Date and Time: Thursday, February 7, 2008
Place: Provost Conference Room

Attendance: Dr. Rashid Al-Hmoud, Dr. Pat Delucia, Dr. Mukaddes Darwish, Dr. Clifton Ellis, Dr. Scott Hein, Dr. Janice Killian, Dr. Steve Fraze, Dr. John Howe, Dr. Aretha Marbley, Dr. Chris Monaca (for Dr. Gary Harris) Dr. Miriam Mulso, Dr. Lawrence Mayer, Dr. Comfort Pratt, Dr. Kent Wilkinson

Ex-officio: Dr. Fred Hartmeister, Dr. Wendell Aycock, Dr. Duane Crawford, Dr. Clifford, Fedler, Dr. Ralph Ferguson

Guests: Dr. Phil Marshall and Dr. Brian Collins

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. Minutes from the 3rd meeting of the Graduate Council held on December 6th 2007 were approved as corrected by the Graduate Council.

III. The following students were admitted to candidacy for the doctorate on the recommendation of their departments. A motion was made by Mukaddes Darwish and seconded by Pat Delucia. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Jeremy Bailey................................................................. Counselor Education
Marcus Alan Banasik........................................................ Industrial Engineering
Xi Chen .................................................................................... Biology
Travis Childs............................................................................ History
Min-Hwan Choi ........................................................................ Hospitality Administration
Shital Dahal.............................................................................. English
Andrew Dattel........................................................................ Experimental Psychology
Heinz Gerhardfast ................................................................. Conducting
Debra Dene Flournoy........................................................ Fine Arts – Music
Ian M. Giammanco ............................................................. Wind Science & Engineering
Luther Kent Griffin............................................................. Curriculum & Instruction
Justin D. Hodges ..................................................................... Conducting
John Isanhart................................................................. Environmental Toxicology
Xiao Yi Ji ................................................................................ Mathmatics
Hua Li .................................................................................. Industrial Engineering
Shun-Tzu Lin ................................................................. Family & Consumer Sciences Education
Sigurd Melvaar Oegaard...................................................... Performance
Silvia Peart............................................................................. Spanish
IV. A motion was made by Janice Killian and seconded by Comfort Pratt to approve the following applications for Graduate Faculty to a six-year term. The Graduate Council considered and approved 12 applications for Graduate Faculty. Questions regarding the Graduate Faculty status of Faculty in Architecture and Landscape Architecture were raised by Lawrence Mayer. Questions were addressed and answered by Wendell Aycock and Clifton Ellis.

The new members are:

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES**
- Dr. Eric Belasco, Ph.D., 2007, North Carolina State University (Ag and Applied Econ)
- Aaron Benson, Ph.D., 2007, Washington State University (Ag and Applied Econ)
- Darrell Dromgoole, Ed.D., 2007, Texas A&M University (Ag Ed & Comm)
- Kathryn Nelson, Masters, 2007, TTU (visiting) (Landscape Architecture)

**COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE**
- Rima Ajouni, Ph.D., 2005, Texas A&M University (Architecture)
- Javier Gomez Alvarez-Tostado, Ph.D., 2005, Tulane University (Architecture)
- Brian Zugay, Ph.D., 2004, Brown University (Architecture)

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**
- Fanni Coward, Ph.D., 2002, University of Texas (EP&L)

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**
- Susan Urban, Ph.D., 1987, University of Louisiana (Computer Science)

**SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH**
- Katherine Byers, Ph.D., 2004, University of Florida (Rehabilitation Counseling)
- Anna Harpster, Ph.D., 2005, University of Iowa (Rehabilitation Counseling)
V. Academic Requests:

A motion was made to approve the following course applications from Architecture and Arts & Sciences by Clifton Ellis and seconded by Steve Fraze. The following applications for Course Approval were approved by the Graduate Council:

**COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE**
ARCH 5691 Master Design Studio I (6:0:12) (Addition)

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**
HIST 5328 Studies in American Military and Naval History (3:3:0) (Change in Title & Descrip)
HIST 5329 Studies in U.S. Sea Power (3:3:0) (Addition)
HIST 5330 Studies in the Vietnam War (3:3:0) (Addition)
HIST 5331 Studies in the Classics of Military History (3:3:0) (Addition)
HIST 5361 Studies in the History of Insurgency (3:3:0) (Addition)

**PETROLEUM ENGINEERING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE**
A motion was made to approve by Mukaddes Darwish and seconded by Comfort Pratt. The Graduate Certificate in Petroleum Engineering was approved by the Graduate Council.

**PUAD 5319**
The PUAD 5319 course application was presented to the Graduate Council on December 6, 2007 on the recommendation of the Academic Program Committee. Department Chair Phil Marshall was unable to attend the meeting and was represented by Brian Collins. It was the request of Mr. Collins that the PUAD 5319 course be tabled until the February 7, 2008 Graduate Council meeting so that Phil Marshall was able to attend. The Council unanimously approved to table this course until the February 2007 meeting.

PUAD 5319 was presented to the Graduate Council on February 7, 2008. A motion was made to take from the table this course by Lawrence Mayer and seconded by Pat DeLucia. The Graduate Council approved the motion to take from the table the course application for PUAD 5319. A motion was made by Pat DeLucia and seconded by Miriam Mulso to approve this course. The Graduate Council voted 10 (in favor) to 2 (opposed) to approve this course.

VI. Other Business

Clifford Fedler approached the Graduate Council with a request from the Academic Program Committee regarding new ethics courses being added. Currently, there are five departments on campus teaching ethics. The Academic Program Committee is requesting from the Council suggestions on how new Ethics Courses should be reviewed and considered. Dr. Fedler explained that the committee has been given instructions from the Provost to tighten the duplication of courses across the campus.
A request was made from the Graduate Council that the Academic Program Committee send a statement to all council members about what the committee is specifically requesting and what they should approach their departments with. The Council would like this subject to be discussed at the March 6, 2008 meeting and would like to invite Jonathan Marks, head of the steering committee on ethics to the March Graduate Council meeting. Fred Hartmeister indicated that he would request that Provost Marcy attend the March 6, 2008 Graduate Council meeting to provide the Academic Program Committee and the Graduate Council as a whole with his “charge” relative to the approval of new, duplicate and deleted courses.

VII. Announcements

Duane Crawford announced that domestic and international applications are both up by 15%. He also explained that the new Extender program is not compatible with the current student file system and that because of this problem, Graduate Admissions is about 3 weeks behind in processing applications. He has been told that the new Extender program will be compatible with Banner.

Fred Hartmeister announced that the Graduate School will host the 3rd annual Lone Star Diversity Colloquium. The focus group for this colloquium are prospective graduate students of color. Currently, the Graduate School is estimating that 200-250 students may attend. The event will be held in the Student Union Building on March 28th and 29th. TTU students may attend for $5.00 per student.

Ralph Ferguson announced that revisions made to the Probation/Suspension policy in 2007 by the Graduate Council are proving to be problematic. A hand out was provided to the Graduate Council reflecting the number of students currently on probation, continued probation, first suspension, academic warning, and academic disqualified. Ralph has requested that the council members talk to their individual departments and decided if the probation/suspension policy needs to be reviewed again.

Council adjourned at 3:50 p.m.