Minutes of the 7th meeting of
The Graduate Council
2008-2009

Date and Time:    Thursday, May 7, 2009
Place:           Room 244, Administration Building

Attendance:     Dr. Steve Fraze, Dr. Sean Grass, Dr. Janice Killian, Dr. Gopal Lakhani, Dr. Aretha Marbely, Dr. Miriam Mulsow, Dr. Bill Pasewark, Dr. Comfort Pratt, Dr. David Weinberg, Dr. Kent Wilkinson

Ex-officio: Dr. Wendell Aycock, Dr. Cliff Fedler, Dr. Ralph Ferguson, Dr. Fred Hartmeister, Dr. Pam Johnson, Mr. Rahul Kanungoe, Dr. James Morris, Dr. Rob Stewart

Visitors:       Dr. Ken Dickson, Dr. Phil Marshal

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. A motion was made by Comfort Pratt and seconded by Aretha Marbely to approve the minutes from the 7th meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, April 2, 2009. The Graduate Council approved these minutes.

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 Sean Grass and seconded by Steve Fraze. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

H. S. Tanvir Ahmed ................................................................. Mechanical Engineering
Usamah Al-Farhan ............................................................... Economics
Adam D. Bailey ................................................................. Business Administration
James Bernard Berry IV .................................................... Fine Arts - Music
Sonya Lynn Britt ............................................................... Personal Financial Planning
Amanda Broome ............................................................... Agronomy
Stacy Caviest-Watson ......................................................... Educational Leadership
Ho-Kai Chan ................................................................. Hospitality Administration
Indra Vaishnavi T Chary .................................................... Electrical Engineering
Nina Crutchfield ............................................................... Agricultural Education
Jian Dai ........................................................................ Physics
Derek Dalton .................................................................. Business Administration
Stephen Frisbie................................................................. Electrical Engineering
Gbenga Monday Funmilayo .......................................................... Petroleum Engineering
Viktoria Gontcharova................................................................. Computer Science
Bradley Layne Green ........................................................................ Fine Arts – Music
Rhonda Hammond ........................................................................ Hospitality Administration
Brian Hirth ...................................................................................... Geoscience
Tiffany Dawn Holmes.................................................................................. Performance
Efosa C. Idemudia............................................................................. Business Administration
Jana Jones ........................................................................................ Fine Arts – Theatre
Adcharee Karnjanapiboonwong ....................................................... Environmental Toxicology
Hak-Seon Kim ................................................................................ Hospitality Administration
Lawrence Koenig .............................................................................. Computer Science
Jun Kong ................................................................................................ Economics
Shashi Kumar ...................................................................................... Biology
Ke Liu .......................................................................................... Chemistry
Binod Maharjan .................................................................................... Industrial Engineering
Helena E. Massengale ........................................................................ Higher Education
Ricky G. Maxwell ................................................................................ Agricultural Education
Ruini Pasupathy ................................................................................ Higher Education
Todd W. Rasberry .............................................................................. Technical Communication & Rhetoric
Lori Rice-Spearman ........................................................................... Family & Consumer Sciences Education
Brian Robertson .................................................................................. History
John Southard...................................................................................... History
Chiu Yin Wong..................................................................................... Curriculum & Instruction
Xiaoyan Xu ........................................................................................ Electrical Engineering

IV. Faculty members appointed to Graduate Faculty.

A motion was made by David Weinberg and seconded by Janice Killian to approve the following candidates for Graduate Faculty and to approve the following candidates for Confirmation/Reappointment Faculty to six-year terms. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**
Singh, Kamaleshwar P., Ph.D., 1997, University of Delhi, India (Environmental Toxicology) (Tenure)

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES & NATURAL RESOURCES**
Starkey, Jessica, Ph.D., 2008, University of Connecticut (Animal and Food Sciences) (Tenure)
Dever, Jane Kveton, Ph.D., 1989, Texas Tech University (Plant and Soil Sciences) (Adjunct)

**CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY**
Whittlesey, Bruce, Ph.D., 1985, University of Texas-Austin

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V. Academic Requests

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES & NATURAL RESOURCES**

A motion was made by Aretha Marbley and seconded by Miriam Mulsow to approve the following new Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Human Dimensions of Agricultural Sciences. The Graduate Council approved the application.

Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Human Dimensions of Agricultural Sciences

A motion was made by Comfort Pratt and seconded by Sean Grass to approve the following course application. The Graduate Council approved the application.

ACOM 5308: Utilizing Online Media in Agricultural Communications (3:3:0) (Addition)

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

A motion was made by Miriam Mulsow and seconded by Steve Fraze to approve the following Dual Degree application. The Graduate Council approved the application.

Dual degree in Master of Science in Environmental Toxicology/Master of Public Administration

VI. Announcements:

Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation Award deadline is May 15th. The committee chair and each recognized student will receive a modest award.

Admission Applications were up 28.9%. April 2008 total applicants were 7,492, April 2009 total applicants 9,654.

Graduation Ceremony will consist of 73 Doctoral Students and 466 Masters Students. Dr. Hartmeister congratulated Graduate Admissions, Enrollment Management, Becky and Anastasia on their hard work.

Gopal Lakhani and Comfort Pratt mentioned that Faculty Senate discussed issues that pertain to the Graduate School: 1. Not enough space. 2. Not enough personnel 3. Graduate School needing their own building.

June 25th was the date suggested for the Summer Graduate Council meeting. We will have the meeting in the same location and at the same time, 2:30 p.m.

Kent Wilkinson commended the Graduate School Poster Competition. Aretha Marbley suggested that we have a special section for the Outstanding Dissertation Recipients at next year’s Graduate School Poster Competition.

The Graduate Council adjourned at 4:08 p.m. The next Graduate Council meeting will be Thursday, June 25, 2009.