



Minutes of the 4th meeting of
The Graduate Council
2017-2018

Date and Time: Thursday, December 14, 2017
Place: Room 313, Administration Building

Attendance: Dr. Scott Baugh, Professor Anne Chalex-Boyle, Dr. Courtney Meyers, Professor Robert Perl, Dr. Steven Richards, Dr. Toby Rider, Dr. Trent Seltzer, Dr. Doug Smith, Dr. Walter Smith, Dr. Tara Stevens, Dr. Leslie Thompson, Dr. Chris Weiss

Ex-officio: Dr. David Doerfert, Dr. Kristi Gaines, Dr. Darryl James,

Visitors: Dr. Joaquin Borrego, Dr. Scott Burris, Dr. Coy Callison, Dr. Fanni Coward, Professor Shelley Fillipp, Dr. Amy Koerber, Dr. Angela Lumpkin, Dr. Caleb Phillips, Dr. Miranda Scolari, Dr. Sindee Simon,

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 Walter Smith and seconded by Leslie Thompson to approve the minutes from the 3rd meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, November 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 Courtney Meyers and seconded by Anne Chalex-Boyle to approve the December list. The Graduate Council approved the candidate list.

Boker	Agili	Electrical Engineering
Shanoy C.	Anderson	Environmental Toxicology
Dimitrios	Athanasίου	Civil Engineering
ABM Abdul Ali	Bhuiyan	Mechanical Engineering
Nicholas	Carrington	Technical Communication & Rhetoric
Kenna	Dalley	Fine Arts
Ziye	Dong	Chemical Engineering

Ilektra	Drygiannaki	Civil Engineering
Charity	Embley	Curriculum and Instruction
Changda	Feng	Wind Science and Engineering
Stacy	Fox	Curriculum and Instruction
Natali	Gonzalez	Marriage and Family Therapy
Anna	Gonzalez	Curriculum and Instruction
David	Goss	Curriculum and Instruction
Yingbin	Hu	Industrial Engineering
Jaspreet	Kaur	Plant and Soil Science
Zhongwei	Liu	Environmental Toxicology
Sarah	Martin	Technical Communication & Rhetoric
Reagan	Mason	Curriculum and Instruction
Megan	Mendiola	Media and Communication
Thi Bang Tam	Nguyen	Curriculum and Instruction
Aniruddha A.	Pangarkar	Business Administration
Milinda	Pattanayak	Physics
Zhengyu	Peng	Electrical Engineering
Emma	Roberts	Biology
Maureen	Short	Systems and Engineering Management
Zachary	Smith	Animal Science
Kevin	Sullivan	Biology
Rakhitha W.	Udugama Arachchilage	Mechanical Engineering
Tea	Vrtlar	Civil Engineering
Kevin	Werts	Geosciences
Jenise	Wooten	Agricultural Communications and Education
Songjing	Yan	Chemical Engineering

IV. Academic Requests

All of the following come with a motion of approval from the sub-committee. A second was made by Leslie Thompson to approve all of the following changes, courses, new certificate and program proposals. The Graduate Council approved.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BIOL 5340: Biological Informatics (change in *course description, course number* from 5301, and *course prefix* from BINF)

KIN 5318: Biomechanical Assessment of Human Performance (3:3:0:0) (*Addition*)

KIN 5353: Research and Assessment of Muscular Performance (change in *course description*)

PSY 5314: Beginning Child Practicum (3:3:0:0) (*Addition*)

PSY 5355: Neuroscience of Vision (3:3:0:0) (*Addition*)

SPMT 5345: Administration of Intercollegiate Athletics (3:3:0:0) (*Addition*)

SPMT 5346: Law in the Sport Industry (3:3:0:0) (*Addition*)

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES

AGED 5312: Data Analysis and Presentation in Agricultural Communications and Education (change in *course title* from Assessing Program Effectiveness in Agriculture and Extension Education)

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Education Psychology – New Certificate

EDCI 6383: Narrative Inquiry (3:3:0:0) (*Addition*)

EDSP 5307: Collaborative Problem Solving in Special Education (change in *course title* from Problems and Trends in Special Education)

COLLEGE OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

STEM Leadership Communication – New Certificate

MCOM 5350: STEM Leadership Communication Capstone (3:3:0:0) (*Addition*)

EDWARD E. WHITACRE JR. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

CHE 5356: Process Safety (3:3:0:0) (*Addition*)

COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

PhD in Couple, Marriage, and Family Therapy – change in *degree title* from PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy

MS in Couple, Marriage, and Family Therapy – change in *degree title* from MS in Marriage and Family Therapy

NS 6365: Obesity Management for the Clinical Practitioner (3:3:0:0) (*Addition*)

V. Graduate Faculty

The following Graduate Faculty application comes with a motion of approval from the sub-committee. A second was made by Walter Smith to approve following Graduate Faculty Application. The Graduate Council approved.

George Rudolph Hermann – Civil, Environmental, and Construction Engineering

VI. Old Business

Dr. Kristi Gaines gave a brief update on what the Student Affairs committee discussed and brought up their last meeting. There will be more discussions to come.

Dr. David Doerfert gave an update on the Liaison System. There are over 2,000 applications already in the Liaison system. There is some training available if you wish to access some training please contact Kim Cappillino or Shelby Cearley.

VII. New Business

Dr. Doerfert gave a brief update the New Investment Program. He also mentioned that Dean Sheridan will be meeting individually with each Dean.

Dr. Darryl James gave some updates from SACSCOC. He also mentioned that all undergrads will be introduced to a course/class on Student debt.

VIII. Announcements

Dr. Doerfert announced a reminder for Commencement to be held tomorrow evening on Friday, December 15th at the United Supermarkets Arena beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Doerfert announced the graduation numbers for the December 15th commencement ceremony:

91 Doctoral

486 Masters

69 Certificates

Next Graduate Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. in room 313 of the Administration Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.