

Minutes of the 6th meeting of
The Graduate Council
2024-2025

Date and Time: Thursday, March 6, 2024

Place: Zoom Meeting

Zoom Attendance: Dr. Kanika Batra, Dr. Deborah Carr, Dr. Jaclyn Cravens, Dr. Melissa Gotlieb, Dr. Ryan Huston, Dr. Scott Longing, Dr. Jon McNaughtan, Dr. Latchezar Popov, Dr. Devendra Shah, Dr. Kevin Wass, Dr. Alexander Wiseman, Dr. Changxu Xu

Ex-officio: Dr. Cindy Akers, Dr. Tim Dallas, Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Dr. Kristi Gaines, Dr. Mark Sheridan

Visitors: Dr. Tony Cricchio, Dr. Sarah Hatley, Dr. Changzhi Li, Dr. Robin Lock, Dr. Patricia Maloney, Dr. Mallory Prucha, Dr. Ernest Smith, Dr. Delong Zuo

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 Kanika Batra and seconded by Jaclyn Cravens to approve the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Graduate Council that was held on Thursday, February 6, 2025. 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 Kevin Wass 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.

Aaron Mallory
Abhishek Nirjar
Alex Theobald
Amir Safikhani
Arantxa Cepeda Lestrade
Austin Ashford
Behrouz Sabour

Mechanical Engineering
Business Administration
Couple, Marriage, and Family Therapy
Chemical Engineering
Curriculum and Instruction
Fine Arts
Chemistry

Bhawana Khatri	Chemistry
Boluwatife Awoyemi	Mathematics
Bridgett Dolan	Educational Leadership
Christine Florez	Exercise Physiology
Christopher Ponce	Educational Psychology
Erik Galindo	Educational Leadership
Gaoxiang Li	Computer Science
Grace Akumu	Animal Science
Hanin Diab	One Health Sciences
Hannaneh Ghavanloughajar	Biology
Hanne Murray	Media and Communication
Haotian Quan	Music
Jedediah Pida-Reese	Agricultural and Applied Economics
Jessica Looman	One Health Sciences
Jordan Hillman	Agricultural and Applied Economics
Joy Solomon	Chemistry
Judith Nwaiwu	Chemistry
Julieta Sosa Cuevas	Nutritional Sciences
Juned Ahmed	One Health Sciences
Kelley Griesbach	Curriculum and Instruction
Krista Brown	Higher Education
Lahiru Sandaruwan Pasikku Hannadige	Chemistry
Lisa Builtron	Special Education
Lunie Nelson	Educational Leadership
Manaswini Acharya	Business Administration
Marchelle Peters	Educational Psychology
Marielena Molinares Ponce	Industrial Engineering
Mary Zavala	Curriculum and Instruction
Md Isreq Hossen Real	Civil Engineering
Md Shahriar Rahman	Chemical Engineering
Megan Porter	Geosciences
Mehedi Hasan	Electrical Engineering
Mehrnaz Abbasichaleshtori	Chemistry
Michael Vargas	Curriculum and Instruction
Miguel Salazar	Educational Leadership
Mohammadi Ain	Mathematics
Mojeed Ayoola Ashiru	Chemistry
Nabonita Mitra	Computer Science
Naimul Arefin	Chemical Engineering

Omid Mansourihanis

Qiyang Luo

Rakibul Islam

Reina Williams

Rhyanne Guerrero

Shayla Corprew

Shehab Shahreyar

Tamar Neumann

Tara Bayat

Teresa Gaus-Bowling

Thomas Gonzales

Trey Johnson

Vicente Moreno Casas

Wendy Pray

Geosciences

Civil Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Higher Education

Curriculum and Instruction

Technical Communication and Rhetoric

Chemical Engineering

Fine Arts

Biology

Plant and Soil Science

Educational Psychology

Wildlife, Aquatic, & Wildlands Science & Management

Agricultural and Applied Economics

Curriculum and Instruction

IV. Academic Requests

The following academic requests were reviewed by the Academic Program sub-committee meeting held on February 27, 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.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

EDSP 5330: Children and Youth with High Incidence Disabilities – (change in *description*)

EPSY 6302: Survey Research in Education – (change in *pre-requisite*)

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

Design, Computation, and Fabrication – (*curricular content* and *semester credit hour* change)

Health and Wellness Design – (*curricular content* change)

Health Care Facilities Design – (*curricular content* and *semester credit hour* change)

Land Arts of the American West – (*curricular content* change)

Urban and Community Design – (*semester credit hour* change)

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

ENGR 5302: Tissue Engineering I – (*Addition*)

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

M.F.A Theatre Arts-Performance and Pedagogy – (*concentration curricular* change)

M.F.A. Theatre Arts-Arts Administration – (*concentration curricular* change)

DAVIS COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES & NATURAL RESOURCES

Plant and Soil Science, M.S.: Plant Genetics, Breeding, and Biotechnology Concentration – (concentration addition)

Plant and Soil Science, Ph.D.: Plant Genetics, Breeding, and Biotechnology Track – (track addition)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

ENTX 6324: Principles of Toxicology III – (Addition)

SOC 6328: Migration and Health – (Addition)

GRADUATE SCHOOL

HMGT 5337: Intangible Cultural Heritage – (change activity type)

Wind Science and Engineering – (curricular 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 February 27, 2025 and come to the Council with a motion of approval. A second was made by Jaclyn Cravens. The Graduate Council approved to confer Adjunct Graduate Faculty Status on the following individuals:

- a. Giorgio Bornia – Mathematics & Statistics
- b. Talal Gamadi – Petroleum Engineering
- c. Raymond March – Free Market Institute
- d. Jeffrey Martz – Museum
- e. Philippe Nicolas – PSS
- f. Isaiah Pabuayon – PSS
- g. Reynaldo Patino – ENTX
- h. Hazem Rashed-Ali – LPMD/INDS
- i. Rupinder Saini - PSS

VI. Old Business

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

VII. New Business

A Conversation took place about the Dean's Representative regarding the benefits and challenges of having the Dean's Representative start on the committee earlier in the process.

Next meeting will be on May 1, 2025.