Minutes of the 8th meeting of
The Graduate Council
2014-2015

Date and Time: Thursday, May 7, 2015
Place: Room 313, Administration Building

Attendance: Dr. Matt Baker, Dr. Robin Lock, Dr. Stephen Morse, Dr. Jeff Nesbit,
Dr. Jorgelina Orfila, Dr. Bill Poirier, Dr. Tara Stevens, Dr. Weiwu Zhang

Ex-officio: Dr. Claudia Cogliser, Dr. Clifford Fedler, Dr. Darryl James,
Dr. Justin Louder, Ms. Gloria Park, 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 Stephen Morse seconded by Jeff Nesbit to approve the minutes from the
7th meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, April 2, 2015, with a correction to be made
to the motion made by Chris Weiss and seconded by Stephen Cook for the students admitted to
candidacy. 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 Matt Baker and seconded by Weiwu Zhang. The
Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Ali Alamai Hospitality & Retail Management
Arwa Aljawadi Nutritional Science
Nemer Alsaab Hospitality Administration
Olivia Aronson Business Administration
Abdallah Mohammed Assaf Business Administration
Shafeeq M. Assiri Hospitality & Retail Management
Brandon Awbrey Counselor Education
Adel Badawi  Hospitality & Retail Management
Dacheng Bian  Agricultural & Applied Economics
Candis Carraway  Agricultural Communication and Education
Kim Daewook  Media and Communication
Gregory Delapaix  Fine Arts
Frank Garro  History
Stephen D. Grover  Technical Communication and Rhetoric
Cheri Hadley  Instructional Technology
Tirhas Hailu  Biology
Ayman Harb  Hospitality & Retail Management
Lee Hsin  Music
Atiql Islam  Electrical Engineering
Mohja Jerbi  Instructional Technology
Michael Johnson  Music
Harold Lee  Hospitality Admin
Lili Liu  Mechanical Engineering
Jialin Liu  Computer Science
Zhi Lu  Industrial Engineering
Misha Manuchehri  Plant and Soil Science
Michael McLeod  Business Administration
Cynthia Miller  Family & Consumer Science Education
Jihye Min  Hospitality & Retail Management
Saif Obeidat  Interior and Environmental Design
Takafumi Oki  Mathematics
Mandana Pahlavani  Nutritional Science
Thanuja Paragoda Gamage  Math
Raymond Pettit  Computer Science
Vanthanh Phan  Instructional Technology
Tyler Reed  Music
Anna Roach  Music
Kristin Rogers  Fine Arts
Felicia Rojas  Music
Cole Seifert  Chemistry
Palani Sivagaminathan  Political Science
Chompoonut Suttikun  Hospitality & Retail Management
Md. Rakib Uddin  Electrical Engineering
Ruben Varona Herrera  Spanish
Xinmei Wang  Chemical Engineering
Thanuka Wijenayaka Pathirangage  Math
Kevin R. Young  Music
Xianlin Zeng  Mechanical Engineering
Qian Zhiyuan  Chemical Engineering
IV. Academic Requests

A motion was made by Stephen Morse and seconded by Jorgelina Orfila to accept the CIP code change for the following program. The Graduate Council approved the change.

**GRADUATE SCHOOL**  
*M.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies*

A motion was made by Robin Lock and seconded by Bill Poirier to approve the distance delivery of the following program. The Graduate Council approved the change.

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
*Master’s of Art & Master’s of Science Degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies*

V. New Business

May Graduation numbers are as follows:  
131 Doctoral  
712 Master’s  
45 Certificates

VII. Old Business

There was some additional discussion regarding the changing of an incomplete (I) to and letter grade of (F) after one year. Dean Sheridan asked that they members discuss this in their home departments and bring back any feedback that they receive. Some questions were asked and Dr. Clifford Fedler is going to get some answers and we will take a vote at the next Graduate Council meeting.

There was discussion about the Graduate Student Poster Competition. Dr. Cogliser explained that the Graduate School received a total of about 275 abstracts but only 125 of them were accepted. This was due to budgeting and shortage of space at the venue where the competition was held. Next year we hope to accommodate more posters for presentation.
There also was discussion about the time it takes to review dissertations and theses. Dean Sheridan explained that the number of dissertations and theses are growing and we only have one staff member that reviews the dissertations and one staff member that reviews theses. In addition, the Graduate School also reviews theses and dissertations for TTUHSC. To address the issues, a plan to transition review to TTUHSC theses and dissertations back to TTUHSC. In addition, the Graduate School will do spot checks on grammar and formatting and then send them back to the students immediately for corrections.

VIII. Announcements

Next Graduate Council meeting will be held on June 18\textsuperscript{th} at 2:30 p.m.