

Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of  
The Graduate Council  
2024-2025

**Date and Time:** Thursday, February 6, 2024

**Place:** Zoom Meeting

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

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

Visitors: Dr. Jenn Burns, Dr. Scott Burris, Dr. Heather Warren-Crow, Dr. Mayukh Dass, Dr. Robin Lock, Dr. Xiaohan Ma, Dr. Patricia Maloney, Dr. Nichole Morelock, Dr. Brandon Wagner

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 Alexander Wiseman and seconded by Devendra Shah to approve the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Graduate Council that was held on Thursday, December 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 Latchezar Popov 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.

Omodolapo Ajayi

Ibrahim Akdilek

Mohammed Abdullah A Alshahrani

Jalal Bagherzadeh

Tara Bayat

Ran Bi

Emily Bohaty

Mechanical Engineering

Instructional Technology

Economics

Economics

Biology

Business Administration

Media and Communication

Noah Bruening  
Daniela Chavez Velado  
Laura Delcambre  
Elisa Diehl  
Thomas Dobbins  
Ali Esmaeelnezhad  
Hammed Faleke  
Mahboubah Ghahremani  
Haimanti Ghosh  
Jonathan Guajardo  
Ammon Harris  
Lucian Hutchinson  
Morris Igene  
Kohl James  
Rajendra Joshi  
Saravanan Kanagaratnam  
Mahshad Karimi Ghartemani  
Kenneth Kikanme  
Koswatte Ralalage Dheeshana Koswatte  
Xinyue Lei  
Drew Macha  
Benjamin Madura  
Muwafiq Manhil  
Allen Jimena Martinez Aguiriano  
Kaitlyn McKinney  
Andres Mendizabal  
Michael Mills  
Brayan Montoya Torres  
Javier Morales Riech  
Timothy Moriarty  
Florence Muhoza  
Ashley Newland  
Hoa Nguyen  
Queendarlyn Nwabueze  
Hildah Ogada  
Adeyemi Ogunbowale  
Lilian Ohene  
Oziomachi Oluebube Onogu  
Amrit Panda  
Pavas Pandey  
Farzana Popy  
Kyle Rable

Music  
Animal Science  
Special Education  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Animal Science  
Electrical Engineering  
Chemistry  
Chemistry  
Business Administration  
Higher Education  
Higher Education  
Music  
Civil Engineering  
Mathematics  
Chemistry  
Civil Engineering  
Chemistry  
Environmental Toxicology  
Economics  
Counselor Education  
Mathematics  
Nutritional Sciences  
Educational Leadership  
One Health Sciences  
Civil Engineering  
Animal Science  
Music  
Animal Science  
Media and Communication  
Higher Education  
Agricultural and Applied Economics  
Environmental Toxicology  
Educational Psychology  
Petroleum Engineering  
Hospitality, Tourism, and Retail Management  
Chemistry  
Addictive Disorders and Recovery Studies  
Chemistry  
Business Administration  
Business Administration  
One Health Sciences  
History

Sara Ranjbar	Nutritional Sciences
Rifat Rejuan	Mathematics
Ari Rice	Biology
Julio Rivera	Music
Vikram Sawant	Mechanical Engineering
Catherine Shepard	Higher Education
Chauntain Shields	Technical Communication and Rhetoric
John Thompson	Curriculum and Instruction
Austin Vaughn	Industrial Engineering
Ramona Vedia	Educational Leadership
Emilio Verdooren	Mathematics
Sara Villanueva	Curriculum and Instruction
Tyler Watson	Electrical Engineering
Emily Weedon	Media and Communication
Melisa Williams Ibora	Experimental Psychology
Glenn Yri	Higher Education

#### IV. Academic Requests

The following academic requests were reviewed by the Academic Program sub-committee meeting held on January 30, 2025 and come to the Council with a motion of approval from the subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Devendra Shah. The Graduate Council approved.

#### **DAVIS COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES & NATURAL RESOURCES**

**AGLS 5302: Methods of Technological Change** – (change in *prefix* from ACOM and *course number* from 5307)

#### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

**EDSP 5304: Instructional Strategies for Teaching Students with High Incidence Disabilities** – (change in *course description*)

**EDSP 5306: Instructional Strategies for Teaching Students with Low Incidence Disabilities** – (change in *course description*)

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

**BIOL 5416: Advanced Invertebrate Zoology** –(change in *course prefix* from ZOOL and *course number* from 5406)

**ECO 6391: Presentation Seminar** – (*Addition*)

**SOC 6326: Human Societies, Health, and the Environment** – (*Addition*)

**SOC 6370: Quantitative Methods in Sociology II: Multivariate Analysis** – (*Addition*)

**SOC 6382: Medical Systems** – (*Addition*)

## **RAWLS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

ACCT – (*Bulk move*)

BECO BLAW ENCO – (*Bulk move*)

FIN – (*Bulk Move*)

HOM MGT – (*Bulk move*)

ISQS – (*Bulk move*)

MKT – (*Bulk move*)

*Master of Business Administration* – (change in *CIP code*)

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

*Graduate Certificate in Arts Administration* – (*Addition*)

*Arts Administration* – (*new Track*)

*Fine Arts, Ph.D., Anthropology Concentration* – (*new Concentration*)

*Fine Arts, Ph.D., Dance Studies* – (*new Concentration*)

*Fine Arts, Ph.D., Psychology Concentration* – (*new Concentration*)

THA 5208: Professional Career Management – (*Addition*)

THA 5333: Directing Heightened-Language Theatre (Pre-Modern to Contemporary) –  
(change in *title* from Studies in the Production of Pre-Modern Drama, *course description* and  
*credit/contact hours*)

THA 5335: Topics in Design/Technology – (*change in restrictions*)

## **COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES**

FCSE 5311: Problems in Family and Consumer Sciences Education – (change in *tandem/cross-listed course*)

*Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences Education to Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences Education, with FCSE Composite Teaching Certification* – (*Administrative change*)

*Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences to Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences Education, with Specialized Teaching Certification in HNFS (Hospitality), Grades 8-12* – (*Administrative change*)

*Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences to Master of Science in Human Sciences* – (*Administrative change*)

*Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences to Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences Education, with Specialized Teaching Certification in HDFS, Grades 8-12* – (*Administrative change*)

*Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences to Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences Education, with Specialized Teaching Certification in HNFS (Nutrition), Grades 8-12* – (*Administrative 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 January 30, 2025 and come to the Council with a motion of approval. A second was made by Kevin Wass. The Graduate Council approved to confer Adjunct Graduate Faculty Status on the following individuals:

- a. Mario Beruvides – Industrial, Manufacturing & Systems Engineering
- b. Robert Bradley – Biological Sciences
- c. Tyler Niblett – Animal & Food Sciences
- d. Megan Thoen – Psychological Sciences
- e. Yisha Xiang – Industrial, Manufacturing & Systems Engineering

## VI. Old Business

The Dean's Representative Task Force Report has been completed and will be discussed at the March meeting.

## VII. New Business

The AI Task Force has been formed and the first meeting has been scheduled for late February.

Graduate School Commencement ceremonies for Spring 2025 will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be on March 6, 2025.