Minutes of the 6th meeting of
The Graduate Council
2016-2017

Date and Time: Thursday, March 2, 2017
Place: Room 313, Administration Building

Attendance: Dr. Scott Baugh, Dr. Jeff Burkhardt, Professor Anne Chalex-Boyle,
Dr. David Ivey, Dr. Stephen Morse, Professor Robert Perl, Dr. Steven
Richards, Dr. Trent Seltzer, Dr. Tara Stevens

Ex-officio: Dr. David Doerfert, Dr. Darryl James, Dr. Justin Louder,
Dr. Mark Sheridan

Visitors: Dr. Laura Calkins, Dr. Coy Callison, Dr. David Cannon,
Dr. John Gilliam, Dr. Mark Gring, Dr. Vickie Hampton, Dr. Eileen Johnson,
Dr. Angela Lumpkin, Dr. Paula Prada

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 Stephen Morse to approve the minutes from
the 5th meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, February 2, 2017. 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 Tara Stevens and seconded by Anne Chalex-Boyle to
approve the March list. The Graduate Council approved the candidate list.

Hasan Al Mekdash    Higher Education
Saleh Ahmed        Petroleum Engineering
Ailiyasi Ainiwaer  Geosciences
Ramzi Alahmadi     Industrial Engineering
Aman Arora         Petroleum Engineering
Karl Brauer        Plant and Soil Science
Laura H. Brown     Special Education
James Browning    Petroleum Engineering
Jenny Chong        Clinical Psychology
Stephen    Davis    Political Science
Dian    Fan    Petroleum Engineering
Suranga    Gunerathne    Civil Engineering
Mary    Hayden    Environmental Toxicology
Siyuan    Huang    Petroleum Engineering
S Pedi Durayalage Sanjeewa S. Karunarathna    Mathematics
Soni    Khandelwal    Nutritional Sciences
Yildirim    Kocoglu    Petroleum Engineering
Chad    Kronkosky    Petroleum Engineering
Sumedha    Liyanage    Plant and Soil Science
Michelle    McManus    Environmental Toxicology
Karen    Milmine    History
Ahmed    Mohamed    Petroleum Engineering
Rezgar    Mohammed    Agricultural and Applied Economics
Amar    Patel    Mechanical Engineering
Ashwin    Ravichandran    Chemical Engineering
James    Ruhland    Political Science
Katie    Runyon    Educational Psychology
Haley    Schneider    Civil Engineering
Ritesh    Sevanthi Dilipan    Civil Engineering
Arya    Shandi    Petroleum Engineering
Srikanth    Tangirala    Petroleum Engineering
Xiukun    Wang    Petroleum Engineering
Poorna    Wansapura    Plant and Soil Science
Marshal    Wigwe    Petroleum Engineering
Yedan    Xiong    Plant and Soil Science
Yao    Zhang    Petroleum Engineering

IV. Academic Requests

The following Academic Requests came to the full Graduate Council with a motion of approval from the Academic Program sub-committee. Stephen Morse second the motion. The Graduate Council approved all requests.

COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

Master of Science in Environmental Design – reduction in hours from 36 to 34 hours
Master of Science in Hospitality and Retail Management – increase in hours from 33 to 34 hours

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts in Mathematics: (change in program delivery from face-to-face to online)
FSCI 5308: Fundamentals of Forensic Science (3:3:0:0) (Addition)
HIST 7301: Independent Readings (World) (3:3:0:0) (Addition)
HIST 7302: Independent Readings (Europe) (3:3:0:0) (Addition)
HIST 7303: Independent Readings (U.S) (3:3:0:0) (Addition)
SPMT 5315: Research Methods I (3:3:0:0) (Addition)
COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES
Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning Hybrid delivery: (change in program delivery from face-to-face to hybrid)

COLLEGE OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS
PhD in Media and Communication: (change in program title from PhD in Mass Communication)
COMS 5310: Introduction to Graduate Studies in COMS (3:3:0:0) (Addition)

GRADUATE SCHOOL
Master of Arts in Heritage and Museum Sciences – (name change from Master of Arts in Museum Science)

To resolve difference between the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board inventory and Texas Tech University Catalog, the following proposals are brought forward:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Masters of Arts in English – increase in hours from 30 to 36 hours.
Master of Arts in Economics – increase in hours from 30 to 36 hours.
Master’s Degree in Romance Languages– increase in hours from 30 to 36 hours.
Master of Science in Statistics – increase in hours from 30 to 36 hours.

COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES
Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning – reduction in hours from 42 to 36 hours.

V. Graduate Faculty

The following graduate faculty applications came with a motion of approval from the graduate faculty sub-committee. Tara Stevens second the motion. The Graduate Council approved the requests.

a. Patricia Solis - Geosciences
b. Shuo Wang - Geosciences
c. Yonggang Wang - Geosciences
d. Lurli (Yuri Koboziev – Nutritional Sciences
e. Latha Ramalingam – Nutritional Sciences

VI. Old Business

The Graduate Council reviewed and approved the Graduate Faculty O.P. 64.10. Stephen Morse motioned to approve the O.P. and David Ivey second the motion. The Graduate Council approved.

A motion was made by David Ivey to adopt the term “concentration” and to approve the credit hour of 50% to the “concentration”. Steven Richards second the motion. The Graduate Council approved.
VII. New Business

Dr. Justin Louder, from the office of TTU Worldwide eLearning, gave a presentation about the service that eLearning has regarding the implementation of the Black Board Student Services.

VIII. Announcements

Dr. Mark Sheridan asked the Graduate Council that they discuss with their area/department about misconduct. He said we will discuss at the next meeting about having a policy in place or Responsible Conduct Training.

Next Graduate Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in room 313 of the Administration Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.