



Minutes of the 8th meeting of
The Graduate Council
2013-2014

Date and Time: Thursday, May 1, 2014

Place: Room 313, Administration Building

Attendance: Dr. Matt Baker, Dr. Claudia Cogliser, Dr. Stephen Cook, Dr. Ann Hawkins,
Dr. Simon Hsiang, Dr. Robin Lock, Dr. Jeff Nesbit, Dr. Jorgelina Orfila,
Dr. Bill Poirier, Dr. Sterling Shumway, Dr. Weiwu Zhang

Ex-officio: Dr. Clifford Fedler, Dr. Ralph Ferguson, Dr. Mark Sheridan

Visitors: Dr. Joe Urban, Audra Morse

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 Claudia Cogliser and seconded by Jeff Nesbit to approve the minutes from the 7th meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, April 3, 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 Matt Baker and seconded by Robin Lock. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Sae Hya Ann

Priyanka Bapat

Angelina Bencomo

Paul Broadway

Alexandra Calle

Jessica Cardenas

Garth Clayton

Elizabeth Farley-Dawson

Hospitality Administration

Nutritional Sciences

Family and Consumer Science Education

Animal Sciences

Animal and Food Science

Educational Leadership

Technical Communications and Rhetoric

Biological Sciences

Rutvik Godbole	Chemical Engineering
Matthew Gutierrez	Educational Leadership
Morgan House	Family and Consumer Science Education
Anant Jain	Wind Science and Engineering
Latoya Johnson	Family and Consumer Science Education
Nabiollah Kamyabi	Chemical Engineering
Kevin Lawson	Electrical Engineering
Melanie Longhurst	Counseling Psychology
Li Luo	Mathematics
Stacy Mathis	Counseling Psychology
DerekMc Kown	English
Meenakshi Mittal	Biological Sciences
Nhung Pham	Curriculum and Instruction
Leah Power	Counseling Psychology
Jacob Price	Plant and Soil Sciences
Kenneth Pybus	Mass Communication
Md. Mizanur Rahman	Chemical Engineering
Alex Salazar	Educational Leadership
Charles Schindler	Counseling Psychology
Venkatesh Yadav Singarao	Wildlife Sciences and Engineering
Danielle Sirles	Counseling Psychology
Kristen Smith	Special Education
Jacob Stephens	Electrical Engineering
Junhua Wei	Mechanical Engineering
David Wilder	Family and Consumer Science Education
Kun Zhang	Industrial Engineering

IV. Academic Requests

The Graduate Council unanimously approved the following Certificate Proposal.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure

V. Old Business

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships will be announced tomorrow.

Dr. Ralph Ferguson gave a brief discussion of all the activities that took place for Graduate Students. It was all a huge success and we had an estimated number of 500 – 600 students attend all of the events.

Dr. Ferguson gave some comparison graduation numbers for:

Spring 2013

100 Ph.D.
87 Thesis
515 Non-Thesis
55 Certs

Spring 2014

114 Ph.D.
110 Thesis
530 Thesis
42 Certs

VI. New Business

Dr. Sheridan would like to continue to meet with Associate Deans, Graduate Advisors, and grad leaders group on a regular basis

Dr. Sheridan asked the Graduate Council to consider having more than one student from the Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) attend our meetings and making them voting members.

Dr. Sheridan announced the Dr. Ralph Ferguson will be leaving his role as Associate Dean of the Graduate School to assume his new role as Director of Ethics.

VI. Announcements

Dr. Sheridan announced that May Graduation will be on May 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena

Stephen Cook motioned to adjourn the Graduate Council meeting and Sterling Shumway seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.