



Minutes of the 5th meeting of
The Graduate Council
2015-2016

Date and Time: Thursday, February 4, 2016

Place: Room 313, Administration Building

Attendance: Dr. Matt Baker, Dr. Jeff Burkhardt, Dr. Anne Chalex-Boyle, Dr. David Ivey, Dr. Robin Lock, Dr. Stephen Morse, Dr. Ranadip Pal, Dr. Steven Richards, Dr. Tara Stevens

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

Visitors: Dr. Gary Fleischman, Dr. Lydia Kloiber, Dr. Debra Reed

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 David Ivey and seconded by Jeff Burkhardt to approve the minutes from the 4th meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, December 10, 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 Ranadip Pal and seconded by Matt Baker. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Derek W. Akers	Music
Gail Alleyne-Bayne	Instructional Technology
Mohanna A. Almohanna	Special Education
Ibrahim Alnaser	Economics
Nouf M. Alzrayer	Special Education
Amber L. Anderson	Agricultural Education
David Arreazola	Higher Education
Mehmet Bayar	Educational Leadership

Michael W. Bromley	Systems and Engineering Management
William Bryan	Curriculum and Instruction
Zhe Chen	Business Administration
Ashley D. Cherry	Mathematics
Han Hsien Chi	Fine Arts
Matthew Dempsey	Higher Education
Andrea Denis	Music
Chandani Deepika Dissanayake	Mathematics
Funda Dogruer	Economics
Elissa H. Dougherty	Clinical Psychology
Felipe J. Estrada	Civil Engineering
David Farmer	Higher Education
Sarah E. Fumagalli	Biology
Rebecca Garlick	Higher Education
Ahmed Hashmiwu	Economics
Carey Hewett	Higher Education
Tyler Hughes	Fine Arts
Kamal Humagain	Wildlife Science Aquatic Wildlands
Rangana N. Jayawardhana	Mathematics
Michael J. Keller	Higher Education
Seth S. Klobodu	Nutritional Sciences
Soorang Lee	Biology
Ran Li	Hospitality Administration
Sriramvignesh Mani	Chemical Engineering
Joya A. Mannan	English
Dana L. Mayhall	Curriculum and Instruction
Paula Monaco	Civil Engineering
Ali Montazerighahjaverestani	Music
Julie C. Murphy	Higher Education
Hwayoung Noh	Music
Stacy Pfluger	Higher Education
Tomikia Pickett	Higher Education
Galkande Arachige Iresha Premarathna	Mathematics
Deirdre Reyna	Higher Education
Jared F. Roush	Clinical Psychology
Paige L. Seegan	Clinical Psychology
Michelle L. Simmons	Special Education
Drake M. Smith	Biology
Bobby Sullivan	Higher Education

Joseph M. Svendsen
Clayton Taylor
Ying Wang
Mindy Watson
Samuel West
Charles Whitehead
Rebecca L. Wright
Ibrahim Yeter

Music
Higher Education
Business Administration
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Higher Education
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Fine Arts
Curriculum and Instruction

IV. Academic Requests

The following change came to the Graduate Council as an informational item only.

COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

Doctorate in Nutritional Sciences - Changing the concentration name from “Biochemical and Molecular Nutrition” to the new name “Nutritional Biochemistry and Physiology”

V. New Business

Member of the Council brought the issue with the application deadline for applicants. The Graduate School’s deadline is January 15th, however some departments have an earlier deadline. The concern was is there a way to reference both department and University guidelines. Dean Sheridan mentioned that with the construction of our webpages and updates that it will all be better.

VI. Old Business

Dean Sheridan mentioned revising the Graduate Faculty policy. Dr. David Doerfert will be meeting with the committee in the next couple of weeks to review that policy and get that updated with the committee.

VII. Announcements

Dr. Tim Dallas gave a brief update on the Fellowship Reviews. Dean Sheridan also asked that if you are asked to assist with reviewing applications that you please consider in assisting.

Dr. Claudia Cogliser gave a brief update of the Graduate Student Poster Competition. This event will be held on March 25, 2016 at the Museum. We will have 150 posters accepted. The Graduate School will host the award banquet during the 1st week of April during Graduate Student Appreciation Week.

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Dr. Claudia Cogliser also gave an update on the Three Minute Thesis Video competition. You will have three minutes to present your thesis and only allowed one slide during the presentation. This event will be held on April 1, 2016. The winner here will go to the Council of Southern Graduate Schools next February to compete.

Dr. Sheridan mentioned the Mentor Award. Claudia stated that we have received over 100 nominations.

Dr. Darryl James gave an update of the new University Strategic Plan.

Dr. Stephen Morse mentioned that the Faculty Senate is interested in seeing the updates to the Graduate Faculty O.P. The committee is currently working on these updates

Next Graduate Council meeting will be held on March 3, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.