

Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of  
The Graduate Council  
2023-2024

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 4, 2024

**Place:** Zoom Meeting

**Zoom Attendance:** Dr. Deborah Carr, Dr. Jaclyn Cravens, Dr. Melissa Gotlieb,  
Dr. Babu Mariadoss, Dr. Roger McNamara, Dr. Jon McNaughtan,  
Dr. Andrew Stetson, Dr. Alex Wiseman

Ex-officio: Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Dr. Darryl James,

Visitors: Dr. Brian Nutter, Dr. Mallory Prucha, Dr. Sally Shelton,  
Dr. Susan Stone-Lawrence

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 Babu Mariadoss and seconded by Roger McNamara to approve the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Graduate Council that was held on Thursday, March 7, 2024. The Graduate Council approved these minutes.

III. Students admitted to Doctoral Candidacy.

The following students were recommended to candidacy for the doctorate in their respective departments/programs. A motion was made by Jon McNaughtan and seconded by Deborah Carr to admit the students on the list to candidacy for the doctoral degree. The Graduate Council approved the motion and the following students were admitted to candidacy.

Zhenyu Xu	Computer Science
Ashmita Khanal	Biology
Carlos Contreras	Educational Leadership
Karla Guevara	Educational Leadership
Sarah Hirsch	Counseling Psychology
Mikaela Trussell	Counseling Psychology
Cody Meyer	Counseling Psychology
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Justin Stafford	Counselor Education
Jennifer OConnor	Counselor Education

LynnDee Ford	Mechanical Engineering
Shu Li	Geosciences
Paula Sofia Cano Fossi	Mechanical Engineering
Jessica Reyna	Educational Leadership
Ohireime Ojeomogha	Personal Financial Planning
Elva Espinoza Jimenez	Personal Financial Planning
Jannatul Ferdous Ema	Mathematics
Patrick Cook	Mechanical Engineering
Sunday Esebre	Mathematics
Demarice Bowling	Special Education
Haley Holstein	Special Education
Tomas Lugo	One Health Sciences
Timothy Evans	Curriculum and Instruction
Rupak Karn	Plant and Soil Science
Ehsan Abbasi	Chemical Engineering
Patryck Da Silva Ferreira	Mechanical Engineering
Arjun Kafle	Plant and Soil Science
Shibo Wang	Media and Communication
Juan Zhai	Civil Engineering
Cheng Yun Wang	Fine Arts
Manuel Garcia Chacalan	Agricultural and Applied Economics
Ian Royce Resurreccion	Music
Juan Zhai	Civil Engineering

#### IV. Academic Requests

The following academic requests were reviewed by the Academic Program sub-committee meeting held on March 28, 2024 and come to the Council with a motion to approval from the subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Melissa Gotlieb. The Graduate Council voted to approve all of the following requests:

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

**Graduate Certification in Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure – (*Deletion*)**

##### **COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**THA 5351: Theatre & Dance in the Community – (change in *title* from Mentoring Community Outreach in the Arts, and *course description*)**

##### **COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

**GEOG 5330: Applied Spatial and Spatiotemporal Data Analysis – (*Deletion*)**

***Master of Sciences in Geoscience – (credit hour change)***

**GRADUATE SCHOOL**

**HMGT 5327: Heritage Planning- (*Deletion*)**

**HMGT 5334: Heritage Interpretation** – (change in *title* from Public Heritage Communications)

**HMGT 5335: Heritage Resource Management – (*Deletion*)**

**HMGT 5336: Heritage Resource Marketing – (*Deletion*)**

**HMGT 5338: Heritage Information Management – (*Deletion*)**

***Land-Use Planning, Management, and Design (LPMD) PhD – (credit hour change)***

V. Graduate Faculty

None

VI. Announcements

Next meeting will be on May 21st, 2024.