Minutes of the 1st meeting of
The Graduate Council
2015-2016

Date and Time: Thursday, September 3, 2015
Place: Room 313, Administration Building

Attendance: Dr. Matt Baker, Dr. Stephen Cook, Dr. Robin Lock, Dr. Stephen Morse,
Dr. Sterling Shumway, Dr. Tara Stevens, Dr. Weiwu Zhang

Ex-officio: Dr. Claudia Cogliser, Ms. Ernestine Dukes, Dr. Clifford Fedler
Dr. Darryl James, Dr. Justin Louder,

Visitors:

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 Sterling Shumway and seconded by Wei Wu Zhang to approve the minutes from the 9th 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 Matt Baker and seconded by Tara Stevens with a correction being made to the students being admitted to Mass Communication instead of Media and Communication. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Alan Abitbol Mass Communication
Mansour Alansari Hospitality Management
Maher Alyousif Personal Financial Planning
Willie Armstrong History
Ataollah Arvani Electrical Engineering
Shafeeq Assiri Hospitality Management
Adel Badawi          Hospitality Management
Rebecca Ballinger   Fine Arts- Visual Performing Arts
Adrian Barnes       Fine Arts- Visual Performing Arts
Sterling Beeson     Electrical Engineering
Lindsey Blumell     Mass Communication
Afolabi Bolaji      Civil Engineering
Baleshka Brenes    Agricultural Communication and Education
Thomas Burns        English
Haoxi Chai          Chemistry
Janie Covarrubias   Spanish
Meghan Cromie       Environmental Toxicology
Ryan Davies         Special Education
Hamilton Elkins     Business Administration
Monica Fernandez Dos Santos Martins Spanish
Devin A. Fields     History
Eduardo L. Garcia   Higher Education
Xiaoxia Gong        Chemistry
Tyler Harris        Animal & Food Science
Dana Hutnayk        Family Consumer Science Education
Kim Hyunsik         Chemistry
Venkata Narashimha Rao Inukollu Computer Science
Md Rashidul Islam   Chemical Engineering
Natalie Knesek      Family Consumer Science Education
Nicole Lee          Mass Communication
Kishor P. Luitel    Agricultural and Applied Economics
Xinyou Ma           Chemistry
Jerry Moorhead      Plant & Soil Science
Bejoy Nariampully Pushpakaran Electrical Engineering
Kayla Natividad     Civil Engineering
Cameron Nightingale Animal & Food Science
Joel Robles         Higher Education
Satabdi Samtani    Human Development and Family Studies
Abhishek K. Shaw    Chemistry
Songyue Shi         Chemistry
Timothy Sliwinski   Geosciences
Scott Starr         Biology
Tracy Stewart       History
Martha Stone        Animal & Food Science
Dorman Taft         Personal Financial Planning
Chris Turner        Electrical Engineering
Jayan Ukwatta       Chemistry
IV. Academic Requests

None

V. Old Business

The final proposed guidelines for combined/accelerated baccalaureate-master’s programs was distributed to the full Graduate Council and asked to look over and discuss with your departments. A council member asked that the ninth bullet point be revised and clarified more clearly.

Council member requested that each Candidacy memo be distributed to the College Associate Deans for distribution to the chair of each department for verification prior to Graduate Council.

There was a discussion whether or not we should start doing a grade replacement at the Graduate level.

VI. New Business

Claudia Cogliser distributed a handout out alternative proposals for each council member to discuss with their college.

VII. Announcements

Clifford Fedler announced the activities that will be taking place during the Graduate Student Welcome Week.

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