



Minutes of the 1st meeting of
The Graduate Council
2015-2016

Date and Time: Thursday, September 3, 2015

Place: Room 313, Administration Building

Attendance: Dr. Matt Baker, Dr. Stephen Cook, Dr. Robin Lock, Dr. Stephen Morse,
Dr. Sterling Shumway, Dr. Tara Stevens, Dr. Weiwu Zhang

Ex-officio: Dr. Claudia Cogliser, Ms. Ernestine Dukes, Dr. Clifford Fedler
Dr. Darryl James, Dr. Justin Louder,

Visitors:

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 Sterling Shumway and seconded by Wei Wu Zhang to approve the minutes from the 9th meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, June 18, 2015. 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 Tara Stevens with a correction being made to the students being admitted to Mass Communication instead of Media and Communication. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Alan Abitbol
Mansour Alansari
Maher Alyousif
Willie Armstrong
Ataollah Arvani
Shafeeq Assiri

Mass Communication
Hospitality Management
Personal Financial Planning
History
Electrical Engineering
Hospitality Management

Adel Badawi	Hospitality Management
Rebecca Ballinger	Fine Arts- Visual Performing Arts
Adrian Barnes	Fine Arts- Visual Performing Arts
Sterling Beeson	Electrical Engineering
Lindsey Blumell	Mass Communication
Afolabi Bolaji	Civil Engineering
Baleshka Brenes	Agricultural Communication and Education
Thomas Burns	English
Haoxi Chai	Chemistry
Janie Covarrubias	Spanish
Meghan Cromie	Environmental Toxicology
Ryan Davies	Special Education
Hamilton Elkins	Business Administration
Monica Fernandez Dos Santos Martins	Spanish
Devin A. Fields	History
Eduardo L. Garcia	Higher Education
Xiaoxia Gong	Chemistry
Tyler Harris	Animal & Food Science
Dana Hutnayk	Family Consumer Science Education
Kim Hyunsik	Chemistry
Venkata Narashimha Rao Inukollu	Computer Science
Md Rashedul Islam	Chemical Engineering
Natalie Knesek	Family Consumer Science Education
Nicole Lee	Mass Communication
Kishor P. Luitel	Agricultural and Applied Economics
Xinyou Ma	Chemistry
Jerry Moorhead	Plant & Soil Science
Bejoy Nariampully Pushpakaran	Electrical Engineering
Kayla Natividad	Civil Engineering
Cameron Nightingale	Animal & Food Science
Joel Robles	Higher Education
Satabdi Samtani	Human Development and Family Studies
Abhishek K. Shaw	Chemistry
Songyue Shi	Chemistry
Timothy Sliwinski	Geosciences
Scott Starr	Biology
Tracy Stewart	History
Martha Stone	Animal & Food Science
Dorman Taft	Personal Financial Planning
Chris Turner	Electrical Engineering
Jayan Ukwatta	Chemistry

Guochao Wang
Nadeeja N. Wijayatunga
Katie Wiskow
Timothy Wood
Ye Zhang

Electrical Engineering
Nutritional Science
Special Education
Civil Engineering
Chemistry

IV. Academic Requests

None

V. Old Business

The final proposed guidelines for combined/accelerated baccalaureate-master's programs was distributed to the full Graduate Council and asked to look over and discuss with your departments. A council member asked that the ninth bullet point be revised and clarified more clearly.

Council member requested that each Candidacy memo be distributed to the College Associate Deans for distribution to the chair of each department for verification prior to Graduate Council.

There was a discussion whether or not we should start doing a grade replacement at the Graduate level.

VI. New Business

Claudia Coglisier distributed a handout out alternative proposals for each council member to discuss with their college.

VII. Announcements

Clifford Fedler announced the activities that will be taking place during the Graduate Student Welcome Week.

Next Graduate Council meeting will be held on September 3, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.