



Minutes of the 4th meeting of
The Graduate Council
2020-2021

Date and Time: Thursday, December 10, 2020
Place: Zoom Meeting

Zoom Attendance: Dr. Britta Anderson, Dr. Mario Beruvides, Dr. Erik Bucy, Dr. Eric Cardella, Dr. Robert Cox, Dr. Kaj Gittings, Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Dr. Matthew Santa

Ex-officio: Dr. David Doerfert, Dr. Louisa Hope-Weeks, Dr. Darryl James, Dr. Mark Sheridan, Ms. Carrye Syma, Mr. Tony Uduh

Visitors: Dr. Eric Bernard, Dr. Annette Hernandez-Uddameri, Dr. Peter Martens, Dr. Sharran Parkinson, Dr. Brandon Weeks, Dr. Soohyun Yi

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 Robert Cox and seconded by Matt Santa to approve the minutes from the 3rd meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, November 5, 2020. 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 Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer and seconded by Mario Beruvides to approve the list. The Graduate Council approved the candidate list.

Jennifer	Adams	Counselor Education
Abidemi	Adisa	Agricultural and Applied Economics
Ahmet	Aksoy	Media and Communication
Meznah Abdullah	Alamro	Computer Science
Najuka	Anderson	Counselor Education
Michellinda	Audis	Music
Calvin	Audis	Music

Reem	Bagais	Interior Environmental Design
Carrie	Beyer	Counselor Education
Ashlee	Brown	Family and Consumer Science Education
Carlos	Cornejo Bernal	Spanish
Danielle	Courtemanche	Curriculum and Instruction
Himel	Das Gupta	Computer Science
Joshuah	Ellis	Counselor Education
Renetta	Harris	Counselor Education
Lori	Hollingsworth	Counselor Education
ShuoJung	Hsueh	Music
Yuan	Hu	Mathematics
Sara	Isacco	Curriculum and Instruction
Patricia	Johnson	Counselor Education
Deanna	Kasitz	Curriculum and Instruction
Tamra	Kelly	Counselor Education
Ye Sil	Kim	Educational Psychology
Xiao	Li	Chemistry
Liulei	Ma	Chemistry
Thilini	Mahanama	Mathematics
Elisabeth	McNaughtan	Media and Communication
Christopher	Miller	Wildlife Aquatic Wildland Science Management
Golnaz	Moallem	Electrical Engineering
Fateme	Molajafari	Chemical Engineering
Austin	Osmanski	Biology
Hongjia	Qian	Chemistry
Jennifer	Reeves	Family and Consumer Science Education
Dylan	Rudy	Mathematics
Ethan	Sabala	Agricultural and Applied Economics
Melanie	Schmitt	Family and Consumer Science Education
Yerko	Sepulveda Larraguible	Spanish
Diane	Smedley	Counselor Education
Jeanette	Smith	Educational Psychology
Melanie	Smith	Curriculum and Instruction
Serena	Sosa	Counselor Education
Michelle	Spoonemore	Curriculum and Instruction
Jesse	Starkey	Media and Communication
Paula	Szymanski	Curriculum and Instruction
Katheryn	Watson	Wildlife Aquatic Wildland Science Management
Kumudumali	Witanapatirana	Counselor Education

IV. Academic Requests

All of the following come with a motion of approval from the Academic Program sub-committee. A second was made by Erik Bucy to approve all of the following proposals. The Graduate Council approved the proposals.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Graduate Certificate in Program Evaluation and Assessment Proposal - (Addition)

COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

Graduate Certificate in Human-Centered Design – (Addition)

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Accelerated MS Bioengineering with BS Electrical Engineering – (Addition)

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

VPA 7000: Research – (Addition)

VPA 8000: Doctor’s Dissertation – (Addition)

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NRM 5321: Wetland Management and Policy – (Addition)

LARC 5221: LA Modeling and Communication I – (change in co-requisite)

LARC 5222: LA Modeling and Communication II – (change in pre-requisite and co-requisite)

LARC 5223: LA Modeling and Communication III – (change in pre-requisite)

LARC 5311: LA Graduate Design Studio I – (change in co-requisite)

LARC 5312: LA Graduate Design Studio II - (change in pre-requisite and co-requisite)

LARC 5313: LA Graduate Design Studio III – (change in pre-requisite and co-requisite)

LARC 5332: LA Construction and Administration II – (change in pre-requisite)

LARC 5333: LA Construction and Administration III – (change in pre-requisite)

LARC 6100: Landscape Architecture Seminar – (change in course number from 6161)

LARC 6301: Research Methodology for Planning and Design - (change in course number from 6363)

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Interdisciplinary Studies – (minor Addition)

Interdisciplinary Studies – (concentration Addition)

IS 6350 Professional Portfolio in Interdisciplinary Studies – (Addition)

V. Graduate Faculty

The following Graduate Faculty Application comes with a motion of approval from the Graduate Faculty sub-committee and was seconded by Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer. The Graduate Council Approved.

- a. Mohammad Koohmaiaie – Animal and Food Sciences

VI. New Business

Dean Sheridan discussed the impact of the 99-doctoral credit hour limit on formula funding for Texas Tech University. During the current census period for the upcoming biennial budget, the THECB disallowed some 2400 wsch because students exceeded the limit. Dean Sheridan also discussed current monitoring practices as well as analyses that are underway of historic credit hour trends for each program to inform options to reduce the number of students that exceed the limit.

VII. Announcements

The University will be hosting a virtual and face to face Graduation Commencement. The Graduate School will have two ceremonies on Friday, December 11th at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Next Graduate Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.