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

Date and Time: Thursday, May 4, 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, Scott Hein, David Lawver, Aretha Marbly, Madonna Miner, Mike Parkinson and Michael Stoune
Ex-officio: Duane Crawford, Cliff Fedler, and Ralph Ferguson

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 seventh meeting, held on April 6, 2006, were approved as distributed.

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

   Noel Archambeault ................................................................. Performance
   Corye Lynne Beene................................................................. History
   Maximilian Berger ................................................................. Computer Science
   Hisham Besheer ................................................................. Industrial Engineering
   David Blamy ........................................................................ Fine Arts – Theatre
   Cynthia Chaney ................................................................. Agricultural Education
   Norman Clement, Jr. ............................................................ Business Administration
   Abel Diaz .............................................................................. Physics
   Elbia Galo ........................................................................... Hospitality Administration
   Tina Gaumond ........................................................................ Mathematics
   Bin Han .................................................................................. Industrial Engineering
   Raymond Holsapple ........................................................... Mathematics
   Lana Carol Jackson ............................................................. Higher Education
   Christopher Lynn Jordan ...................................................... Performance
   Rachel Koskodan ................................................................. Mathematics
   Landry L. Lockett ................................................................. Agricultural Education
   Son Mai .................................................................................. History
   Gary Brent McHale ............................................................. Electrical Engineering
   Valerie McKito ...................................................................... Mathematics
   Menaka B. Navaratna ........................................................... History
   Lisa Patvivatsiri ................................................................. Industrial Engineering
   Guoxin Shen ........................................................................ Biology
   Daniel Blake Smith .............................................................. Performance
   Valerie Jean Steiner ............................................................. Higher Education
   Sophie Sukalakamala ........................................................ Hospitality Administration
   Shannon Torrence .............................................................. Wildlife Science
   Leland Kent Turner ............................................................. History
3. Graduate Faculty:

   a. The Graduate Council considered and approved 2 applicants for Graduate Faculty. The new members are:

      Molly K. McAdams (Animal and Food Sciences) (Adjunct)
      Igor Volobouev (Physics)

   b. Graduate Faculty members from Animal and Food Sciences were considered for reappointment. All applications put forth were reappointed to six-year terms.

   c. Graduate Faculty members from Industrial Engineering. All applications put forth were reappointed to six-year terms.

5. The vote on the GRE/GMAT was tabled due to misunderstandings about what was being proposed. Dr. Borrelli explained that the motion is for programs to have the right to waive the GRE/GMAT for any particular student. The GRE/GMAT is still a requirement, but the departments would have the right to waive in particular circumstances. The motion to table was approved.

6. A review of the Graduate School took place on April 13-14, 2006. The data presented to the reviewers was supplied to the Graduate Council.

7. Announcements

   a. The Graduate School is now accepting nominations for the AT&T Chancellor’s Fellowship offered to students beginning in the Spring 2007. The nomination deadline is July 17, 2006. Nomination applications are available at www.scholarships.grad.ttu.edu

   b. The Graduate Advisors are reminded not to send acceptance letters to applicants before the decision worksheets are completed and returned to Graduate Admissions.

   c. NRC doctoral program reviews are up coming. The deans will receive a memo requesting the names of the programs to be reviewed.

   d. Departments are reminded that the Recruitment Enhancement Fund – matching funds between the Graduate School and departments – is an excellent retention tool as well as a recruitment tool. The Graduate School will put an additional $50,000 toward this program for doctoral recruits. Matching money is available for travel for masters and doctoral students.

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