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

Date and Time: Thursday, March 2, 2006, at 2:30 p.m.
Place: Provost’s Conference Room, 104 Administration
Attendance: John Borrelli (presiding), Nancy Bell, Stephen Ekwaro-Osire, Nora Griffin-Shirley, Saif-ul Haq, Gary Harris, Aretha Marbley, Richard McGlynn, Madonna Miner, Arturo Olivarez, Mike Parkinson and Michael Stoune
Ex-officio: Wendell Aycock, Duane Crawford, Cliff Fedler, Ralph Ferguson and Zeb Alexander
Guests: Sue Couch

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 fifth meeting, held on February 2, 2006, were approved as distributed.

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

Suman Ahuja ................................................................. Food & Nutrition
Kim Alexander ......................................................... Agricultural Education
Ananda Bandulasiri ................................................... Mathematics
Khalid Bataineh ......................................................... Economics
Jeffrey Brasher ......................................................... Educational Leadership
Melanie Castleberg ................................................... Political Science
Christopher John Chizinski ....................................... Fisheries Science
Bart William Durham ............................................... Fisheries Science
Fadi Fawaz ................................................................. Economics
Xiaohong Hu .............................................................. Civil Engineering
Yaoqin Jing ................................................................. Computer Science
Mohamed Khedhiri .................................................... Economics
John Krile ........................................................................ Electrical Engineering
Donna Greene Lakins .................................................. Animal Science
Jennifer Leheska ......................................................... Animal Science
Felicia Powell .............................................................. Marriage & Family Therapy
Pedro Regalado .......................................................... Spanish
Kami Schwerdtfeger ................................................... Marriage & Family Therapy
Elnur Soltanov ............................................................ Political Science
Ana Berta Torres ......................................................... Curriculum & Instruction
Damien West ............................................................ Physics
Perry Wisinger ......................................................... Land Use Planning, Management, and Design
3. Graduate Faculty:
   
a. The Graduate Council considered and approved 12 applicants for Graduate Faculty. The new members are:

   Roy Cantrell (Plant and Soil Science) (Adjunct)
   Jan Childress (Educational Psychology and Leadership) (Adjunct)
   Michael L. Collier (Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures)
   Lance Frank Graham Evans (Applied and Professional Studies) (Adjunct)
   Eric W. Ford (Management)
   Cleve D. Franks (Plant and Soil Science) (Adjunct)
   Weimin Gao (Environmental Toxicology)
   Sungwon Lee (Physics)
   Miner Marchbanks (Political Science)
   Robin R. Radtke (Accounting) (Visiting)
   Hersh Shefrin (Applied and Professional Studies) (Adjunct)
   Russell W. Wallace (Plant and Soil Science) (Adjunct)

b. Graduate Faculty members from Theatre and Dance 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
   AGSC 5301 Dyeing and Finishing of Textiles (Addition) (3:3:0)
   AGSC 5302 Textile Manufacturing Systems (Addition) (3:3:0)

   COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
   ACCT 6314 Behavioral Research in Accounting (Change in title from Contemporary Issues in Cost and Managerial Accounting)

   COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
   EPCE 5358 Introduction to School Counseling (Change in title from Comprehensive School Counseling Services)

   COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
   MUAP 5202 Collaborative Skills for Pianists (Addition) (0:2:0)
   MUAP 5333 Dynamics of Studio Teaching (Addition) (0:3:0)

b. Following representation by Sue Couch, the Graduate Council approved a proposal for distance delivery of the existing Master of Science Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

5. Commencement for graduate students will be held Friday, May 12, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., in the United Spirit Arena. The speaker is to be announced. A reception will be held in the concourse area next to the City Bank Room.
6. Other business

a. Allied Health and Nursing has contacted Dr. Borrelli regarding Graduate Faculty status. Drs. Borrelli and Marcy will set them up as programs to be reviewed every six years.

b. The allotment for student travel this year was $100,000, which has already been depleted.

c. Dr. Borrelli is considering the utilization of unused dissertation/thesis fees for the purchase of plagiarism software for departments. He is working with IT Help Central to locate vendors to maintain sufficient software.

d. Domestic graduate applications are up 12.1% and international applications are up 21%. Drs. Borrelli and Marcy have requested the implementation of a fee for re-application, in addition to the initial application fee, and they are discussing how this fee could be useful.

e. Currently, the GRE/GMAT requirement is monitored by the Graduate School. Some departments require the GRE/GMAT and others have requested Graduate Council approval to waive standardized testing. The Graduate School has proposed that the Graduate Council approve a change in the current practice, permitting each department to monitor required testing. The Graduate Council will vote on this at their next meeting.

f. The Academic Programs Committee, chaired by Dr. Cliff Fedler, elects to bring the issue of quality control to the Graduate Council with regards to graduate and undergraduate courses and justification of the difference. Graduate Council representatives should consult their colleagues and be prepared to discuss this issue at the next meeting.

g. Dr. Duane Crawford reported that the Educational Testing Service (ETS) has rolled out the IBT TOEFL exam, which is working beautifully, but the scores are coming in late because there are not enough places provided for the students to take the exam. The new GRE will be released Fall 2007 rather than Fall 2006 as originally announced.

The next Graduate Council meeting will be on April 6, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in the Provost’s Conference Room, 104 Administration.