Minutes of the 7th meeting of
The Graduate Council
2013-2014

Date and Time: Thursday, April 3, 2014
Place: Room 313, Administration Building

Attendance: Dr. Claudia Cogliser, Dr. Stephen Cook, Dr. Ann Hawkins, Dr. Simon Hsiang, Dr. Robin Lock, Dr. Jeff Nesbit, Dr. Jorgelina Orfila, Dr. Bill Poirier, Dr. Sterling Shumway, Dr. Aliza Wong, Dr. Weiwu Zhang

Ex-officio: Dr. Gary Elbow, Dr. Clifford Fedler, Dr. Ralph Ferguson, Dr. Mark Sheridan

Visitors: none

I. The Graduate Council minutes are available in the Graduate School office and on the Graduate School website at www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool.

II. A motion was made by Ann Hawkins and seconded by Aliza Wong to approve the minutes from the 6th meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, March 6, 2014. 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 Stephen Cook and seconded by Aliza Wong. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Raed Alouhali
Ahmed Alzahabi
Lauri Anderson
Leah Carruth
Ti Chung
Shelley Ducatt

Petroleum Engineering
Petroleum Engineering
English
Curriculum and Instruction
Musical Arts - Performance
Higher Education
Raymond Eghorieta  Petroleum Engineering
Talal Gamadi  Petroleum Engineering
Courtney Gibson  Agricultural Education and Communications
Jared Gragg  Mechanical Engineering
Elizabeth Hames  Electrical Engineering
Monique Lemieux  Nutritional Science
Nathan Madsen  Musical Arts - Conducting
Jena McCollum  Mechanical Engineering
Manuel Meza-Arroyo  Industrial Engineering
Stephen Morrison  Technical Communications and Rhetoric
Haitham Othman  Petroleum Engineering
Martha Placeres  Musical Arts - Conducting
Lionel Plummer  Land-Use Planning, Management and Design
Janani Rajbhandari Thapa  Agricultural and Applied Economics
Stephanos Roussos  Biological Sciences
Natalie Scanlon  Clinical Psychology
Peter Schlichting  Wildlife, Aquatic, and Wildlands Science & Management
Brie Sherwin  Environmental Toxicology
Ebru Unal  Petroleum Engineering
Monica Wesley  Technical Communications and Rhetoric
Shuangying Yu  Environmental Toxicology
Jie Zhang  Petroleum Engineering

IV. Academic Requests - None

V. Old Business

Dr. Sheridan stated the estimated Graduation intents received by the Enrollment Management team as of right now for May Graduation:

127 Doctoral
538 Master Thesis
140 Master non-thesis
34 certificates

Dr. Clifford Fedler stated that the 13th Annual Poster Competition was a huge success and gave a big thanks to everyone that was involved in making sure this event was a success.
VI. New Business

Graduate Council elections will be coming up in the next couple of weeks in order to replace the current members that are rotating off the Council.

Dr. Mark Sheridan mentioned that the Graduate School will be hosting two Open Forums. The Graduate Chairs/Graduate Leaders open forum will have one forum with a second for Graduate Faculty.

Dr. Sheridan also mentioned that he is continuing to meet with Graduate Dean’s and asking them for the assistance in their departments to make quicker turn-around decisions on their applications.

VI. Announcements

Dr. Sheridan announced that we are 80% up from this time last year on Graduate Applications, with 45% increase in admittance from this time last year.

Stephen Cook motioned to adjourn the Graduate Council meeting and Sterling Shumway seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.