Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of
The Graduate Council 2003-2004

Date and Time: Thursday, December 11, 2003, at 2:30 p.m.
Place: Provost’s Conference Room, 104 Administration
Attendance: John Borrelli (presiding), Cynthia Akers, Roger Barnard, Nancy Bell, Cary Green, Fred Hartmeister, Karlene Hoo, Alon Kvashny, Richard McGlynn, Bill Pasewark, Michael Peters, Becky Rickly, Thomas Steinmeier, and Michael Stoune
Ex-officio: Wendell Aycock, Elizabeth Hall, and Ann McGlynn
Visitors: Thomas Barker, Locke Carter, Terry Collins, San Dragga, Fred Kemp, Hamed Sari-Sarraf, Claus Zieher

The Graduate Council Minutes will be distributed to the Graduate Council and posted to the Graduate School website at [www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool).

1. Minutes of the third meeting, held on November 6, 2003, were approved as distributed.

2. The following students were admitted to candidacy for the doctorate on the recommendation of their departments:

   Fred Allison.....................................................................................................History
   Jaclyn Canas........................................................................................... Environmental Toxicology
   Tyra M. Carter..........................................................................................Family & Consumer Sciences Education
   Lizhong Chen ............................................................................................Civil Engineering
   Pramod Chopade .......................................................................................Chemistry
   Cassandra Juliann Collins ..........................................................................Counselor Education
   Kimberly Crosby .........................................................................................Clinical Psychology
   Jay Brad Davis ...........................................................................................Agricultural Education
   Robert Hall ................................................................................................History
   Donna Hamilton ...........................................................................................Biology
   Francisca Mendez-Harclerode ....................................................................Biology
   Syed Aun Hassan ........................................................................................Economics
   Michael D. Johnson ....................................................................................Music
   Debra Justice ................................................................................................Theatre
   Sonja Koukel ..............................................................................................Family & Consumer Sciences Education
   Steve Mills ..................................................................................................Educational Leadership
   Melissa Shaffer ..........................................................................................Higher Education
   Steven Short .................................................................................................History
   Michael Patrick Smith ..................................................................................Family & Consumer Sciences Education
   Lela Tatum ..................................................................................................Food & Nutrition
   Eric M. Vasbinder ......................................................................................Chemical Engineering
3. Graduate Faculty:
   
a. The Graduate Council considered and approved 4 applicants for Graduate Faculty. The new members are:

   James P. Burkhalter (Educational Psychology and Leadership) (Adjunct)
   William L. Hase (Chemistry and Biochemistry)
   Eric J. Hentges (Animal and Food Sciences) (Adjunct)
   Ann McGlynn (Psychology) (Adjunct)

b. Graduate Faculty from Communication Studies were considered for reappointment. All were reappointed to six-year terms.

4. Academic Requests:
   
a. The following course changes were approved:

   **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**
   EM&C 7000 Research (change in prefix from TELE)
   PSY 5330 Attitudes & Attitude Change (addition)
   PSY 5332 Constructivist and Narrative Therapies (addition)
   PSY 5340 Automaticity and Control in Social Behavior (addition)
   PSY 5377 Behavioral Medicine (addition)

   **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**
   IE 5319 Risk Modeling and Assessment (addition)

   **COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES**
   F&N 5000 Independent Study in Food and Nutrition (addition)
   F&N 5300 Perspectives in Food and Nutrition (addition)
   RHIM 5301 Colloquium in Hospitality Management (change in title from Graduate Colloquium in Hospitality Management; change in course number from 5200; change in hours from 2:2:0 to 3:3:0)
   RHIM 6100 Seminar (addition)

b. A proposal for a Ph.D. in Technical Communication and Rhetoric, Delivered through Distance Education was approved.

5. According to the Graduate Catalog, the Graduate School strongly encourages each program to require of each master’s student a final comprehensive evaluation in the semester of intended graduation. The Graduate Council discussed whether this should remain a recommendation or become a requirement. Most departments do require some form of final exam, project, presentation, or capstone course. A proposal will be submitted to change the wording in the catalog so that the final evaluation is a requirement.

6. The Graduate Council approved a proposal from the Rawls College of Business to drop the GMAT from the MD/MBA program, as the students in that program already take the MCAT.
7. Announcements:

a. The next Graduate Council meeting will be on Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. in the Provost’s Conference Room.
b. Dean Ann McGlynn announced the recent discovery that a PC is needed to view the items scanned into the mainframe. MAC users will not be able to view the scanned items.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.