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

Date and Time: Thursday, October 7, 2004, at 2:30 p.m.
Place: Provost’s Conference Room, 104 Administration
Attendance: John Borrelli (presiding), Cynthia Akers, Nancy Bell, Stephen Ekwaro-Osire, Nora Griffin-Shirley, Saif-ul Haq, David Lawver, Aretha Marbly, Richard McGlynn, Arturo Olivarez, Mike Parkinson, Bill Pasewark, Becky Rickly, and Michael Stoune
Ex-officio: Alisa Abuzeineh, Wendell Aycock, Cliff Fedler, Ralph Ferguson, Liz Hall and Pam Johnson
Guests: John Billing and Alon Kvashny

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 first meeting, held on September 2, 2004, were approved as distributed.

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

   - Elizabeth Aguilar .......................................................... Marriage & Family Therapy
   - Fernando Lee Almaguer.................................................. Higher Education
   - Neetu Arora................................................................... Marriage & Family Therapy
   - Gabriela Carrasco............................................................. Experimental Psychology
   - Kuo-Tsai Chen ................................................................... Instructional Technology
   - Qiuqiong Cheng .............................................................. Environmental Toxicology
   - Wade Fluckey.................................................................................... Animal Science
   - Iulian Gherasoiu ................................................................. Electrical Engineering
   - Jeremy Gilbertson ........................................................................ Biology
   - Bulent Gumus........................................................................ Mechanical Engineering
   - Branden Henline ................................................................... Marriage & Family Therapy
   - Christopher Higgins .................................................................... Biology
   - Gun Indrakoses........................................................................ Business Administration
   - Taek-Hyun Jang ................................................................. Mechanical Engineering
   - Stephanie Jane Jones ............................................................... Higher Education
   - Kirti Kanitkar ................................................................. Human Development & Family Studies
   - Fujun Liu........................................................................ Environmental Toxicology
   - Amy Rebecca McKenzie........................................................ Special Education
   - Kristie Engel McGurk .............................................................. Clinical Psychology
   - Rico Mosby ..................................................................... Counseling Psychology
   - Oluwasegun B. Ogunsanya ..................................................... Petroleum Engineering
   - Steven J. Presley......................................................................... Biology
   - Srinath Rajagopalan ............................................................... Civil Engineering
   - Trampas Rowden ............................................................... Marriage & Family Therapy
   - Aven Senter .................................................................. Counseling Psychology
   - Hongqiao (Bruce) Sun........................................................... Electrical Engineering
   - Gayatri Titus................................................................. Marriage & Family Therapy
   - Xiaodong Zhao................................................................. Petroleum Engineering
3. Graduate Faculty:
   
a. The Graduate Council considered and approved 20 applicants for Graduate Faculty. The new members are:

   Mary Frances Agnello (Curriculum & Instruction)
   Zenaida Aguirre-Munoz (Curriculum & Instruction)
   Michael Borshuk (English)
   Sara R. Chant (Philosophy) (Visiting)
   Justine Delahunty (Economics & Geography) (Visiting)
   Mostafa Morsi El-Shami (Civil Engineering) (Visiting)
   Ann R. Hawkins (English)
   Rattikorn Hewett (Computer Science)
   Eun Joo Jung (Curriculum & Instruction)
   M. Nazmul Karim (Chemical Engineering)
   Juan Munoz (Curriculum & Instruction)
   Nana Osei-Kofi (Curriculum & Instruction) (Visiting)
   Robert D. Sawyer (Health, Exercise, and Sport Sciences)
   Remzi Seker (Computer Science)
   Easan Sivaniah (Chemical Engineering)
   Kirk St. Amant (English)
   Nicole Stedman (Agricultural Education & Communications)
   Nidhi Thakur (Economics & Geography) (Visiting)
   Brandon L. Weeks (Chemical Engineering)
   Christopher C. Weiss (Geosciences)

4. Academic Requests:
   
a. The following course additions, deletions, and changes were approved:

   **COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE**

   ARCH 5347 3D Digital Visualization (Addition)

   **COLLEGE OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS**

   MCOM 5370 Internship in Mass Communications (Change in title from Internship in Mass Communications Administration; change in prerequisite; change in description)
   MCOM 6010 Mass Communications Pedagogy (Addition)
   MCOM 6310 Contemporary Issues in Communications Technology (Addition)
   MCOM 6315 Integrated Communications Campaigns (Addition)
   MCOM 8000 Dissertation (Addition)

   b. LARC 5301 Landscape Architecture Principles and Process (Change in course number from 5401 and change in hours to 3:1:6 from 4:1:6) was tabled for further review at the September 2 Graduate Council meeting. Following further consideration and the collection of additional information, the decision to deny the initial request was approved. Therefore, the course will remain LARC 5401 (4:1:6).
5. Consideration of the grades CR and PR for 5000, 6000, 7000, and 8000 courses: TTU receives formula funding for the grade of CR, but not for the grade of PR. Therefore, PR should never be used and CR should always be used until the course is complete. If unsatisfactory performance does not merit a CR, then NCR should be used.

6. Announcements
   a. The semi-annual Dissertation/Thesis Symposium was held on October 6, 2004. The symposium was well attended and proved to be beneficial to the students and Graduate Advisors who were present.
   b. The Board of Regents approved the following degree programs for delivery at a distance at its August 17, 2004, meeting: Bachelor of Science in Horticulture; Master of Agriculture (interdisciplinary); Master of Science in Horticulture; Master of Science in Crop Science; Master of Education in Language Literacy Education. The Doctor of Philosophy in Technical Communication and Rhetoric has undergone all internal approvals and was approved by the THECB for delivery at a distance at its July 15, 2004, meeting.
   c. The annual fall donor/recipient fellowship reception was held on October 5, 2004.
   d. In addition to internal scholarship and fellowship opportunities, several external scholarship and fellowship opportunities are available on the Graduate School web site. Katy Henderson proficiently maintains the Graduate School web site and has recently revised the site to meet ADA criteria.

The next Graduate Council meeting will be on Thursday, November 4, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. in the Provost’s Conference Room, 104 Administration.