Minutes of the 9th meeting of
The Graduate Council
2014-2015

Date and Time: Thursday, June 18, 2015
Place: Room 313, Administration Building

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

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

Visitors: Donna Brown, David Doerfert, Shelly Fillip, Lynn Huffman,
Jahan Rasty, Otto Ratheal

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 Jorgelina Orfila to approve the minutes from the 7th meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, June 18, 2015. 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 Jeff Burkhardt. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Brandon Awbrey Counselor Education
Michael Bello Mechanical Engineering
Brianna Bennett Clinical Psychology
Dominika Borowa Counseling Psychology
William David Boyles Counselor Education
Eric Brannigan Mechanical Engineering
Eric Busby Land Use Planning Management
Pan Gil Choi Civil Engineering
IV. Academic Requests

A motion was made by Robin Lock and seconded by Stephen Morse to approve the following academic programs, certificates, all together. The Graduate Council approved all.

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES**
* M.S. in Agricultural Communications (distance delivered)
* Graduate Certificate in Global Food Security

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**
* Graduate Certificate in Applied Forensic Engineering

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**
* Ph.D. in Special Education (online)

**COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES**
* Ph.D. in Family and Consumer Sciences Education
* Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics (online)

V. Old Business

Dr. Sheridan stated that the practicalities of changing a grade of an incomplete (I) will automatically change to an (F) beginning in the Fall of 2015 after a year of being an (I). Mat Baker motioned and Jorgelina Orfila seconded to institute a policy of changing the grade of an (I) to an (F) after one year of the date recorded, beginning the Fall of 2015.

VI. Announcements

Thoughts of having a grade replacement policy at the Graduate level was mentioned by Dr. Sheridan. The Graduate School will do a study to see what the peer institutions do about grade replacements and GPA.

Stephen Morse mentioned that the Graduate Faculty O.P. is currently being revised and the group will have a draft ready to review at the next Graduate Council.

Next Graduate Council meeting will be held on September 3, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.