



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	Petroleum Engineering
Ahmed Alzahabi	Petroleum Engineering
Lauri Anderson	English
Leah Carruth	Curriculum and Instruction
Ti Chung	Musical Arts - Performance
Shelley Ducatt	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.