Minutes of the 3rd meeting of  
The Graduate Council  
2007-2008

Date and Time: Thursday, November 1, 2007  
Place: Provost Conference Room  

Attendance: Dr. Pat Delucia, Dr. Mukaddes Darwish, Dr. Gary Harris, Dr. Scott Hein, Dr. Janice Killian, Dr. Steve Fraze, Dr. John Howe, Dr. Miriam Mulsow, Dr. Lawrence Mayer, Dr. Comfort Pratt, Dr. Kent Wilkinson  
Ex-officio: Dr. Fred Hartmeister, Dr. Wendell Aycock, Dr. Duane Crawford, Earnstein Dukes, Dr. Ralph Ferguson, Dr. Elizabeth Hall  
Guests: Joe Claudet, College of Education

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. Minutes from the 2nd meeting of the Graduate Council held on October 4th were approved. Motion for approval was made by Comfort Pratt and seconded by Scott Hein.

III. The following students were admitted to candidacy for the doctorate on the recommendation of their departments. A motion was made by Gary Harris and seconded by Scott Hein. The Graduate Council approved these candidates.

Xiaodan Cao................................................................................................................Chemistry  
Sheila Quinn Delony............................................................................................Curriculum & Instruction  
Runbin Duan.......................................................................................................Civil Engineering  
Alejandro Echeverry..............................................................................Animal Science  
Srinivas Karra..............................................................................................Chemical Engineering  
Michelle Keck.................................................................................................Political Science  
Sara Fernandez Medina.................................................................................Spanish  
Sufyan Mohammed........................................................................................Mass Communications  
Vijaya Sekhar Pasapula.................................................................................Biology  
Adam Pickens.................................................................................................Industrial Engineering  
Jeffrey Stambaugh......................................................................................Business Administration  
James Taliaferro.........................................................................................Educational Leadership  
Tiffany Vincent..............................................................................................Political Science  
Heather West.................................................................................................Counselor Education  
Mijin Won.....................................................................................................Curriculum & Instruction  
Jaclyn Woolf.................................................................................................Political Science  
Anilkumar Chandolu....................................................................................Electrical Engineering
IV. A motion was made by Janice Killian and seconded by Comfort Pratt to approve these applications for Graduate Faculty. The Graduate Council considered and approved 7 applications for Graduate Faculty.

The new members are:

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**
- Dr. Kanika Batra, Ph.D., 2006 Loyola University (English)
- Dr. Mark Scala, Ph.D., 2007, Syracuse University (Visiting) (Philosophy)

**COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES**
- Dr. Sylvia Niehuis, Ph.D., 2007, UT-Austin (Human Development Family Studies)

**COLLEGE OF VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS**
- Christie Blizard, MFA, 2005, Georgia State (School of Art)
- Dr. Patrizia Costa Freeza, Ph.D., 2006, University of Pittsburgh (School of Art)
- Dr. Carolyn Erler, Ph.D., 2006, Florida State (School of Art)
- Dr. Francisco Ortega-Grimaldo, Ph.D., 2005, Texas Tech University (School of Art)

V. Academic Requests:

A motion was made to approve the course applications by Miriam Mulsow and seconded by Mukaddes Darwish. The following applications for Course Approval were approved by the Graduate Council:

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**
- GEOL 5426 Sequence Stratigraphy (4:4:0) (Addition)

**CENTER FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY & GENOMICS**
- BTEC 5338 Methods in Biotechnology (3:1:6) (Change in Title and Description)

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**
- EDCI 5330 Ethics and Education (3:3:0) (Addition)
- EDCI 6331 John Dewey’s Theory of Education (3:3:0) (Addition)

VI. Announcements

Fred Hartmeister reported that Becky Davidson had 40 defenses scheduled the week before Graduate Council. The Graduate School should have at least 90 defended dissertations by the end of the semester. The extensive number of defenses required the involvement of many graduate faculty members to serve as Dean’s Representatives. Those efforts are much appreciated. Council members as well as Faculty new to TTU are encouraged to volunteer to serve in this capacity.

Fred Hartmeister traveled to the Big XII Graduate School Dean’s and Provost’s meeting in Oklahoma on October 28th and 29th. Fred provided a summary of the topics that were discussed including Graduate Student Research initiatives, Development Activities, and Insurance related matters.
Duane Crawford reported that graduate admission applications are up. The website has received 80,000 hits in just 6 months.

Ralph Ferguson announced that CGS (Council of Graduate Schools) has a competition for Ph.D. dissertations. The Graduate School would like to send a dissertation forward to the competition. The plan is to begin in the Fall of 2008. Dr. Ferguson also announced that the Schwab Impact Conference donated 1 million dollars to the Personal Financial Planning program in Human Sciences. It will be one of the leading programs in the industry and will benefit the entire university because of the broad investment planning. It holds great potential for expansion and additional funding as well.

Ralph Ferguson also mentioned that Thailand would like to send their students to Texas Tech to obtain Ph.D.’s in everything from English to Engineering. Many of these students will be non-traditional so they will be bringing their families.

Council adjourned at 3:29 p.m.