Minutes of the 2nd meeting of
The Graduate Council
2009-2010

Date and Time: Thursday, October 1, 2009
Place: Room 244, Administration Building

Attendance: Dr. Gary Elbow, Dr. Steve Fraze, Dr. Gopal Lakhani, Dr. Aretha Marbley, Dr. Bill Pasewark, Dr. Hamed Sari-Sarraf, Dr. Betty Stout, Dr. David Weinberg, Dr. Kent Wilkinson

Ex-officio: Dr. Wendell Aycock, Dr. Duane Crawford, Dr. Earnstein Dukes, Dr. Cliff Fedler, Dr. Ralph Ferguson, Dr. Fred Hartmeister,

Visitors: Deepali Butani, Peggy Flores, Dr. Comfort Pratt, Carrye Syma

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 David Weinberg and seconded by Gopal Lakhani to approve the minutes from the 1st meeting of the Graduate Council held on Thursday, September 3, 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 Aretha Marbley and seconded by David Weinberg. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Jeong Shim Baik ................................................................. Performance
Shamik Bhattacharya ................................................................. Mechanical Engineering
Amanda Boyaki ................................................................. Fine Arts - Art
Kenneth Carrell ................................................................. Physics
Yeong Jer Chen ............................................................... Electrical Engineering
Kerstan Cole ............................................................... Experimental Psychology
Karan Lee Duwe ............................................................ Educational Leadership
Kristin Goodheart .............................................................. Clinical Psychology
Randy Hardin ................................................................. Instructional Technology
Christopher Harper ........................................................... Political Science
Tyla S. Holsomback ............................................................... Zoology
Diana Hooten ................................................................. Experimental Psychology
Ryan Sidney Hoover ........................................................ Technical Communication & Rhetoric
Bryan M Hughes ............................................................. Electrical Engineering
IV. Faculty members appointed to Graduate Faculty.

A motion was made by Steve Fraze and seconded by Mukaddes Darwish to approve the following candidates for Graduate Faculty. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**
- Barenberg, Alan, Ph.D., 2007, University of Chicago (History) (Tenure)
- Bjerk, Paul, Ph.D., 2008, University of Wisconsin (History) (Tenure)
- Domire, Zachary, Ph.D., 2004, Pennsylvania State University (Health, Exercise, and Sport Sciences) (Tenure)
- Massengale, Dana, Ph.D., 2009, University of Nevada Las Vegas (Health, Exercise, and Sport Sciences) (Tenure)
- Swingen, Abigail, Ph.D., 2007, University of Chicago (History) (Tenure)

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**
- Bae, Sang-Wook, Ph.D., 2004, University of Missouri (Civil and Environmental Engineering) (Tenure)
- Lim, Sunho, Ph.D., 2005, Pennsylvania State University (Computer Science) (Tenure)
- Morse, Stephen M., Ph.D., 2009, Texas Tech University (Civil and Environmental Engineering) (Visiting)
- Rice, Jennifer A., Ph.D., 2009, University of Illinois-Urbana (Civil and Environmental Engineering) (Tenure)

**COLLEGE OF OUTREACH AND DISTANCE EDUCATION**
- Farris, Donald, Ph.D., 1974, Southern Methodist University (Wind Energy) (Adjunct)

**COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**
- Bjella, Richard, M.M., 1983, University of Iowa (Music) (Tenure)
V. Academic Requests

A motion was made by Steve Fraze and seconded by Gary Elbow to approve all of the following course approval applications. The Graduate Council approved the course applications.

GRADUATE SCHOOL
IS 5331: Advanced Topics in Forensic Science (3:3:0) (Addition)
IS 6031: Internship in Forensic Science (V:1:6) (Addition)
IS 6330: Masters Report in Forensic Science (3:0:0) (Addition)

VI. Announcements:

Peggy Flores, Dr. Comfort Pratt and Carrye Syma (chair of convocations committee), announced some proposed changes that will be taking affect during the Graduation Ceremonies. The changes mentioned will be as follows:

a. August ceremonies will consist of two ceremonies. They will be divided by Colleges for both undergrad and graduate. The times for the ceremonies will be 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

b. President Bailey would like to remove the small step in front of the stage to prevent students from tripping. There will be a small riser to the left side upon which faculty will stand, and the student will not have to kneel to be hooded. A demonstration will be given in the practice court right before the ceremony. The hooding process will also be recorded and put on the website. Dr. Hartmeister requested that the link be sent to Becky Davidson and Gloria McNeme.

c. The seat cards that are presented to the reader will now have a barcode. As the barcode is scanned by the reader the students name will appear on the big screens that will be provided on each side of the stage.

d. The front page of the Graduation Program will be changed. They will have color photos, history of the University, mission statement, and a bio of the guest speaker. There will also be black and white photos throughout the program. The whole philosophy for the change is to think of them as a “Keepsake” rather than a “Program”.

e. University is changing to Diploma Tubes rather than Diploma covers.

f. Dr. Hamed Sari-Sarraf asked if the Graduation Ceremony is currently being web-cast. He mentioned it would be a tremendous asset to have for our international students and their families who may not be able to attend the Graduation Ceremony.

Posthumous awarding of Graduate Degrees: Dr. Wilkinson spoke on behalf of the Student Affairs Committee. He mentioned that the University should have a policy on awarding Posthumous Degrees. The committee is working on a draft and will have something for the Council to review at the next Graduate Council meeting.

Dr. Hartmeister announced that there are 505 more Graduate Students than a year ago. The number for Fall 2008 was 4670 and as of Fall 2009 the number is 5175.

The Graduate Council adjourned at 3:31 p.m. The next Graduate Council meeting will be Thursday, November 5, 2009.