



Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of  
The Graduate Council  
2014-2015

**Date and Time:** Thursday, September 4, 2014

**Place:** Room 313, Administration Building

**Attendance:** Dr. Matt Baker, Dr. Stephen Cook, Dr. Simon Hsiang, Dr. Robin Lock,  
Dr. Stephen Morse, Dr. Sterling Shumway, Dr. Weiwu Zhang

Ex-officio: Dr. Claudia Cogliser, Dr. Darryl James, Dr. Mark Sheridan

Visitors: Dr. Fred Hartmeister, Dr. Peggy Price

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 Robin Lock and seconded by Stephen Cook to approve the minutes from the 9th meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, June 27, 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 Simon Hsiang and seconded by Weiwu Zhang. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Angela Alejandro	Educational Psychology
John Baron	Spanish
David Blanchett	Personal Financial Planning
Shannon Carroll	Higher Education
Yuanshan Cheng	Personal Financial Planning
Helen Dvorak	Higher Education
Arlene Garcia	Animal Science

Tao Guo	Personal Financial Planning
Saad Haider	Electrical Engineering
Hudson Hanks	Higher Education
Nhat Hoang Ho	Personal Financial Planning
Nanditha Jasti	Animal Food Science
Abbey Johnson	Higher Education
Rajnish Kumar	Electrical Engineering
Jing Liu	Fine Arts
Yin Lu	Computer Science
Laura Mattia	Personal Financial Planning
Lei Peng	Educational Psychology
Anuradha Shastri	Nutritional Science
Michael Simon	Higher Education
Sree Ram Singaraju	Civil Engineering
Amanda Smith	Higher Education
Lanlan Chu	Economics
Huiying Chen	Economics
Najmeh Kamyabi	Economics
Yanze Li	Economics

#### IV. Academic Requests - none

#### V. New Business

Dr. Sheridan introduced Dr. Claudia Cogliser (Associate Dean of the Graduate School) and Dr. Darryl James (Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs) as the two new members to the Graduate School staff.

Dr. Sheridan stated that he has sent out a nine point update to all Graduate Deans and will be visiting all department chairs in the Colleges.

Dr. Sheridan stated that the Graduate School is the official admitting point in the process and the departments make the recommendations for admittance.

Dr. Darryl James has been working on the guidelines for the 150 hour program or combined baccalaureate master's program.

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All Graduate Council members signed up to serve on a subcommittee, whether it be Graduate Faculty Committee, Academic Program committee, Student Affairs committee.

Enrollment is up by 10% this fall compared to last fall numbers. Will have the final count soon.

Dr. Cogliser gave the August 2014 graduation numbers: 122 Doctoral, 318 Masters, and 39 certificates.

Shelby Cearley gave a handout on the admission application numbers.

## VI. Announcements

Graduate School will continue the Doctoral Dissertation Completion fellowships

Arts and Humanities conference will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in the student union building.

Stephen Cook motioned to adjourn the Graduate Council meeting and Robin Lock seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.