



Minutes of the 6th meeting of
The Graduate Council
2013-2014

Date and Time: Thursday, March 6, 2014
Place: Room 313, Administration Building

Attendance: Dr. Claudia Cogliser, Dr. Stephen Cook, Dr. Simon Hsiang, Dr. Robin Lock,
Dr. Jeff Nesbit, Dr. Jorgelina Orfila, Dr. Bill Poirier, Dr. Sterling Shumway,
Dr. Aliza Wong

Ex-officio: Dr. Dominick Casadonte, Ms. Earnstein Dukes, Dr. Gary Elbow,
Dr. Clifford Fedler, Dr. Ralph Ferguson,

Visitors: none

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 Stephen Cook and seconded by Claudia Cogliser to approve the minutes from the 5th meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, February 6, 2014. The Graduate Council approved these minutes.

III. Students admitted to Doctoral Candidacy.

The following students were admitted to candidacy for the doctorate on the recommendation of their departments. A motion was made by Claudia Cogliser and seconded by Robin Lock. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Marwa Abdelmonem
Amal Alzahrani
Gillian Andersen
David Barrientos Vera
Andrea Beaudin
Rachel Bobbitt

Interior & Environmental Design
Interior & Environmental Design
Technical Communications and Rhetoric
Fine Arts
Technical Communications and Rhetoric
Agricultural Communication and Education

Richard Brandt	Technical Communications and Rhetoric
Alexandre Caldeira Rocateli	Plant and Soil Science
James Cazares	Experimental Psychology
Hui Chang	Nutritional Sciences
Kate Crane	Technical Communications and Rhetoric
Cortney Curran	Higher Education
Geoffrey Dillon	Mathematics
Carly Finseth	Technical Communications and Rhetoric
Hessam Ghamari	Interior & Environmental Design
Kate Haenchen	Interior & Environmental Design
Allen Hill	Marriage and Family Therapy
Samuel Howard	Technical Communications and Rhetoric
Hannah Korkow	Marriage and Family Therapy
Jianjun Luo	Wind Science and Engineering
Ahdab Mahdaly	Interior & Environmental Design
Alicia Morton	Interior & Environmental Design
Lakshmi Muthukumar	Chemical Engineering
Michelle Pinson	Interior & Environmental Design
Michael Pounds	Marriage and Family Therapy
Donald Ramirez	Chemistry
Jada Stevenson	Nutritional Sciences
Sam Thompson	Educational Psychology and Leadership
Simion Tomoiaga	Business Administration
Jia Zhang	Nutritional Sciences

IV. Academic Requests

A motion was made by Stephen Cook and seconded by Robin Lock to approve the following program deletion. The Graduate Council approved the deletion

RAWLS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

International Master of Business Administration

A motion was made by Jess Nesbit and seconded by Aliza Wong to change the hours required from 48 to 42 hours for the completion of the following degree. The Graduate Council approved

RAWLS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

V. New Business

Dr. Ferguson stated the estimated Graduation intents received by the Enrollment Management team as of right now for May Graduation:

139 Doctoral
145 Master Thesis
254 Master non-thesis
32 certificates

VI. Announcements

Dr. Ferguson announced that the poster competition is coming along really well. We have a rough number of 170 students participating this year with about 15-20 of them participating via distance.

Dr. Casadonte announced that we are close to the 200 graduating Ph.D.'s required by ENRUFF for the year. We are also up 45% of applicants from this time last year as well as up 100% enrollment from last year.

Dr. Casadont announced this is his last Graduate Council meeting being that the new dean will began his term and will be at the next Graduate Council Meeting.

Dr. Fedler ended the meeting with some kind words of appreciation to Dr. Casadonte in serving the Graduate School.

Stephen Cook motioned to adjourn the Graduate Council meeting and Sterling Shumway seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.