Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of  
The Graduate Council 2005-2006

Date and Time: Thursday, February 2, 2006, at 2:30 p.m.
Place: Provost’s Conference Room, 104 Administration
Attendance: John Borrelli (presiding), Nora Griffin-Shirley, Saif-ul Haq, Gary Harris, Scott Hein, Aretha Marbley, Richard McGlynn, Madonne Miner, Arturo Olivarez, Mike Parkinson and Michael Stoune
Ex-officio: Wendell Aycock, Duane Crawford, Ralph Ferguson, Liz Hall and John Hanson
Guests: Connie Anderson, Charlotte Dunham, Bill Gustafson, Peggy Johnson, Susan Myers and Peter Westfall

The Graduate Council Minutes are available in the Graduate School office and on the Graduate School website at www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool.

1. Minutes of the fourth meeting, held on December 1, 2005, were approved as distributed.

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

   Lukemon A. Adetunji.............................................................Petroleum Engineering
   Nitin Aggarwal.................................................................... Business Administration
   Rade Amanovic........................................................................ Performance
   Sara Bailey ..................................................................................... English
   DeVera Bowles ........................................................................... Performance
   Elizabeth Brennan........................................................................ Wildlife Science
   Dino Bryant.............................................................................History
   J’Lee Bumpus............................................................................Mathematics
   Matthew J. Butler........................................................................ Wildlife Science
   Ryan B. Casey............................................................................. Electrical Engineering
   James Cook ..................................................................................History
   Jacqueline Cottle....................................................................... Experimental Psychology
   Luis Eduardo Crotte-Pardo ..................................................... Spanish
   Kathleen Ellis............................................................................. Higher Education
   Olugbenga A. Fasesan.........................................................Petroleum Engineering
   Sharon Fleshman........................................................................ Psychology
   Joseph B. Fly............................................................................. Higher Education
   Javier Flores.............................................................................. Higher Education
   John Gaines................................................................................ History
   Francisco Javier Gonzalez.................Land-Use Planning, Management and Design
Irma Lorraine Goodrich ................................................................. Higher Education
Birgit Barbara Green ............................................................... Higher Education
John D. Hanson ......................................................................... Biology
Xiaolai He ........................................................................... Electrical Engineering
Michael Helm ................................................................................ Computer Science
David Hoover ............................................................................. History
Casey Hume ............................................................................... Mathematics
Laura Jacqueline Jordan .......................................................... Performance
Rahul Vijaykumar Khopkar .................................................... Electrical Engineering
Maciej Tomasz Knapezyk ....................................................... Electrical Engineering
Joohyun Lee ................................................................................ Agronomy
Yonggang Lu ........................................................................... Business Administration
Jinhua Luo .................................................................................. Biology
Kristin Marie Lyman ................................................................. Fine Arts – Music
David R. Martin ........................................................................ Mathematics
Jeffrey Warren Martz .................................................................. Geoscience
Robert K. McCormack .................................................................. Mathematics
Vidhya Mellarkod .................................................................... Business Administration
Sharon Miller ................................................................................ English
Courtney Graves Milleson ........................................................ Higher Education
Andrew Sean Paney ................................................................. Fine Arts – Music
Andrew J. Patterson .................................................................. Electrical Engineering
Rajesh Ramachandran ............................................................. Petroleum Engineering
Angela Reicks ........................................................................... Animal Science
Jennifer L. Sides ....................................................................... Food & Nutrition
Barbara D. Slate ........................................................................ Higher Education
Daoying Song ........................................................................... Physics
Ricardo Soto-Cruz ...................................................................... Range Science
Tyler Stephens ........................................................................... Animal Science
Samanmalee Sugathadasa ........................................................ Mathematics
Gerardo Antonio Vega ....................................................................... Spanish
Zemin Wang ........................................................................... Environmental Toxicology
David Alan Wetz, Jr. .................................................................. Electrical Engineering
Tammy Lowery Zacchilli .......................................................... Experimental Psychology
Jianren Zhang ........................................................................... Hospitality Administration
Kaijuan Zuo ................................................................................ Petroleum Engineering

3. Graduate Faculty:

a. The Graduate Council considered and approved 12 applicants for Graduate Faculty. The new members are:

Sukalyan Bhattacharya (Mechanical Engineering)
Ray (Trey) W. Brown (Environmental Toxicology) (Adjunct)
Brad Carlson (Marketing)
Allan J. Hazlett (Philosophy) (Visiting)
Amalia Humada-Ludeke (Educational Psychology and Leadership)
Deena B. Katz (Applied and Professional Studies) (Visiting)
Rona Pogrund (Educational Psychology and Leadership)
Sergey Smirnov (Mechanical Engineering)
Terrence J. Stobbe (Industrial Engineering) (Visiting)
Derrick Tate Mechanical Engineering) (Visiting)
Tillmann Wagner (Marketing)
Ke Tom Xu (Economics and Geography) (Adjunct)

b. Graduate Faculty members from Range, Wildlife and Fisheries Management were considered for reappointment. All applications put forth were reappointed to six-year terms.

c. Graduate Faculty members from Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences were considered for reappointment. All applications put forth were reappointed to six-year terms.

4. Academic Requests:

a. The following courses were approved:

   **COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES**
PSS 5377 Cotton Fiber: Genotype to Phenotype Characterization (Addition)
PSS 6211 Principles and Practices in Viticulture (Addition)

   **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**
PSY 5337 Counseling Women (Deletion)
PSY 5373 Cognitive Ergonomics (Addition)
PSY 5376 Stress/Fatigue in Performance (Deletion)

   **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**
Ch E 5348 Materials Applications for Scanning Probe Microscopy (Addition)

   **HUMAN SCIENCES**
FCSE 6343 University Teaching in Human Sciences (Change in title from University Teaching in Family and Consumer Sciences; change in course number from 5343)

   MFT 5351 Research Methods in MFT (Addition)

   **COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**
ART 5105 Organizing Public Forums About Art (Addition)
ART 5340 Trans-disciplinary Approaches to Issues in Art (Addition)
MUTH 5315 Analysis of Tonal Music (Change in title from Analytical Techniques; change in description) (3:3:0)
MUTH 5316 Analysis of Post-Tonal Music (Addition) (3:3:0)
THA 5315 Reading Playscripts (Addition) (3:3:0)
THA 5372 Dramaturgy (Addition) (3:3:0)
b. The Graduate Council approved a proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies following a presentation by Charlotte Dunham.

c. The Graduate Council approved a proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Master Mentor Teacher Certification following a presentation by Peggy Johnson, Susan Myers, and Connie Anderson.

d. The Graduate Council approved a proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Personal Financial Planning following a presentation by Bill Gustafson.

e. Peter Westfall presented information regarding a Ph.D. Minor Program in Interdisciplinary Statistical Science. This program may be a model for other such minor programs and thus increase the quality of our graduate students.

5. Student Health Insurance for International Students – Dr. Borrelli presented information to clarify insurance for international students. In keeping with federal policy, funds for insurance are included in the salary of students with the designation of GA, RA, GPTI, and TA who work 20 hours a week. There will be an open meeting on the University’s mandatory health, evacuation and repatriation insurance requirement of international students at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, in the International Cultural Center Auditorium. Representatives of the Office of International Affairs, the Student Health Service, the Graduate School and other concerned departments will discuss the policy and answer questions. All interested persons are invited to attend.

6. Announcements

   a. A after reviewing the distribution on when graduate students enter Texas Tech and because of requests from various graduate programs, the Graduate School requested support of the Graduate Council to have 20 percent of the Chancellor Fellowships awarded to those students starting Graduate School during the spring semester and 80 percent to those students starting during the fall semester. Previously, 100 percent of the Chancellor Fellowships were awarded to students starting Graduate School during the fall semester.

   b. The Graduate School has received numerous requests to waive the GRE/GMAT and has proposed that the requirement be monitored at the department level. The Graduate Council will discuss the issue further and make a final decision at the April meeting.

   c. As of the end of January 2006, graduate applications had increased at the rate of 9% (domestic), 20% (international), and 12% overall from this time last year.

The next Graduate Council meeting will be on March 2, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in the Provost’s Conference Room, 104 Administration.