Minutes of the 1st meeting of
The Graduate Council Meeting
2007-2008

Date and Time: Thursday, September 6, 2007
Place: Provost Conference Room

Attendance: Dr. Rashid Al-Hmoud, Dr. Pat DeLucia, Dr. Mukaddes Darwish, Dr. Aretha Marbley, Dr. Clifton Ellis, Dr. Gary Harris, Dr. Scott Hein, Dr. Janice Killian, Dr. Miriam Mulsow, Dr. Kent Wilkinson, Dr. Comfort Pratt
Ex-officio: Dr. Fred Hartmeister, 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.

- The meeting began with the round table introduction of new and old members to benefit the new members as well as Fred Hartmeister, newly appointed Dean of the Graduate School.

- The introduction was left off of the original agenda. Therefore a motion was made by Janice Killian and seconded by Comfort Pratt to add Introductions to the agenda items. The council approved this addition. Following the introductions, Dr. Hartmeister gave a brief overview of the Council members’ responsibilities and reviewed OP 64.09 with the council.

II. Minutes from the 9th meeting of the Graduate Council held on July 5 were approved. Motion for approval was made by Scott Hein and seconded by Comfort Pratt.

III. The following students were admitted to candidacy for the doctorate on the recommendation of their departments. A motion was made by Miriam Mulsow and seconded by Aretha Marbley. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Mike Abel .................................................................Environmental Technology
Murad Ibrahim Abu Salim........................................... Land Planning Management & Design
Siddharth Bajpai...............................................................Agricultural & Applied Economics
Lucy Barnard ...............................................................Educational Psychology
Christina L. Blasingame.................................................. Educational Leadership
Mary Catherine Box...................................................... Curriculum & Instruction
Kristoffer Boyle .............................................................Mass Communications
Erin Buchanan............................................................. Experimental Psychology
Sean Burrows ...............................................................Chemistry
Chang Kyu Byun..........................................................Chemistry
IV. A motion was made by Janice Killian and seconded by Scott Hein to approve these applications for Graduate Faculty. The Graduate Council considered and approved 12 applications for Graduate Faculty.

The new members are:

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES**
- Dr. Gerald Henry, Ph.D., 2007, North Carolina State University
- Dr. Christian Nansen, Ph.D., 2000, Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University
- Dr. Goutam Shome, Ph.D., 1992, University of Tsukuba, Japan

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
- Dr. George Cashman, Ph.D., 2007, Arizona State University (Finance)
- Dr. Frank Delgado, Ph.D., 2004, Texas Tech University (ISQS)
- Dr. David Harrison, Ph.D., 1998, University of Florida (Finance)
- Dr. Nadia Vozlioubminaia, Ph.D., 2007, Michigan State University
- Dr. Ryan Whitby, Ph.D., 2007, University of Utah (Finance)
- Dr. Farinaz Whitby, Ph.D., 2006, Texas Tech University (visiting) (Finance)
V. Academic Requests:

A motion was made to approve the course applications by Gary Harris and seconded by Aretha Marbley. The following applications for Course Approvals were approved by the Graduate Council:

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
PSS 5371 Cotton Functionalization (3:3:0) (Change in Title & Description)

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
BOT 6409 Advanced Plant Development (4:3:2) (Addition)

VI. Discussion

Fred Hartmeister requested that the chair from each of the sub-committees of the Graduate Council (Academic Program Committee, Graduate Faculty Committee, and Student Affairs Committee) explain the purpose and duties of each committee for the benefit of the new members. Pat DeLucia spoke in Wendell Aycock’s absence regarding the Graduate Faculty Committee. She explained the purpose of the Graduate Faculty Committee was to screen new Graduate Faculty applications, screen Confirmation/Reappointment applications, and approve them for either a 3 year (provisional) term or a standard 6 year term.

Cliff Fedler, chair of the Academic Program Committee explained the purpose of the Academic Program Committee and duties of the committee members. The purpose of the committee is to screen new course or new program applications, additions, or changes, to determine need, justification, and dual listed courses. Courses are screened carefully to make sure that courses are not duplicated. Scott Hein, member of the committee mentioned the quality of work the committee has performed in the last three years. He stated that previously many applications were just rubber stamped and sent through.

Liz Hall mentioned again the issue of changing a course number and the course name and asking should it not be considered a new course rather than a revision? Gary Harris requested a copy of the course application information so the Graduate Council can review them prior to approving the courses. Aretha Marbly stated that some departments may be making these changes without the knowledge of whether or not they need a course change. Janice Killian stated the concern of the Graduate Council’s level of respect based on knowledge of the topic. There was also limited discussion regarding dual listed course approvals.
Cliff Fedler explained that the committee has no direction on this right now and would like to request from the council members to go to their departments, get suggestions and bring them back for discussion. Reasons stated for dual listing are financial resources, leveling, moving students more quickly through the program, and numbers to make the class.

Fred Hartmeister reminded council members that OP 36.01 is currently being revised. When the final OP is approved, forms will be updated.

VII. Other Business

Miriam Mulsow expressed concern about costs for graduate student housing reflected in a recent article in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal. Dr. Mulsow’s concern was that prospective graduate students might decline to come to Tech due to the high cost of privately-owned off-campus housing. Liz Hall noted that the housing project is not directly connected to TTU. Since Dr. Michael Shonrock, the Vice President for Student Affairs, was mentioned in the article, Dr. Hartmeister stated he would get in touch with Dr. Shonrock with the Graduate Council’s questions and then correspond with committee members via email as to the results of that dialogue.

VIII. Announcements

Ralph Ferguson announced that the Graduate School is working with the Provost’s Office to develop a FAQ sheet about Graduate fee waivers so that there is a universal list for all of the Departments.