

Minutes of the 1st meeting of
The Graduate Council
2024-2025

Date and Time: Thursday, September 5, 2024

Place: Zoom Meeting

Zoom Attendance: Dr. Cindy Akers, Dr. Kanika Batra Dr. Deborah Carr, Dr. Jaclyn Cravens,
Dr. Melissa Gotlieb, Dr. Babu Mariadoss, Dr. Jon McNaughtan,
Dr. Benildo de los Reyes, Dr. Jhones Sarturi, Dr. Devendra Shah,
Dr. Andrew Stetson,

Ex-officio: Dr. Kristi Gaines, Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer,
Dr. Darryl James, Ms. Carrye Syma

Visitors: Dr. Rashid Al-Hmoud, Dr. William Armstrong, Dr. Alec Cattell,
Dr. Yong Chen, Dr. Angela Lumpkin, Dr. Maike Rocker, Dr. Vickie Sutton

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 Babu Mariadoss and seconded by Andrew Stetson to approve the minutes of the 9th meeting of the Graduate Council that was held on Thursday, July 11, 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 Devendra Shah and seconded by Babu Mariadoss 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.

Moyinoluwa Adeniyi	Chemistry
Samuel Ajulo	One Health Sciences
Raavi Arora	Plant and Soil Science
Najmeh Azizkhani Shadisheh	Land Use Planning, Management and Design
Kristen Brown	Curriculum and Instruction
Anna Carlock	Animal Science
Justin Chambers	Educational Leadership

Anastasia Chouvalova	Biology
Ayda Demir	Electrical Engineering
Pawan Devkota	Biology
Colten Dornbach	Animal Science
Erik Farley-Talamantes	Mechanical Engineering
Haley Garrelts	English
Christy Gillespie	Educational Leadership
Emily Hauf	Geosciences
Rebecca Haynes	Special Education
Yu-Che Ho	Electrical Engineering
Bradford Howe	Experimental Psychology
Sarah Ingles	Educational Leadership
Derek Johnston	Electrical Engineering
Zaur Kapanadze	Political Science
Sanjida Sultana Keya	Plant and Soil Science
Hong Liu	One Health Sciences
Linda Masi	English
Fahareen Mosharraf	Biology
Hien Ngo	Curriculum and Instruction
Monica Nicholas	Educational Leadership
Toluwalase Ojeyemi	Environmental Toxicology
Jennifer Perry	Educational Leadership
Thanakrit Piyachayawat	Industrial Engineering
Anthonia Prince	Instructional Technology
Rafaela Rodrigues Dos Santos	One Health Sciences
Annika Sprung	Systems and Engineering Management
Kristen Watkins	Curriculum and Instruction
Pamela Weiler	Agricultural Communications and Education
Weiran Yan	Business Administration
Gaihua Ye	Electrical Engineering

IV. Academic Requests

The following academic request was reviewed by the Academic Program sub-committee meeting held on August 29, 2024 and comes to the Council with a motion of approval from the subcommittee. A motion was made by Deborah Carr to table the following academic request and Kanika Batra second the motion. The Graduate Council voted to table the request.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL ASICNES AND NATURAL RESOURCES **ANSC 5321: Epidemiology in Animal Welfare Science – (*Addition*)**

The following academic requests were reviewed by the Academic Program sub-committee meeting held on August 29, 2024 and come to the Council with a motion of approval from the subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Jaclyn Cravens . The Graduate Council approved.

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

M.F.A. Theatre Arts-Playwriting – (concentration change)

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Master of Science in Computer Science – (credit hour change)

Master of Science in Software and Security Engineering – (credit hour change)

RAWLS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

FIN 5326: Seminar in Investment Management – (tandem/cross-listed)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Accelerated Bachelor's and Master's Program in Sport Management – (curricular change)

Kinesiology – (CIP code change)

SPMT (Sport Management) – (all CIP code change)

Economics Ph.D. – (CIP code change)

GERM 5312: Survey of German Culture – (change in title from Moments of Crisis in German-Language Culture 1890-1945 and course description)

GERM 5315: Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory in Germany – (change in title from German-language Literature and Culture in the West 1945-1989 and course description)

GERM 5316: Award-Wining German-Language Literature – (change in title from Literature of the New Germany and course description)

GERM 5321: Seminar in German Literature – (change in title from Seminar in Modern German Literature and course description)

The Professional Science Master's degree (PSM) in Environmental Sustainability and Natural Resource Management – (modality change)

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Graduate Certification in Indigenous & Native American Studies Certificate – (curricular change)

Indigenous & Native American Studies Minor – (curricular update)

V. Graduate Faculty

The applications for Graduate Faculty status of the following individuals were reviewed at the Graduate Faculty sub-committee meeting held on August 29, 2024 and come to the Council with a motion to approval. A second was made by Devendra Shah. The Graduate Council approved to confer Adjunct Graduate Faculty Status on the following individuals:

- a. Sarah Brown – Kinesiology and Sport Management
- b. Gloria Burrow – Plant and Soil Science
- c. Susan Margaret Casby-Horton – Plant and Soil Science

- d. Suman Kanti Chowdhury - IMSE
- e. Carol Mason Kelly – Plant and Soil Science
- f. Shadi Nejat – Grad School/INDS
- g. Megha Parajulee – Plant and Soil Science
- h. Gad Perry – Natural Resource Management
- i. Jesse C. Starkey – Grad School/INDS
- j. George Tan – IMSE
- k. Christopher Turner – Plant and Soil Science
- l. John Wanjura – Plant and Soil Science
- m. Vivian C.H.Wu – Plant and Soil Science
- n. Shanguo Xin – Plant and Soil Science

VI. Announcements

Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer announced the graduation numbers for the August 2, 2024 commencement at the United Supermarkets Arena.

Doctoral 153	Masters 516	Certificates 45
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Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer gave a thank you to our Graduate Council members rotating off the council. She also welcomed the new members elected to serve on the council.

Next meeting will be on October 3, 2024.