Minutes of the 8th meeting of
The Graduate Council Meeting
2006-2007

Date and Time: Thursday, May 3, 2007, 2:30 p.m.
Place: Provost Conference Room

Attendance: Dr. Stephen Ekwaro-Osire, Dr. Saif-ul Haq, Dr. Gary Harris, Dr. Scott Hein, Dr. Janice Killian, Dr. David Lawver, Dr. Madonne Miner, Dr. Mike Parkinson, Dr. Comfort Pratt.
Ex-officio: Dr. John Borrelli, Dr. Wendell Aycock, Dr. Duane Crawford, Dr. Clifford Fedler, Dr. Ralph Ferguson, 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.

1. Minutes from the 7th meeting of the Graduate Council held on April 5th were approved and distributed.

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

Richard Anthony Baker ................................................................. Higher Education
Lynda Billings ................................................................................. Fine Arts – Art
Loree Branham ............................................................................. Animal Science
Pam Brewer ....................................................................................... Animal Science
Ronny Cahyadi ............................................................................ Piano Pedagogy
Burcin Cakir .................................................................................. History
Chio-Lin Chang ............................................................................. Curriculum & Instruction
Ryan C. Edwards ........................................................................ Electrical Engineering
Elizabeth Margaret Hamill ............................................................ Agronomy
Hye-Gyung Ji .................................................................................. Piano Pedagogy
Rahni B. Kennedy ........................................................................ Performance
Dai-Chun Linda Lin ......................................................................... Performance
Mike McNair .................................................................................... History
Emannanuel Nengoabi .................................................................... Physics
AnneslyNetthisinghe ................................................................. Agronomy
Christina Panasian ........................................................................ Business Administration
Derrick W. Smith ........................................................................ Special Education
Brianna E. Toney ............................................................................. History
Rolando Vega .................................................................................. Civil Engineering
Chi Xie ........................................................................................... Chemistry
Chris Zakrzewski ........................................................................ Instructional Technology
II. The Graduate Council considered and approved 3 applications for Graduate Faculty.

The new members are:

   Todd Devriese, MA 1992, Ohio State University
   Nicholas Markovich, Ph.D., 1992, University of New Mexico
   Weiwu Zhan, Ph.D., 2000, University of Wisconsin at Madison

III. The Graduate Faculty Committee recommended reappointment to a six-year term to:

1 - Political Science & Public Administration

IV. Academic Requests:

The following applications for course approval were approved:

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES**
ACOM 7100 Graduate Seminar (Addition)

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**
MGT 5379 Entrepreneurial Discovery (Change in Title, Prerequisite, and Description)
MGT 5378 Managing the Family Enterprise (Change in Title, Prerequisite, and Description)

**COLLEGE OF VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS**
ART 5318 Arts of Medieval Europe

**Probation/Suspension Policy**

The revised Probation/Suspension policy was distributed and reviewed by the Graduate Council. A motion was made by Lawver to approve the revised policy and was seconded by Miner. The policy reads as follows:

If a student’s cumulative GPA falls below 3.0, he or she is placed on academic probation. At this time the student has two consecutive semesters to raise his or her cumulative GPA to at least 3.0. If during this two semester period, his or her semester GPA drops below a 3.0, the student is subject to suspension.

A student placed on suspension will be required to remain out of Graduate School for one semester. If a student is suspended two times, he or she will not be allowed to return to Graduate School. Any student who has been suspended must appeal to the Graduate School, according to OP 64.07, if reinstatement is desired. Summer sessions and or trimester count as one semester.
Amendment to Graduate Certificate Policy

The Graduate Certificate Guidelines, as listed on the Graduate School website were distributed to the Graduate Council for review. Dr. Clifford Fedler proposed specific changes within the policy. The first change was to add this statement to the second paragraph under “Graduate Certificate Program”. “Therefore, each graduate certificate should contain required courses of at least half of the total courses, required for the certificate with any remaining courses taken as electives from a restricted list of available classes”. A motion was made by Hein to approve this change and was seconded by Mulsow. This change was approved by the Graduate Council.

The second change was in the “Preparation of Application” paragraph. A fourth item was added to be included with the application. “(4) List the course number and title of required and elective courses, prerequisites for the courses”. A motion was made by Hein to approve the change and was seconded by Killian. The third change consisted of adding to the second to last sentence under the “Departmental Approval” paragraph. This change was approved by the Graduate Council.

“The department chair’s signature also indicates that the proposed graduate certificate program meets the academic standards for graduate certificate programs and that they have the resources to deliver the graduate certificate.” A motion was made by Hein and seconded by Killian to approve this change. This change was approved by the Graduate Council.

An addition was made to item No. 4 in the “Operating Procedures for Graduate Certificate Programs” section. “according to the individual program requirements” was to be added after the GRE or GMAT sentence. Lawver made a motion to oppose this change and was seconded by Harris. This change was not approved by the Graduate Council.

V. Other Business

Dr. Borrelli reported that Dr. Marcy is now requiring that courses being repeated by students must include a subtitle to differentiate between the courses. This does not apply to 7000 courses unless it is a special problems course. Also, justification of resources should be explained on how the class will be taught on a regular schedule will also be required on new course applications. Notification of this change will be sent to the Graduate Advisors and Department Chairs.

Dr. Borrelli announced that the members-at-large will be reappointed by the New Dean in August.

Liz Hall reported on the search for the new Graduate School Dean. There are a total of 16 applicants currently. The first screening meeting will be on Monday, May 7th. All applicants are from Texas Tech University. After the screening process is complete, recommendations will be made to the Provost on whom to interview.

Dr. Borrelli reported on the MOU recently established with Vietnam. Texas Tech will provide Master’s degrees for students entering the diplomatic core starting in 2008. Vietnam will be sending at least 10 students per year. Each student will be fully funded.
Dr. Borrelli reported on the development of the Master’s in Forensic Science Program. Some courses will be taught over at HSC, at the Law School, and some of the counseling & science areas on campus. This program will be an accredited program and will hopefully take on 30 students in the Fall 2007.

The summer meeting of the Graduate Council will be Thursday, July 5th at 2:30 p.m. in the Provost Conference Room.

Council adjourned at 3:23 p.m.