Minutes of the 6th meeting of
The Graduate Council
2007-2008

Date and Time: Thursday, March 6, 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. Lawrence Mayer, Dr. Comfort Pratt, Dr. Kent Wilkinson
Ex-officio: Dr. Fred Hartmeister, Dr. Wendell Aycock, Dr. Clifford, Fedler, Dr. Ralph Ferguson, Earnstein Dukes, Dr. Elizabeth Hall

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 5th meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, February 7, 2008 were approved as corrected by the Graduate Council.

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 Scott Hein and seconded by Janice Killian. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Rodolfo Barreto-Hernandez ................................................................. Animal Science
Marianna Baykina .............................................................................. Educational Psychology
Jangsup Choi .......................................................................................... Political Science
Crystal Dockery ........................................................................................... Educational Leadership
Sothy Eng ........................................................................................................ Human Development & Family Studies
David Lamar Forrest ................................................................................. Fine Arts – Music
Kristi Gaines ............................................................................................... Consumer Economics & Environmental Design
Emily J. Grantham ...................................................................................... Consumer Economics & Environmental Design
Carol Jackson ............................................................................................... Clinical Psychology
Hyun Sook Kang ......................................................................................... Human Development & Family Studies
Erin Kostina-Ritchey ..................................................................................... Human Development & Family Studies
Brandy Lucas ........................................................................................................ Marriage & Family Therapy
Miguel L. Luna .............................................................................................. Range Science
Marika Martin ............................................................................................... Marriage & Family Therapy
Amy Moreland ................................................................................................. Political Science
Bradley John Nemanich .............................................................................. Computer Science
Arathi Sethumadhavan ........................................................................... Experimental Psychology
Yen To ........................................................................................................... Educational Psychology
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 6 applications for Graduate Faculty. The new members are:

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES**
Kim Alexander, Ph.D., 2007, Texas A&M and Texas Tech University (Ag Education and Communications) (Adjunct)
Michael Ballon, Ph.D., 2007, University of California (Animal and Food Sciences)
Zana Matthies-Hanson, Ph.D., 2007, Texas A&M and Texas Tech University (Ag Education and Communications) (Adjunct)
Terry McLendon, Ph.D., 1979, Texas Tech University (Natural Resources Management) (Adjunct)
Mhairi Sutherland, Ph.D., 2005, University of Illinois (Animal and Food Science)

**NEUROPSYCHIATRY, TTU HSC**
Gregory Schrimsher, Ph.D., 2004, University of Houston (Adjunct)

A motion was made by Mukaddes Darwish and seconded by Rashid Al-Hmoud to approve the following applications for *confirmation/reappointment* to Graduate Faculty for a *six-year* term.

**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**
John Billing, Masters, 1978, California State Polytechnic University
Safei-Edin Hamed, Ph.D, 1988, Virginia Tech
Alon Kvashny, Ed.D., 1977, West Virginia University
Louis Mills, Ph.D., 1977, University of Arizona

**MUSIC**
Amy Anderson, Masters, 1982, University of North Texas
Mary Jeanne Van Appledorn, 1971, Eastman School of Music
Clara Arnold, Masters, 1971, University of Illinois
William Ballenger, Masters, 1980, Northeast Missouri State University
Gail Barber, M.D., 1996, Colombo, Sri Lanka
Susan Brumfield, Ph.D., 2000, University of Oklahoma
Lora Deahl, Ph.D., 1988, University of Texas at Austin
David Dees, Ph.D., 1991, Northwestern University
Karl Dent, Masters, 1983, University of North Texas
John Dickson, Ph.D., 1985, University of Texas
Gerald Dolter, Masters, 1980, Indiana University
Alexander Ezerman, Ph.D., 1998, Stony Brook
Eric Fried, Ph.D., 1982, University of Arizona
John Gilbert, Ph.D., 1996, University of Minnesota
Robert Henry, Ph.D., 1987, University of North Texas
Janice Killian, Ph.D., 1980, University of Texas
Gary Lewis, Masters, 1986, Texas Tech University
Sarah McKoin, Ph.D., 1997, University of Texas  
Kathy McNeil, Masters, 1978, West Texas State University  
Charles Meeks, Masters, 1970, University of Rochester  
Lisa Rogers, Ph.D., 1999, University of Oklahoma  
Lisa Santa, Ph.D., 1997, Rice University  
Matthew Santa, Ph.D., 1999, City University of New York  
David Shea, Ph.D., 1996, Indiana University  
Alan Shinn, Masters, 1977, Texas Tech University  
Christopher J. Smith, Ph.D., 2000, Indiana University  
Christopher M. Smith, Masters, 1991, University of Michigan  
Michael Stoune, Ph.D., 1972, University of Michigan  
Will Strieder, Masters, 1987, Northwestern University  
William Westney, Ph.D., 1976, Yale University School of Music

**PHYSICS**

Nural Akchurin, Ph.D., 1990, University of Iowa  
Kwan Cheng, Ph.D., 1983, University of Waterloo  
Stefan Estreicher, Ph.D., 1982, University of Zurich  
Thomas Gibson, Ph.D., 1982, University of Oklahoma  
Wallace Glab, Ph.D., 1984, University of Illinois  
Mark Holtz, Ph.D., 1987, Virginia Polytechnic and State University  
Juyang Huang, Ph.D., 1987, State University of New York  
Roger Lichti, Ph.D., 1972, University of Illinois  
M.A.K. Lodhi, Ph.D., 1963, University of London  
Charles Myles, Ph.D., 1973, Washington University  
Beth Thacker, Ph.D., 1990, Cornell University  
Richard Wigmans, Ph.D., 1975, Vrye University, Amsterdam

**AG AND APPLIED ECONOMICS**

Benaissa Chidmi, Ph.D., 2006, University of Connecticut  
Emmett Elam, Ph.D., 1978, University of Illinois  
Don Ethridge, Ph.D., 1970, N.C. State University  
Melvin Ethridge, Ph.D., 1971, University of California-Berkeley  
Michael Farmer, Ph.D., 1993, Ohio State University  
Jeffrey Johnson, Ph.D., 2003, Texas Tech University  
Phillip Johnson, Ph.D., 1993, Texas Tech University  
Thomas Knight, Ph.D., 1984, University of Missouri-Columbia  
Conrad Lyford, Ph.D., 1998, Michigan State University  
Jaime Malaga, Ph.D., 1997, Texas A&M University  
Sukant Misra, Ph.D., 1989, Mississippi State University  
Samarendra Mohanty, Ph.D., 1995, University of Nebraska  
Ronald Phillips, J.D., 1994, Texas Tech University  
Eduardo Segarra, Ph.D., 1986, Virginia Polytechnic Inst & State University  
Chenggang Wang, Ph.D., 2007, Oregon State University  
Jackie Smith, Ph.D., 1978, Oklahoma State University
V. Academic Requests:

Dr. Fred Hartmeister reported on the charge from Provost William Marcy for
Reviewing/Approving New, Duplicate and Deleted Graduate Courses from an email sent by
Provost Marcy to Fred Hartmeister on February 26, 2000:

As Fred observes, we have seen a continuous net increase in the number of graduate
courses approved. Last year I was called to a one-on-one meeting with Dr. Joe Stafford
at the Higher Education Coordinating Board to discuss specifically the growth of doctoral
programs and the ever expanding number of graduate courses being approved. His point
was that the number of graduate courses has grown much faster than the number of
tenure track faculty available to teach them and the number of graduate students available
to take them. He expressed his concern that Boards of Regents were not adequately
informed about these matters and simply rubber stamped them. He mentioned that
several doctoral programs that Board of Regents had approved were returned to the
institutions last year as having inadequate supporting data and justification. Fortunately,
TTU has not yet had that happen, but the message is clear.

The take away message from that meeting is that THECB will be scrutinizing the number
of graduate programs, the quality of graduate programs, the number of graduate courses
approved and the number of faculty available to teach them. For new doctoral programs
it will be necessary for a visiting committee (from outside the state) to review new
doctoral proposals and the market for graduates before they are sent to Boards of Regents
for approval. THECB will pay half the cost and the institutions will pay half the costs of
hiring these visiting committees.

I think it behooves us all to look closely at the addition of new graduate courses, avoid
unnecessary duplication and to be as diligent in removing graduate courses as adding
them. That is the charge I am making to the Graduate Council. Thanks, Bill

Fred also provided the Council with a hand out showing the number of new courses approved
and the number of course deleted from the last eight years beginning in January 2000 and ending
in December of 2007.

A motion was made to approve the following course applications by Steve Fraze and seconded
by Scott Hein. A motion was made to amend the original motion and request that the MGT 5372
be voted on separately by John Howe and seconded by Mukaddes Darwish. The motion failed
by a 5-yes to 6-no vote. The course MGT 5372 was included with the group of new course
applications. The following applications for Course Approval were then approved by the
Graduate Council by a 7-4 favorable margin.

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES**
PSS 5314 Advanced Turf Pest Management (3:2:2) (Addition)
PSS 5421 Genetically Modified Crops (3:3:0) (Addition)
A motion to approve the Graduate Certificate program in Publishing and Editing was made by Scott Hein and seconded by Comfort Pratt. The Graduate Council voted to approve the Graduate Certificate in Arts & Sciences. Questions were raised regarding the Certificate by Liz Hall and answered by Cliff Fedler.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PUBLISH & EDITING
Department of English
Graduate Advisors: Drs. Ann Hawkins and Leslie Jill Patterson
Students will take 5 courses for a 15-hour certificate

VI. Other Business
Dr. Ralph Ferguson provided the Graduate Council with a copy of the current OP 64.04stating the current Probation/Suspension policy. As is, the current OP states that if a student’s cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0, he/she is placed on academic probation. Ralph reported that there has been some confusion within the departments regarding the current OP on this policy. Ralph has requested that the Council members take this back to their departments and discuss it and consider re-visiting this OP to recommend changes, if any.

VII. Announcements
Ralph Ferguson announced that the Graduate School is trying to establish the Outstanding Dissertation Award Guidelines. The guidelines would be established to identify outstanding dissertations on the Tech campus. Students awarded would be able to enter at a National level. Ralph provided the Council with a copy of the current Guidelines. A recommendation was made to revise the wording regarding “Dissertations may be considered from current year and 2 years prior”.

A Graduate Advisors round table will be held on April 30, 2008. Graduate Student Commencement will be on Friday evening May 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Bus service will be provided from the HSC for graduates and families to accommodate the multiple ceremonies in one evening. All diplomas will have the May 10th date.

Fred reported that applications are up 16% from this same point one year ago. As of this date, there have also been 172,000 website hits to the Graduate School website.
A motion was made by Aretha Marbley and seconded by John How to adjourn.

Council adjourned at 3:59 p.m.