



Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of  
The Graduate Council  
2020-2021

**Date and Time:** Thursday, September 3, 2020

**Place:** Zoom Meeting

**Zoom Attendance:** Dr. Britta Anderson, Dr. Scott Baugh, Dr. Mario Beruvides, Dr. Eric Cardella, Dr. Robert Cox, Dr. Kaj Gittings, Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Dr. Bradley Johnson, Dr. Stephanie Jones, Dr. Mellinee Lesley, Dr. Lisa Lim, Dr. Toby Rider, Dr. Matthew Santa, Dr. Doug Smith, Dr. Alex Wiseman

Ex-officio: Dr. David Doerfert, Dr. Kristi Gaines, Dr. Darryl James, Dr. Mark Sheridan, Ms. Carrye Syma

Visitors: Dr. Mayukh Dass, Dr. Eileen Johnson, Dr. Jeong-Hee Kim, Dr. Angela Lumpkin,

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 Matt Santa to approve the minutes from the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, July 9, 2020. 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 Mario Beruvides and seconded by Brad Johnson to approve the list. The Graduate Council approved the candidate list.

Ghirass Ghazi	A Abualshamat	Personal Financial Planning
Kazi	Afroz	Biology
Harsshit	Agrawaal	Chemistry
Millicent	Akinyi Oyugi	Agricultural Communications and Education
Lamya	Alsaadi	Personal Financial Planning
Johnson	Antwi	Personal Financial Planning

Jiwasmika	Baishya	Biology
Kallie	Barley	Media and Communication
James	Bassett	Political Science
Uyanga	Bazaa	Media and Communication
Brent	Bloodworth	Business Administration
Sofia	Brizuela Obando	Agricultural Communications and Education
Peter	Brown	Systems and Engineering Management
Yifan	Cai	Biology
Sheri	Caine	Curriculum and Instruction
Abel	Cantu	Personal Financial Planning
Ahalee	Cathey	Exercise Physiology
Kurt	Cereske	Fine Arts
Ying	Chen	Personal Financial Planning
Ubaldo	Cirlos	Curriculum and Instruction
Anica	Cisneroz	Curriculum and Instruction
Holly	Corkill	Curriculum and Instruction
Andrew	Cosper	Spanish
Gary	Curnutt	Personal Financial Planning
Rebecca	Delozier	Curriculum and Instruction
Saleh	Dinkhah	Electrical Engineering
David	Dixon	History
Lande	Dowell	Special Education
Hunter	Edwards	Biology
Michelle	Ellis	Curriculum and Instruction
Minal	Engavale	Biology
Zahra	Feizy	Nutritional Sciences
Luis	Fernando Rayo	Music
Adam	Finger	Environmental Toxicology
Stephen	Fischer	Exercise Physiology
Zachariah	Forkner	English
Linda	Garza	Educational Psychology
Narges	Hadi	Educational Psychology
Kathleen	Hardesty	Technical Communication and Rhetoric
Scott	Hawkins	Business Administration
Basitha Kavinga	Hewa Wellalage	Mathematics
Shari	Hiltbrand	Curriculum and Instruction
Zhiyong	Hu	Industrial Engineering
Nan	Hu	Biology

Mackenzie	Hughes	Clinical Psychology
Tariful	Islam	Nutritional Sciences
Matthew	Jaramillo	Personal Financial Planning
Kimberly	Jones	Curriculum and Instruction
Robert	Kovenburg	Electrical Engineering
Ashauna	Lindo	Curriculum and Instruction
Chenyong	Liu	Business Administration
Lindsey	Lumpkin	Educational Leadership
Brittini	MacLeod	Higher Education Research
Cathy	Mahaffey	Technical Communication and Rhetoric
Arun	Maharaj	Exercise Physiology
Ruvini	Mathangadeera	Biology
Gugulethu	Moyo	Nutritional Sciences
Tiffany	Murray	Personal Financial Planning
Olamide	Olajide	Personal Financial Planning
Alexander	Olshanksy	Media and Communication
Elizabeth	Ortiz Gonzalez	Clinical Psychology
Eiman	Osseilan	Personal Financial Planning
Prakash	Parajuli	Plant and Soil Science
Blain	Pearson	Personal Financial Planning
Lingjuan	Qi	Mechanical Engineering
Di	Qing	Personal Financial Planning
Georgianna	Ravenna	English
Yvonne	Reeves-Harwood	Higher Education Research
Melissa	Richert	Curriculum and Instruction
Abel	Rios	History
Kaplan	Sanders	Personal Financial Planning
Kellie	Seals	Agricultural Education
Maria	Seredina	Political Science
Yujuan	Shi	Educational Psychology
Britt W.	Sims	Special Education
Linda	Smith	Curriculum and Instruction
Eric	Stout	Mechanical Engineering
Sunny	Styles-Foster	Curriculum and Instruction
Karyn	Suggs	Curriculum and Instruction
Qi	Sun	Personal Financial Planning
Christohper	Trobridge	History
Md Mezbah	Uddin	Chemical Engineering
Nwasinachi	Uzoma Menkiti	Land-Use Planning, Management, and Design
David	Villarreal	Higher Education Research

Miraj	Wallace	Agricultural Education
Caoyuanhui	Wang	Biology
Zhen	Xu	Electrical Engineering
Mahsa	Yavari	Nutritional Sciences
Zhicheng	Zhu	Industrial Engineering

#### IV. Academic Requests

All of the following come with a motion of approval from the Academic Program sub-committee. A second was made by Doug Smith to approve all of the following proposals. The Graduate Council approved the proposals.

##### **RAWLS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

*Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics (Administrative unit change)*

*Marketing Analytics Concentration (concentration Addition)*

##### **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

**IE 6320: Systems Dynamics (Addition)**

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

*Integrative Physiology (Concentration Addition)*

##### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

**EDCI 6367: Design-Based Research for Educational Contexts (change in pre-requisites)**

##### **GRADUATE SCHOOL**

**HMG 5341: Heritage Management Practicum 3:3:0:0 (Addition)**

#### V. Graduate Faculty

The following Graduate Faculty Applications come with a motion of approval from the Graduate Faculty sub-committee and was seconded by Mario Beruvides. The Graduate Council Approved.

- a. Milton Smith – Industrial, Manufacturing & Systems Engineering
- b. Souparno Ghosh – Mathematics and Statistics
- c. Min Wang – Mathematics and Statistics

The following applications were reconsidered for full graduate faculty status. A motion was made by Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer to approve the applications and seconded by Mario Beruvides. The Graduate Council Approved.

- a. Deborah Carr – Biological Sciences
- b. Branna Harris – Biological Sciences

## VI. Old Business

Dean Sheridan announced the graduate numbers for the August 2020 Commencement:

- Doctoral 152
- Masters 426
- Grad Certificates 47

Academic Year Numbers

- Doctoral 390
- Masters 1658
- Grad Certificates 216

## VII. New Business

Dean Sheridan gave a special thanks and small token of appreciation to the Graduate Council members that were rotating off the council and welcoming on the new members.

All of the Graduate School will be held virtually this semester. The events are as follows:

- 3MT
- Arts & Humanities Conference
- Graduate Awards Ceremony

## VIII. Announcements

Dean Sheridan announced graduate enrollment number is 6,635 which is a 7% increase from last year. This is great news with this year being a counting year.

The Graduate School will be hosting a Grad Coordinators/Advisor, chair meeting to discuss upcoming graduate information and what to expect this semester.

Next Graduate Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.