



Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of  
The Graduate Council  
2016-2017

**Date and Time:** Thursday, March 22, 2017  
**Place:** Room 313, Administration Building

**Attendance:** Dr. Scott Baugh, Dr. Jeff Burkhardt, Professor Anne Chalex-Boyle, Dr. David Ivey, Dr. Stephen Morse, Professor Robert Perl, Dr. Steven Richards, Dr. Trent Seltzer, Dr. Tara Stevens

Ex-officio: Dr. David Doerfert, Dr. Darryl James, Dr. Justin Louder, Dr. Mark Sheridan

Visitors: Dr. Laura Calkins, Dr. Coy Callison, Dr. David Cannon, Dr. John Gilliam, Dr. Mark Gring, Dr. Vickie Hampton, Dr. Eileen Johnson, Dr. Angela Lumpkin, Dr. Paula Prada

I. The Graduate Council minutes are available in the Graduate School office and on the Graduate School website at [www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool).

II. A motion was made by David Ivey and seconded by Stephen Morse to approve the minutes from the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, February 2, 2017. The Graduate Council approved these minutes.

III. Students admitted to Doctoral Candidacy.

The following students were admitted to candidacy for the doctorate on the recommendation of their departments. A motion was made by Tara Stevens and seconded by Anne Chalex-Boyle to approve the March list. The Graduate Council approved the candidate list.

Hasan	Al Mekdash	Higher Education
Saleh	Ahmed	Petroleum Engineering
Ailiyasi	Ainiwaer	Geosciences
Ramzi	Alahmadi	Industrial Engineering
Aman	Arora	Petroleum Engineering
Karl	Brauer	Plant and Soil Science
Laura H.	Brown	Special Education
James	Browning	Petroleum Engineering
Jenny	Chong	Clinical Psychology

Stephen	Davis	Political Science
Dian	Fan	Petroleum Engineering
Suranga	Gunerathne	Civil Engineering
Mary	Hayden	Environmental Toxicology
Siyuan	Huang	Petroleum Engineering
S Pedi Durayalage	Sanjeewa S. Karunaratna	Mathematics
Soni	Khandelwal	Nutritional Sciences
Yildirim	Kocoglu	Petroleum Engineering
Chad	Kronkosky	Petroleum Engineering
Sumedha	Liyanage	Plant and Soil Science
Michelle	McManus	Environmental Toxicology
Karen	Milmine	History
Ahmed	Mohamed	Petroleum Engineering
Rezgar	Mohammed	Agricultural and Applied Economics
Amar	Patel	Mechanical Engineering
Ashwin	Ravichandran	Chemical Engineering
James	Ruhland	Political Science
Katie	Runyon	Educational Psychology
Haley	Schneider	Civil Engineering
Ritesh	Sevanthi Dilipan	Civil Engineering
Arya	Shandi	Petroleum Engineering
Srikanth	Tangirala	Petroleum Engineering
Xiukun	Wang	Petroleum Engineering
Poorna	Wansapura	Plant and Soil Science
Marshal	Wigwe	Petroleum Engineering
Yedan	Xiong	Plant and Soil Science
Yao	Zhang	Petroleum Engineering

#### IV. Academic Requests

The following Academic Requests came to the full Graduate Council with a motion of approval from the Academic Program sub-committee. Stephen Morse second the motion. The Graduate Council approved all requests.

#### **COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES**

*Master of Science in Environmental Design* – reduction in hours from 36 to 34 hours

*Master of Science in Hospitality and Retail Management* – increase in hours from 33 to 34 hours

#### **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

*Master of Arts in Mathematics:* (change in **program delivery** from face-to-face to **online**)

**FSCI 5308:** Fundamentals of Forensic Science (3:3:0:0) (**Addition**)

**HIST 7301:** Independent Readings (World) (3:3:0:0) (**Addition**)

**HIST 7302:** Independent Readings (Europe) (3:3:0:0) (**Addition**)

**HIST 7303:** Independent Readings (U.S) (3:3:0:0) (**Addition**)

**SPMT 5315:** Research Methods I (3:3:0:0) (**Addition**)

**COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES**

*Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning Hybrid delivery:* (change in *program delivery* from face-to-face to hybrid)

**COLLEGE OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*PhD in Media and Communication:* (change in *program title* from PhD in Mass Communication)  
**COMS 5310:** Introduction to Graduate Studies in COMS (3:3:0:0) (*Addition*)

**GRADUATE SCHOOL**

*Master of Arts in Heritage and Museum Sciences* – (*name change* from Master of Arts in Museum Science)

To resolve difference between the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board inventory and Texas Tech University Catalog, the following proposals are brought forward:

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

*Masters of Arts in English* – increase in hours from 30 to 36 hours.

*Master of Arts in Economics* – increase in hours from 30 to 36 hours.

*Master’s Degree in Romance Languages*– increase in hours from 30 to 36 hours.

*Master of Science in Statistics* – increase in hours from 30 to 36 hours.

**COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES**

*Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning* – reduction in hours from 42 to 36 hours.

V. Graduate Faculty

The following graduate faculty applications came with a motion of approval from the graduate faculty sub-committee. Tara Stevens second the motion. The Graduate Council approved the requests.

- a. Patricia Solis - Geosciences
- b. Shuo Wang - Geosciences
- c. Yonggang Wang - Geosciences
- d. Lurli (Yuri Koboziev – Nutritional Sciences
- e. Latha Ramalingam – Nutritional Sciences

VI. Old Business

The Graduate Council reviewed and approved the Graduate Faculty O.P. 64.10. Stephen Morse motioned to approve the O.P. and David Ivey second the motion. The Graduate Council approved.

A motion was made by David Ivey to adopt the term “concentration” and to approve the credit hour of 50% to the “concentration”. Steven Richards second the motion. The Graduate Council approved.

## VII. New Business

Dr. Justin Louder, from the office of TTU Worldwide eLearning, gave a presentation about the service that eLearning has regarding the implementation of the Black Board Student Services.

## VIII. Announcements

Dr. Mark Sheridan asked the Graduate Council that they discuss with their area/department about misconduct. He said we will discuss at the next meeting about having a policy in place or Responsible Conduct Training.

Next Graduate Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in room 313 of the Administration Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.