



FACULTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
Microsoft Teams Meeting (Online)
4:15 PM – 6:15 PM

Meeting Minutes

| Faculty Council Voting Member Quorum: 30% (7) | | |
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| Allyson Rozell – Chair Mike Coombes – Vice Chair Samaneh Ghanfari Hashemi – CADD Tyron Tsui – PHYS Suellen Zhou – Rmd staff Rep Christina Iggulden – Sry Staff Rep Korri Thorlacius – Langley Staff Rep Kelsie Doering – BIOL Marjorie Sorenson – BIOL Nicole Tunbridge – BIOL alternate | Mary Hosseinyazdi – MATH Daniel Anvari – MATH Ellen Pond – HORT Russ Lyons – HORT David Sud – CHEM Deepani Indurugalla – CHEM Muskandeep Kaur; FC Student Rep | Non-voting Brett Favaro Christina Heinrick Nadia Henwood Richard Popoff; <i>FC Senate</i> Michelle Ikoma, <i>Deans office</i> |
| Regrets | | Guests |
| Bruce Choy Jeff Dyck Dominic Bernard – HOPS Alex Lyon - AGRI Sepideh Tahriri Adabi – Institute Rep | Nicole Tunbridge; <i>FC Biology ALT</i> | |

1. Approval of the Agenda of January 20, 2026

*It was **moved** (Michael Coombes), **seconded** (Mary Hosseinyazdi), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as distributed.*

2. Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of December 16, 2025

*It was **moved** (Michael Coombes), **seconded** (Mary Hosseinyazdi), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as distributed.*

3. Business Arising:

- No Report

4. Chair’s Report:

- No Report

5. Dean’s Report:

- Responses to emails will be somewhat slower with the double role. If something is urgent, please do re-send.
- Faculty of the Whole will be April 30th in Richmond. Bring forward theme or content ideas for the agenda.
- ORS Research Collaboration event Feb 11th. Register on [Humanitix](#).
- Research Show case event coming May 19. More information to come.
- DFW related information – previously circulated to Chairs group, but [here](#) it is for everyone. And here also is a link to a detailed [UBCFinder](#) (tool designed to help UBC students easily find and compare courses by displaying averages, grade distributions, prerequisites, and other course information including DFW rates). A reminder that almost everything in the [slide deck](#) is on the OPA dashboards.

6. Senate Reports:

Dr. Bruce Choy reported on, among other things, the implications of the federal budget, which confirms that the decrease in international students will be the new status quo. Federal money aimed at research will mostly help the top 15 research universities. On the provincial level, the increased funding for skilled trades training was one potential bright spot.

The Provost's report included mention of work-integrated learning, including that of CADD and the Horticulture Aboriculture students, who pruned the trees in Orchard Park, for the City of Surrey, giving us some positive visibility in the community.

A small number of new graduates were approved (none in Science this time).

Curriculum:

- Ten micro-credential programs (including the 4 from Brewing) were revised to clarify completion requirements; they have been standardized so they all require completion of associated courses with a minimum grade of C in each course.
- Program revision to Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing: previously the students completed their first year prior to being officially admitted to the program; this has been changed so that students are admitted and then start their first year. Also, the delivery model has shifted to 30% in-person, 70% online.
- Three course outlines (all Arts) were revised.

Nominations:

- Three nominations were approved to committees, including Judy Bicep as Science rep on SSC Library.
- Search advisory committee for appointment of the University Librarian was approved, including faculty: Caja Blomley, Elizabeth Spalding, Jeffery Butler, and student: Sheena Dela Torre.

Fiscal 2026-27 Draft University Budget was presented, and, after a fair bit of discussion, was endorsed by Senate.

Policies:

- No current consultation/feedback requests on the Policy Blog.
- GenAI will be addressed as necessary when policies come up for revision/renewal.

- The initial draft and internal consultations for the Graduate Student Handbook were completed over the summer.

Program Review:

- Brewing and Brewery Operations has had their Second Annual Follow-up Report approved, concluding this program review cycle.
- Health Science has had their Self-Study Report approved.

Research: A number of items related to the specific roles of the committee were discussed.

Tributes: The committee discussed nominations for awards, which were addressed at a closed meeting of Senate.

Notice of Spring Election for Representatives to the University Board and Senate ; nominations begin 26Jan 2026:

- Faculty Senate Vacancies: none in Science
- Student Senate Vacancies: 4 seats
- Faculty Board of Governors Vacancies: 2 seats
- Student Board of Governors Vacancies: 2 seats

6.1. Senate Standing Committee on Program Review (SSCPR):

- Math finished their third review.

6.2. Senate Standing Committee on University Budget (SSCUB):

- No report

6.3. Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (SSCAPP):

- 28Nov agenda for SCAPP-only was so short, we accidentally didn't have the meeting

6.4. Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum (SSCC):

- Pre-req removals for more courses were approved.
- The Indigenous/Biology course was approved
- The program review for trades has completed another step
- Grad studies policies discussions are working towards aligning with other post secondary institutions in BC
- Admission procedures are changing for Access and Including All Citizens pathways

6.5. Senate Standing Committee on Research (SSCR):

- No report

6.6. Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning (SSCTL):

- SSC T&L received a report from the Teaching and Learning Commons. New SharePoint site with links to resources, events, services is available here:
<https://kpuemp.sharepoint.com/sites/tlcommons/?spStartSource=spappbar>
- SSC T&L received a report from the Academic Integrity Unit. The majority of reported academic integrity breaches occur in Arts and Business. Reported Science cases are about 8% of the total in Spring and Summer 2025 (8/102 and 8/106, respectively.) The Academic

Integrity Unit's resource page is available at the following link:

<https://www.kpu.ca/sites/default/files/Academic%20Integrity%20Resource%20Shelf%20for%20Faculty.pdf>

- The GenAI Steering committee has approved the GenAI Student Guide, available here: <https://www.kpu.ca/generative-ai/students>

6.7. Senate Standing Committee on Policy (SSCP):

No report

7. Committee Reports

7.1. Curriculum Committee:

- CADM 1155
 - *It was moved by the Curriculum committee THAT the Science Faculty Council approves the DISCONTINUATION of CADM 1155: Manufacturing Design and Software. Seconded by Michael Coombes. Carried.*
- New Course – BIOL 3140 will be brought forward in March.

7.2. Academic Planning and Priorities:

- No report

7.3. Research:

- No Report

7.4. Nominations and Governance:

- Michael Kiraly volunteered to sit on the Quantitative sub-committee and has been accepted for that position.

8. New Business:

- none

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 4:46 PM

Date of next Faculty Council: February 17, 2026