



Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of  
The Graduate Council  
2016-2017

**Date and Time:** Thursday, September 8, 2016

**Place:** Room 313, Administration Building

**Attendance:** Dr. Jeff Burkhardt, Dr. David Ivey, Dr. Robin Lock, Dr. Stephen Morse,  
Dr. Ranadip Pal, Dr. Tara Stevens, Dr. Weiwu Zhang,

Ex-officio: Dr. Claudia Cogliser, Dr. Tim Dallas, Dr. David Doerfert,  
Dr. Darryl James, Ms. Joya Mannan, Dr. Mark Sheridan

Visitors: Dr. Brendan, Kelly, Dr. Jeff Lee, Dr. Bob Morgan,  
Dr. Nurxat Nuraje, Dr. Sharran Parkinson, Dr. Megan Thoen

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. Dean Sheridan did a small presentation of appreciation to those members that are rotating off the Graduate Council and announcing the new members coming on.

III A motion was made by David Ivey and seconded by Stephen Morse to approve the minutes from the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, July 21, 2016. The Graduate Council approved these minutes.

IV. 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 Stephen Morse and seconded by Robin Lock. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Lua Augustin  
Diana Ayala  
Collin Berke  
Hum Nath Bhandari

Personal Financial Planning  
Animal Sciences  
Mass Communications  
Mathematics

William C. Burson	Animal Sciences
Sylvia Caballero-Suarez	Educational Leadership
Vanessa Charles	Chemistry
Teha Cooks	Curriculum and Instruction
Kaushik Das	Mechanical Engineering
Hira Farooq	Physics
Rhoda Goldberg	Curriculum and Instruction
Alexandra Gordienko	Physics
Laura Gorham	Agricultural Communication and Education
Karin Grisham	Curriculum and Instruction
Jennifer Huemmer	Mass Communications
Donald Hume	Curriculum and Instruction
Ahmad Khayyat Jafari	Physics
Amber Krause	Mass Communications
Shelby Lacouture	Electrical Engineering
Travis Loof	Mass Communications
Jacob Lumby	Personal Financial Planning
Veronica Lyons	Chemistry
Tielige Mengke	Physics
Samila Muthumuni	Physics
Amin Nikakhtar	Industrial Engineering
Dominic Russ	English
MD Nasim-US Sabah	Business Administration
Shannon Sahabi	Curriculum and Instruction
Geron Scates	Higher Education
Xueda Shi	Mechanical Engineering
Jacob Shores-Arguello	English
Sarah Skoog-Cowen	Counselor Education
Sarah Smith	Technical Communication and Rhetoric
Troy Tarpley	Agricultural Communication and Education
Bailey Thompson	Mass Communications
Tracee Tomlinson	Curriculum and Instruction
James Vice	History
Sarah Viren	English
Michelle N. Walty	Mathematics
Shawna White	Mass Communications
Beth Wiggs	Curriculum and Instruction
Jacob Williams	Personal Financial Planning
Todd Witt	Curriculum and Instruction
Jingting Xiao	Civil Engineering
Dong Xue	Chemistry
Cagla Yildirim	Personal Financial Planning

Jingfu Zhao  
Xianguan Zhao  
Ang Zuo

Chemistry  
Electrical Engineering  
Chemistry

#### V. Academic Requests

The following course applications, came to the full Graduate Council with a motion of approval from the Academic Program sub-committee. Steven Richards second the motion to approve all course applications. The Graduate Council approved all requests.

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

**GEOL 5351:** Spectroscopy & Classification (3:2:0:3) (change in *title* from Imaging Spectroscopy and Raster Classification)

**SOC 5312:** Urban Education Problems (3:3:0:0) (change in *title* from Urban Problems and *description*)

#### VI. Graduate Faculty

The following graduate faculty application came with a motion of approval from graduate faculty sub-committee. Steven Richards second the motion to approve the following application. The Graduate Council approved the request

Justin Louder – College of Education

The following graduate faculty application came with a motion of approval from the graduate faculty sub-committee. The Graduate Council motioned to table the application until a CV with more detailed information was received. The Graduate Council approved the motion to table.

Stephen Peterson – Industrial Engineering

#### VII. Old Business

The updated draft copy of the Graduate Faculty O.P. will be emailed to the full graduate council so they can discuss with their college.

#### VIII. Announcements

Dean Sheridan handed out the Year In Review of the Graduate School for the 2015-2016 year.

Next Graduate Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in room 313 of the Administration Building.