Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of  
The Graduate Council 2004-2005

Date and Time: Thursday, June 30, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.
Place: Provost’s Conference Room, 104 Administration
Attendance: John Borrelli (presiding), Nancy Bell, Stephen Ekwaro-Osire, Saif-ul Haq, Richard McGlynn, Arturo Olivarez, Mike Parkinson, Bill Pasewark, Becky Rickly, and Michael Stoune
Ex-officio: Wendell Aycock, Duane Crawford, Cliff Fedler, Ralph Ferguson, Liz Hall and Pam Johnson
Guest: Pat McConnel

The Graduate Council Minutes will be distributed to the Graduate Council and posted to the Graduate School website at www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool.

1. Minutes of the eighth meeting, held on May 5, 2005, were approved as distributed.

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

Keith Anthis ................................................................. Spanish
Jackrapong Attagara.............................................Industrial Engineering
John H. Brunjes, IV.........................................................Wildlife Science
Raul Capistran..........................................................Piano Pedagogy
William Carney .......................................................... English
Thereisa Coleman.......................................................... Higher Education
Curtis L. Crump .......................................................... Educational Leadership
Chris Deason ............................................................. Instructional Technology
Jon Dunnum ............................................................... Zoology
Stephen Anthony Furlich ........................................... Higher Education
Radhica Ganapathy .................................................. Fine Arts – Theatre
Monica Cortez-Garland.......................................... Clinical Psychology
Joseph Goetz ............................................................ Consumer Economics & Environmental Design
Wenxuan Guo............................................................. Agronomy
Catherine Leigh Huey ................................................ Fine Arts – Theatre
Guo Jingling .............................................................. Electrical Engineering
Kazim Gumus ............................................................. Physics
John Kessell .............................................................. Agricultural Education
Stephen Kolar ........................................................... Clinical Psychology
Yujia Li ................................................................. Geosciences
Neal Ethan Logan ..................................................... Higher Education
Sylvie Lorsolo .......................................................... Geosciences
Jason Mann ............................................................. Animal Science
Stacey McKenzie ..................................................... Special Education
Sandeep Mukhi ......................................................... Environmental Toxicology
Eric Murphy ............................................................... Mathematics & Statistics
Pamela N. Nelson ......................................................... Counselor Education
Erhan Onal ................................................................. Computer Science
Laura Palmer ............................................................ Technical Communication & Rhetoric
Michael Pate ............................................................. Electrical Engineering
Eric Alan Peterson ................................................... Conducting
Jennifer Plantier ....................................................... Consumer Economics & Environmental Design
Qian Qin ................................................................. Chemical Engineering
Frank Ramos, Jr. ....................................................... Higher Education
Guadalupe Revilla .................................................... Hospitality Administration
David Rodriguez ....................................................... Zoology
John Salter .............................................................. Consumer Economics & Environmental Design
Utkarsh Sata ........................................................... Environmental Toxicology
Jennifer L. Spurrier .................................................. Higher Education
Jerome Stueart ........................................................ English
Changping Sui ........................................................ Chemical Engineering
Bobby D. Thomas, Jr. ................................................ Business Administration
Matt Tippens ................................................................ History
Spandana Tummuri ................................................ Civil Engineering
Karen Jenece Waggoner ............................................. Geosciences
Nilmini S. Wijeratne ................................................ Chemical Engineering

3. Graduate Faculty:

a. The Graduate Council considered and approved 16 applicants for Graduate Faculty. The new members are:

   Don R. Arterburn (Applied and Professional Studies)
   Jennifer Cahn (Art)
   David Richard (Rick) Carter (Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences)
   Pramod R. Chopade (Chemistry and Biochemistry) (Visiting)
   James Dembowski (Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences)
   Stacy Elko (Art)
   Paige Furgerson (Curriculum and Instruction)
   Amanda S. Hall (Mass Communications)
   Rebecca Johnson (Biological Sciences) (Adjunct)
   David C. Lindsay (Art)
   Timothy I. Matis (Industrial Engineering)
   Steven Matthews (Psychology [Ophthalmology & Visual Science])
   Sarah Lynn McKoin (Music)
   Ann Rodriguez (Mass Communications) (Visiting)
   Frank Martin Tierney (Art)
   Matthew C. Weiner

b. Graduate Faculty members from Computer Science and Art 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 ENGINEERING
   ME 5317 Robot & Machine Dynamics (Addition)

5. Pat McDonnel from Academic Testing Services gave updates received from the Educational Testing Service regarding GRE, GMAT, and TOEFL changes from CBT (closed system computer-based) to iBT (internet-based delivery). The proposed timeline for iBT delivery is September 2005 for the TOEFL; January 2006 for the GMAT; and October 2006 for the GRE.

6. The Graduate Council engaged in further discussion regarding the TOEFL iBT. The most important difference between the TOEFL iBT and the older computer and paper-based versions is the addition of a Speaking section. The TOEFL iBT will launch in phases, beginning in the U.S. in September 2005, followed by Canada, Germany, Italy, and France in October 2005, and the rest of the world by the end of 2006. As the new TOEFL is phased in, the computer and paper-based tests will no longer be offered. Given that ETS’s concordance table indicates that TTU’s graduate admissions standards of 550 (paper-based) and 213 (computer-based) are the equivalent of an iBT score of 79, the Graduate School will use 79 as the new minimum required score for admissions.

7. Announcements
   
a. The Coordinating Board approved the request to change the Master of Science (MS) degree with a major in Food Technology to a major in Food Science and the request to change the Department of Animal Science and Food Technology to Department of Animal and Food Sciences.


c. Results of the Graduate Council elections for 2005-2006 were announced. Election results are available in the Graduate School office.

The next Graduate Council meeting will be on September 1, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in the Provost’s Conference Room, 104 Administration.