Minutes of the 1st 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.

II. A motion was made by Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer and seconded by Matt Santa to approve the minutes from the 9th 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
Kazi
Harshit
Millicent
Lamya
Johnson

A Ablualshamat
Afroz
Agrawaal
Akinyl Oyugi
Alsaadi
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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
Brittni 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 Osselan 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 Mezba Uddin Chemical Engineering
Nwasinachi Uzoma Menkiti Land-Use Planning, Management, and Design
David Villarreal Higher Education Research
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)*

**COLLOEGE 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**
*HMGT 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.