a Faculty of Science-specific marketing strategy for Fall 2025.

**Moved:** Ellen Pond; **Seconded:** Mike Coombes. **Carried.**

**Meeting adjourned by Chair at 6:15 PM**

**Date of next Faculty Council: May 20, 2025**

# **Family Giving Campaign**

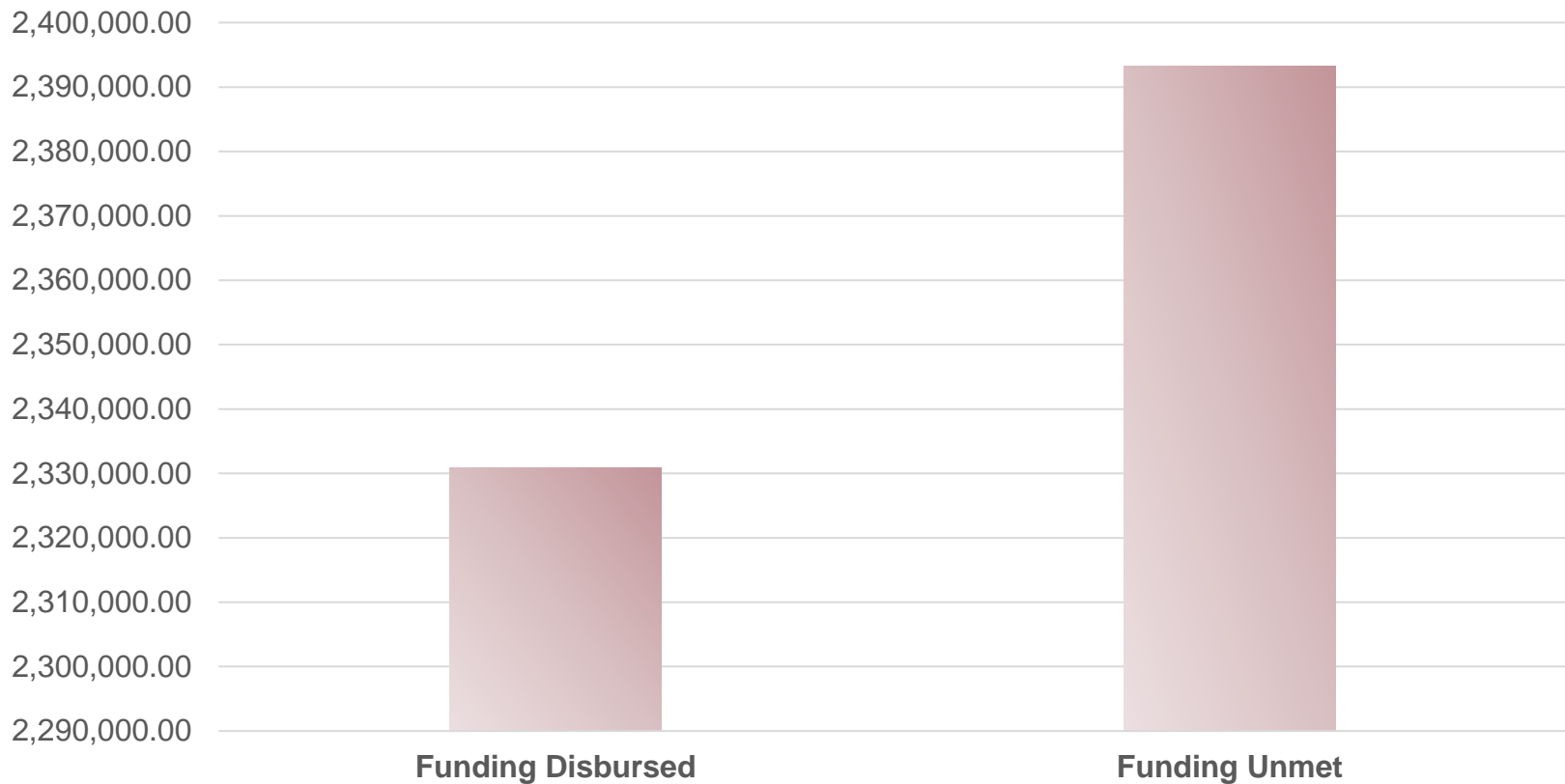
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First Name \*

Last Name \*

Employee ID # \*

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## **Family Campaign Kickoff Breakfast**

**September 11, 2025**

**Surrey Conference Centre - Cedar 1205**

*(watch your inbox for details - Today@KPU)*

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