

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of
The Graduate Council
2024-2025

Date and Time: Thursday, November 7, 2024

Place: Zoom Meeting

Zoom Attendance: Dr. Kanika Batra, Dr. Jaclyn Cravens, Dr. Clifton Ellis, Dr. Melissa Gotlieb, Dr. Ryan Huston, Dr. Jon McNaughtan, Dr. Latchezar Popov, Dr. Devendra Shah, Dr. Kevin Wass,

Ex-officio: Dr. Kristi Gaines, Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Dr. Mark Sheridan

Visitors: Dr. Cari Carter, Dr. Stuart Heckman, Dr. Aaron Norris, Ms Esmeralda Torres, Dr. Joel Velasco

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 Jon McNaughtan and seconded by Clifton Ellis to approve the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Graduate Council that was held on Thursday, October 3, 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 Clifton Ellis and seconded by Kevin Wass 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.

Brock Allen	English
Tameem Al-Shawaf	Media and Communication
Hushyar Azari	Exercise Physiology
Bethany Berg	Curriculum and Instruction
Prince Bosompim	Personal Financial Planning
Patrick Tito Buah Bassuah	Personal Financial Planning
Christian Chambless	Media and Communication

Rose Chumba	Counselor Education
Elisha Denkyirah	Agricultural and Applied Economics
Van Dinh	Personal Financial Planning
Jenna Donet	Experimental Psychology
Lauren Erikson	Curriculum and Instruction
Gatee Esmat	Educational Leadership
Gabriel Farias Cacao	Industrial Engineering
David Gary	Counselor Education
Bishnu Ghimire	Plant and Soil Science
Lynn Giang	Counselor Education
Cesar Gomez-Avila	Chemical Engineering
Austin Gregory	Electrical Engineering
Heesu Han	Hospitality, Tourism, and Retail Management
Angela Hardin	Counselor Education
Lucas Hess	Experimental Psychology
Kirsten Hoogstraten	Music
Chelsea Jackson Garcia	Counselor Education
Trevor Johnson	Agricultural and Applied Economics
Zachery Kasuske	Environmental Toxicology
Ashley Keamo	Personal Financial Planning
Abigail Kortenhoeven	Experimental Psychology
Vikesh Kumar	Personal Financial Planning
Hee Jun Lee	Civil Engineering
Brittany Long	English
Rachael Longoria	Counselor Education
Kenneth Luna	Counselor Education
Heather Miller	Agricultural Education
Daria Miskiewicz	Music
Morgen Nations	Personal Financial Planning
Oluwaseun Oduniyi	Agricultural and Applied Economics
Allexia Passos Souza	Chemical Engineering
Olivia Perez	Curriculum and Instruction
Marina Petric	Media and Communication
Imran Pinjari	Computer Science
Ivanna Porter	Economics
Amanda Reed	Couple, Marriage, and Family Therapy
Andrea Rodriguez	Educational Leadership
Dario Rueda Kunz	Plant and Soil Science
Elin Sarkissian	Chemistry
Sara Sepasiahoooyi	Mechanical Engineering
Pariya Sheykhmaleki	Interior and Environmental Design
Stephanie Smith	Counselor Education
Gage Taylor	Agricultural Education
Whitney Tran	Chemical Engineering

The following academic requests were reviewed by the Academic Program sub-committee meeting held on October 31, 2024 and come to the Council with a motion of approval from the subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Devendra Shah. The Graduate Council approved.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Graduate Certificate in Student Development and Academic Advisement – (**Addition**)

DAVIS COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES & NATURAL RESOURCES

NRM 6326: Advanced Range Improvements – (**contact hour change**)

PSS 5325: Plant Genetic Engineering – (change in **title** from Transgenic and Plant Cell Genetics)

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

PFP 5350: Individual Tax Planning Topics – (**change in pre-requisite**)

PFP 5371: Fundamentals of PFP – (**change in pre-requisite**)

PFP 5377: Psychology of Financial Planning I – (**change in Pre-requisite**)

PFP 5378: Interdisciplinary Approaches in Financial Health and Wellness – (**change in Pre-requisite**)

PFP 6384: DEI in PFP Research – (**restrictions**)

PFP 6394: Psychology of Financial Planning II – (**change in Pre-requisite**)

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

Architecture for Environmental and Spatial Justice – (**concentration change**)

Graduate Certificate in Ecological and sustainable Design (ESD) – (**Addition**)

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ARCH 5341: Energy Modeling and Building Performance – (**Addition**)

ARCH 5342: Regenerative Architecture – (**Addition**)

ARCH 5386: Border Urbanism Theory – (**Addition**)

ARCH 5387: Border Migration Legal Frameworks – (**Addition**)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

ECO 5321: Macroeconomics I – (**title** change from Macroeconomic Theory and Policy and **course number** from 5311)

ECO 5311: Microeconomics I – (change **course number** from 5312)

Kinesiology Bachelor's to Master's Accelerated Program – (**curricular change**)

PHIL 5300: Independent Study – (**Addition**)

SOC 6340: Seminar in Advanced Qualitative Methods: Content Analysis – (**Addition**)

SOC 6399: Graduate Teaching Practicum – (**Addition**)

SOC 8000: Sociology Dissertation Hours – (**Addition**)

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WGS 5350: Feminist Media Studies – (**Addition**)

Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies – (**title change**)

IS 6310: Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods – (**Addition**)

IS 6311: Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods – (**Addition**)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Graduate Certificate in Vector-Borne Diseases (VBD) – (modality change)

V. Graduate Faculty

The applications for Graduate Faculty status of the following individuals were reviewed at the Graduate Faculty sub-committee meeting held on October 31, 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. Zachary Brittsan – History
- b. Kristin Mansell – Curriculum and Instruction
- c. Zinab Munoz – Educational Psychology, Leadership & Counseling
- d. Christopher Schroeder - Geosciences

VI. Old Business

The Dean's Representative task force report will be circulated

VII. New Business

Dr. Mark Sheridan announced The Graduate School Holiday Open House will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 11:00-1:00, and everyone is welcome.

Next meeting will be on December 5, 2024.