



Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of  
The Graduate Council  
2019-2020

**Date and Time:** Thursday, December 12, 2019  
**Place:** Room 313, Administration Building

**Attendance:** Dr. Scott Baugh, Dr. Mario Beruvides, Dr. Erik Bucy, Dr. Kaj Gittings,  
Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Dr. Stephanie Jones, Dr. Mellinee Lesley,  
Dr. Toby Rider, Dr. Matthew Santa, Dr. Doug Smith

Ex-officio: Dr. Tim Dallas, Dr. David Doerfert, Dr. Kristi Gaines,  
Dr. Darryl James, Mr. Mohammed Mustafa, Dr. Mark Sheridan, Ms. Carrye  
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Visitors: Dr. Mayukh Dass, Dr. Eileen Johnson, Dr. Nicole Kantelis,  
Dr. David Ray, Dr. Elizabeth Trejos-Castillo, Dr. John Zak

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 Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer and seconded by Scott Baugh to approve the minutes from the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, November 7, 2019. 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 Toby Rider and seconded by Erik Bucy to approve the list. The Graduate Council approved the candidate list.

Diyunugalage Gajith	Neranjaka Jayarathne	Mathematics
Kaniz Fatema	Nipa	Mathematics
David	Foshee	Spanish
Lindsey	Duke Mears	Business Administration

Xiangge	Wang	Business Administration
Jiao	Li	Business Administration
Sagnik	Singha	Mechanical Engineering
Yuanhua	Wang	Educational Psychology
Dilshan	Sooriyaarachchi	Industrial Engineering
Xiangyu	Liu	Electrical Engineering
Nadeesha	Vidanage	Mathematics
Miuran Dencil	Don	Mathematics
Casey	Guynes	Special Education
Adriana	Da Silva	Curriculum and Instruction
Dane	Eggleston	Couple, Marriage, and Family Therapy
Lindsey	Hawkins	Couple, Marriage, and Family Therapy
Lisa	Leon	Educational Psychology
Christiana	Wittmaack	Environmental Toxicology
Lingxu	Peng	Music
Brian	Desanti	Media & Communication
Apryl	Lewis	English
Jameshia	Granberry	Higher Education Administration
David Felipe	Deroz Baron	Electrical Engineering
Okan	Arslan	Educational Psychology
Maya	Edwards	Spanish
Tamara	McClain	Higher Education Research
Jing	Wang	Electrical Engineering
Matthew	Ellison	Political Science
Yonathan	Hailu	Political Science
Niloofer	Gholamrezaei	Fine Arts
Arturo	Ramirez Martinez	Spanish
Satyanarayana	Rao Kachiraju	Physics
Kelsi	Opat	Agricultural Education and Communications
Jonathan	Martinez	Educational Leadership
Donna	Brasher	Curriculum and Instruction
Kim	Fain	Technical Communications and Rhetoric
Daniel	Dunning	Computer Science
Christina	Najera	Media & Communication
Olga	Delgadillo	History
Md Abu	Sayed	Plant and Soil Science
Aaron	Sams	Curriculum and Instruction
Kelly	Dyer	Curriculum and Instruction
Joseph	Wairungu	Curriculum and Instruction
Will	Streit	Technical Communications and Rhetoric
Anisha Sunil	Navlekar	Biology

Ashish	Mishra	Electrical Engineering
Robert	DeVet	Music
Brian	Spruill	Music
Abootaleb	Shirvani	Mathematics
Mindi	Price	Experimental Psychology
Jordan	Gette	Clinical Psychology
Patricia	Costa	Curriculum and Instruction
Casey	Akins	Technical Communications and Rhetoric
Excel Michael	Haonga	Music Education
Richard	Matovu	Computer Science
Laura Janene	Davison	Technical Communications and Rhetoric
Michael	Makovi	Agricultural and Applied Economics
Abdullah	Al Shammre	Agricultural and Applied Economics
Merve	Ozbag	Agricultural and Applied Economics
Philip	Ledgerwood	Music
Macy	Madden	Biology
Yue	Zhao	Music
Kaitlyn	Felderhoff	Counselor Education
Jacqueline	Gilmer	Counselor Education
Brian	Hicks	Counselor Education
Jeremy B.	McGee	Counselor Education
Diana	Monsour	Counselor Education
Mandi	Salazar	Counselor Education
Nathaniel	Smith	Counselor Education
Angela R.	Thompson	Counselor Education
La'Ryon	Witherspoon	Counselor Education
Alex	Hyde	Music
Zachary	Hinds	Plant and Soil Science
Hailey	Wooten	Animal Science
Cydney	Schleiden	Couple, Marriage, and Family Therapy
Ngan	Nguyen	Curriculum and Instruction

#### IV. Academic Requests

A motion was made by Stephanie Jones and seconded by Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer to take from the table the following course applications. The Graduate Council approved the motion.

#### **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**BIOL 5350: Genomes and Genome Evolution (3:3:0:0) – *Addition***

**BIOL 6330: Fluorescence Microscopy (3:3:0:0) - *Addition***

A motion was made by Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer and seconded by Erik Bucy to amend the BIOL5350 course application to articulate the distinct learning objectives and assignments for the undergrad versus graduate before going to Academic Council. The Council approved the motion.

A motion was made by Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer and seconded by Toby Rider to approve as amended. The Graduate Council approved the motion.

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 remaining proposals.

**JERRY S. RAWLS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

***MBA & MA Mass Communications Dual Degree – Addition***

**ENCO 5315: Geopolitics of Energy** – (change in *title* from International Energy Policy and Law)

**COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES**

**ENVD 5007: Internship** - (change in *course number* from 5307)

**HDFS 5110: Introduction to Graduate Studies in Human Development & Family Studies** – (change in *title* from Colloquium in HDFS)

**GRADUATE SCHOOL**

**MUSM 5331: Interpretation and Communication** – (change in *contact hours* to 3:3:0:2)

**MUSM 5332: Preventive Conservation** – (change in *contact hours* to 3:3:0:2)

V.

The following graduate Faculty applications came with a motion of approval from the Graduate Faculty sub-committee and was seconded by Doug Smith. The Graduate Council approved.

- a. Kimberlee Davis – Family & Consumer Science Education
- b. Cynthia L. Miller – Family & Consumer Science Education
- c. David Klein – Civil, Environmental and Construction Engineering
- d. Douglas Smith – Civil, Environmental and Construction Engineering
- e. Ernest B Fish – Natural Resources Management
- f. Terry McLendon – Natural Resources Management

The following Graduate Faculty Applications came with a motion of approval from the Graduate Faculty sub-committee and was seconded by Matt Santa. The Graduate Council Approved.

- a. Stephanie Barbre – Educational Psychology & Leadership
- b. Petrina M Davidson – Educational Psychology & Leadership
- c. Chrystal Jansz – Educational Psychology & Leadership
- d. Lisa R Ramirez – Educational Psychology & Leadership
- e. Alime Sadikova – Educational Psychology & Leadership
- f. Nancy Salinas – Educational Psychology & Leadership
- g. Layla Sump – Educational Psychology & Leadership

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. New Business

Dean Sheridan announced the tentative Graduation number for the Fall 2019 Commencement:

Doctoral 97

Master's 415

Certificates 35

VIII. Announcements

The Fall 2019 Commencement will be held on Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the United Supermarkets Arena.

Next Graduate Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.