

Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of  
The Graduate Council  
2024-2025

**Date and Time:** Thursday, October 1, 2024

**Place:** Zoom Meeting

**Zoom Attendance:** Dr. Kanika Batra, Dr. Jaclyn Cravens, Dr. Benildo de los Reyes,  
Dr. Melissa Gotlieb, Dr. Ryan Huston, Dr. Jon McNaughtan,  
Dr. Latchezar Popov, Dr. Kevin Wass, Dr. Alex Wiseman, Dr. Changxu Xu

Ex-officio: Dr. Tim Dallas, Dr. Kristi Gaines, Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-  
Spencer, Dr. Mark Sheridan, Ms. Carrye Syma

Visitors: Dr. Ashley Brown, Dr David Forrest, Dr. Lauren Gollahon,  
Dr. Stuart Heckman, Dr. Peter Martens, Dr. Anastasia Stellato,

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 Jon McNaughtan and seconded by Kanika Batra to approve the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Graduate Council that was held on Thursday, September 5, 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 Melissa Gotlieb and seconded by Alex Wiseman 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.

Ejoke Akatugba	Chemistry
William Alfonsin	Media and Communication
Bandar Faisal M Alkhalil	Computer Science
Musab Almohammad	Electrical Engineering
Gordon Junior Appiah	Business Administration
Julie Boatright	Curriculum and Instruction
Erin Boiles	Curriculum and Instruction

Anna Boyles	Human Development and Family Sciences
Ronald Cole	Technical Communication and Rhetoric
Pooja Dogra	Chemistry
Guilherme Feitosa De Almeida	Fine Arts
Daniel Forman	Educational Leadership
Nathaniel Fryar	Electrical Engineering
Sudip Giri	Systems and Engineering Management
Julie Grisham	Technical Communication and Rhetoric
Katherine Himes	Clinical Psychology
Lilian Iyeghe	Nutritional Sciences
Kimberly Jenerette	Technical Communication and Rhetoric
Sarah Kane	Animal Science
Yu Ju Kao	Hospitality, Tourism, and Retail Management
Milad Kheirvari Khezerloo	One Health Sciences
Min Jung Kim	Hospitality, Tourism, and Retail Management
Norma Larios	Educational Leadership
Jose Martinez	Systems and Engineering Management
Luciana Mayer Kluppel	One Health Sciences
Michael McClay	Clinical Psychology
Ashti Morovati	Nutritional Sciences
Joseph Munn	Systems and Engineering Management
Opeyemi Ogunyomi	Educational Psychology
Obumneke Ohiaeri	Plant and Soil Science
Oluwasbusayo Okunloye	Media and Communication
Kathleen O'Mara	Educational Leadership
Jennifer Osborne	Educational Leadership
Denish Otieno	Computer Science
Christopher Penick	Systems and Engineering Management
Yagnya Pokhrel	Electrical Engineering
Rimvydas Ragauskas	Political Science
Md Mezanur Rahman	Plant and Soil Science
Daniela Redrovan Passato	One Health Sciences
Rajendra Shrestha	Electrical Engineering
Mason Springfield	Mathematics
Marika Stepankiw	Technical Communication and Rhetoric
Hannah Suber	Environmental Toxicology
Mason Tedeschi	Biology
Yunuen Velazquez Campos	Spanish
Amanda Viola	Instructional Technology
Dixi Wang	Business Administration
Melissa Wood	Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Justin Yandell  
Marsa Zaroudi  
Shengbai Zhang

Systems and Engineering Management  
Nutritional Sciences  
Business Administration

#### IV. Academic Requests

The following academic request was reviewed by the Graduate Council meeting held on September 5, 2024 and was tabled. A motion was made by Alex Wiseman to un-table the following academic request and Kevin Huston second the motion. The Graduate Council voted to un-table the request.

A motion was made by Kanika Batra to approve the following academic request and seconded by seconded by Alex Wiseman to approve. The Graduate Council voted to approve.

#### **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 September 26, 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.

#### **GRADUATE SCHOOL**

**BIOL 6430: Fluorescence Microscopy – (change in *course number* from 6330 and *contact hours* to 4:3:0:3)**

**MBIO 5310: Foundations of Microbiologic /Research – (*Addition*)**

**RE 5303: Data Science for Renewable Energy – (*Addition*)**

**RE 5307: Renewable Energy Grid Integration – (*Addition*)**

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

**BIOL5418: Advanced Ornithology – (Change in *course prefix* from ZOOL and *course number* from 5408)**

**SPAN 5395: Multiliteracies, Multilingualism, and Communication – (*Addition*)**

#### **COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMINGS ARTS**

**IVPA 5330: Introduction to the Field of Arts in Health – (*Addition*)**

**Jazz – (*concentration change*)**

**THA 5351 Mentoring Community Outreach in the Arts – (*credit/contact hour change*)**

**Graduate Certificate in Arts and Health – (*Addition*)**

#### **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

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

#### **COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES**

***Master of Sciences in Human Sciences – (*curricular change*)***

**PFP 6377: Research Methods I – (*pre-requisite*)**

## V. Graduate Faculty

The applications for Graduate Faculty status of the following individuals were reviewed at the Graduate Faculty sub-committee meeting held on September 26, 2024 and come to the Council with a motion to approval. A second was made by Melissa Gotlieb. The Graduate Council approved to confer Adjunct Graduate Faculty Status on the following individuals:

- a. John A Barnes – Environmental Toxicology
- b. Michael P. Kessler – Environmental Toxicology
- c. Amy Santoro – Environmental Toxicology

## VI. Old Business

The Dean's Representative task force report will be circulated

## VII. New Business

Dr. Mark Sheridan is currently working on putting together an AI (artificial intelligence) task force together. He asked for volunteers to form this task force. Please reach out to Melissa Carrillo if you wish to serve on this task force.

Next meeting will be on November 7, 2024.