



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
Atiqul 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. Coglisier 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 18th at 2:30 p.m.