Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of 
The Graduate Council 2005-2006

Date and Time: Thursday, December 1, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.
Place: Provost’s Conference Room, 104 Administration
Attendance: Wendell Aycock (presiding), Nancy Bell, Stephen Ekwaro-Osire, Nora Griffin-Shirley, Saif-ul Haq, Gary Harris, Scott Hein, David Lawver, Aretha Marbley, Richard McGlynn, Madame Miner and Mike Parkinson
Ex-officio: Duane Crawford, Cliff Fedler, Ralph Ferguson, Liz Hall and John Hanson
Guests: Roseanna Davidson and Shirley Wilson

The Graduate Council Minutes are available in the Graduate School office and on the Graduate School website at www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool.

1. Minutes of the third meeting, held on November 3, 2005, were approved as distributed.

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

Frances Virginia Angstadt........................................................... Fine Arts – Theatre
Donna Beth Brown........................................................................... Special Education
Leann DiAndreth Elkins .............................................................. Special Education
Young Hoon Kim............................................................. Hospitality Administration
Chonglim Lee ................................................................. Curriculum & Instruction
Milen Parashkevov ............................................................... Performance
Karen D.W. Patterson ............................................................. Business Administration
Eric Raymond Paul ........................................................................ Biology
Sonja Pippin ................................................................................ Business Administration
Belinda Richardson ....................................................................... Special Education
Norma Salcedo ........................................................................... Biology
Michael Keith Swink ...................................................................... Special Education
Niaba Teme ................................................................................... Agronomy
Raymond Willis ............................................................................ Biology
Nealnara Wongkerd................................................................. Hospitality Administration
3. Graduate Faculty:

   a. The Graduate Council considered and approved 4 applicants for Graduate Faculty. The new members are:

   Scott Burris (Agricultural Education and Communications)
   Julie F. Harlin (Agricultural Education and Communications)
   Theresa Pesl Murphrey (Agricultural Education and Communications) (Visiting)
   Eugene Wang (Educational Psychology and Leadership) (Adjunct)

4. Academic Requests:

   a. The following courses were approved:

   COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
   LING 5355 Teaching English in International Contexts (Addition)
   ESS 5306 Biomechanics (Change in title from Biomechanics of Exercise and Sport; change in description)

   b. The Graduate Council approved a proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Dual Sensory Impairment following a presentation by Roseanna Davidson.

   c. The Graduate Council tabled a proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Transdisciplinary Design and Process. This proposal will be considered at the next Graduate Council meeting pending approval by the Academic Program Committee.

5. Other Business

   a. With an increasing number of requests from departments to waive the GRE, Dr. Duane Crawford opened discussions regarding the possibility of changing the policy of Texas Tech University so that requirements for standardized tests are determined at a department level rather than by the Graduate School. The Graduate Council was asked to talk to colleagues in their departments and colleges about this possibility. The issue will be discussed further at a later Graduate Council meeting.

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