Minutes of the 4th 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 Syma

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.

II. A motion was made by Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer and seconded by Scott Baugh to approve the minutes from the 3rd 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 Dcroz 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
Niloofar 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 Sayeed 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
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 BIOLS5350 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 13th 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.