



Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of  
The Graduate Council  
2023-2024

**Date and Time:** Thursday, December 7, 2024  
**Place:** Zoom Meeting

**Zoom Attendance:** Dr. Deborah Carr, Dr. Jaclyn Cravens, Dr. Benildo de los Reyes,  
Dr. Clifton Ellis, Dr. Melissa Gotlieb, Dr. Scott Longing,  
Dr. Babu Mariadoss, Roger McNamara, Dr. Alex Wiseman

Ex-officio: Dr. Tim Dallas, Dr. Kristi Gaines, Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-  
Spencer, Dr. Darryl James, Ms. Carrye Syma

Visitors: Dr. Irene Arellano, Dr. Sarah Asebedo, Dr. Holli Booe,  
Dr. Jeong-Hee Kim, Dr. Jay Lu

I. The Graduate Council minutes are available in the Graduate School office and on the Graduate School website at [www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool).

II. A motion was made by Alex Wiseman and seconded by Melissa Gotlieb to approve the minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Graduate Council that was held on Thursday, November 2, 2023. 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 Babu Mariadoss and seconded by Alex Wiseman to approve the list. The Graduate Council approved the candidate list.

Miranda Allen	Curriculum and Instruction
Maria Avalos	Counselor Education
Bethany Baxley	One Health Sciences
Taylor Beadles	Curriculum and Instruction
Gabriela Betancourt Barszcz	Animal Science
Aneel Bhusal	Educational Psychology
Melanie Blanton	Curriculum and Instruction
Sara Boggan	One Health Sciences
Juan Cantu	Plant and Soil Science
Christopher Chappotin	Educational Leadership

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Leslie Commey  
Cody Curbo  
Dominique DeMoss  
Catherine Earley  
Ch'ree Essary  
Gabriella Fecher  
Nazir Laureano Gandur  
Amanda Guzman  
Jeremias Hernandez  
Maryam Hosseinioun  
Xiaoyu Huo  
Nasima Khatun  
Heather Koehl  
Yejin Kwon  
Joni-Lynn Litsey  
Matthew Looney

Plant and Soil Science  
Counselor Education  
Agricultural Education  
Counselor Education  
Media and Communication  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Mechanical Engineering  
Couple, Marriage, and Family Therapy  
Counselor Education  
Land Use Planning, Management and Design  
Chemistry  
Personal Financial Planning  
Couple, Marriage, and Family Therapy  
Physics  
Media and Communication  
Agricultural and Applied Economics

#### IV. Academic Requests

All of the following come with a motion of approval from the Academic Program sub-committee meeting held on November 30, 2023. A second was made by Jaclyn Cravens to approve all of the following proposals. The Graduate Council approved all proposals.

#### **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

**CHE 5383: Machine Learning for Chemical Engineering - (*Addition*)**

#### **COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

**BIOL 6309: Biostatistics in R** – (change in *title* from Advanced Topics in Quantitative Biology: Biostatistics in R *and course description*)

**BIOL 6361: Ecology and Ecosystems** – (*Addition*)

**BIOL 6364: Reconciliation Ecology: Restoring Ecosystem Services to Built Environments** – (*Addition*)

**MBIO 5404: Pathogenic Microbiology** – (*credit/contact hour change*)

#### **RAWLS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

**ISQS 5331: Business Information Technology** – (change in *title* from Information Technology and Operation Management and *course description*)

#### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

***Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction: (curricular change)***

***Masters in Higher Education Administration – (semester credit hour change)***

## **COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES**

**NS 5118: Nutrition Communication Seminar: Professional Communication** – (change in *title* from Seminar and *course description*)

**NS 5310: Nutrition in Chronic Disease** – (*Addition*)

**NS 6118: Nutrition Communication Seminar: Poster Presentation** – (change in *title* from Seminar and *course description*)

**NS 7118: Nutrition Communication Seminar: Oral Presentation** (*Addition*)

**Personal Financial Planning, M.S.** (*curricular change*)

## **COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**NRM 6408: Advanced Biometry for Ecologists** (change in *credit/contact hours*)

### V. Graduate Faculty

The following Graduate Faculty Application comes with a motion of approval from the Graduate Faculty sub-committee meeting held on November 30, 2023. A second was made by Roger McNamara to approve the following Graduate Faculty application. The Graduate Council approved.

- a. Irene Arellano – Educational Psychology, Leadership and Counseling

### VI. Old Business

Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer presented the Council with the minor change to Operating Policy 64.10.

### II. Announcements

Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer asked for help from the members of the Council to form an ADhoc committee to review the policy pertaining to Dean's Rep Committee.

Graduate School Commencement will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 in the United Supermarkets Arena at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be on February 1, 2024