Minutes of the 5th Meeting of 
The Graduate Council 2006-2007

Date and Time: Thursday, February 1, 2007, 2:30 p.m.
Place: Provost’s Conference Room, 104 Administration
Attendance: Clifford Fedler (presiding), Pat DeLucia, Nora Griffin-Shirley, Saif-ul Haq, Gary Harris, Scott Hein, David Lawver, Madame Miner, and Comfort Pratt
Ex-officio: John Borrelli, Wendell Aycock, Duane Crawford, Ralph Ferguson, Elizabeth Hall, Pam Johnson on behalf of Barbara Pence, Zeb Alexander

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 from the Special Meeting of the Graduate Council held on January 18th were approved and distributed.

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

   Jeff Beck .....................................................................................................GeoScience
   Koushik Biswas .......................................................................................... Physics
   Ya-Hui Chang .............................................................................................. English
   Shanshan Cheng ......................................................................................Hospitality Administration
   Emily Eicke ..............................................................................................Curriculum & Instruction
   Susan Elliott .............................................................................................Curriculum & Instruction
   Simerjeet Gill ...........................................................................................Chemistry
   Sarah Kathryn Herrington ..........................................................................Conducting
   Mohamed Hozain ....................................................................................Biology
   Ravi Jillapalli .............................................................................................Business Administration
   Arindam Mazumdar ..................................................................................Chemistry
   Michaele Morrow .....................................................................................Business Administration
   Thanh Nguyen ...........................................................................................Economics
   Xiaoping Pan .............................................................................................Environmental Toxicology
   Richard Phillips ........................................................................................ Wildlife Science
   Kevin D. Ramey ......................................................................................Family & Consumer Sciences Education
   Juan Sherwell ...........................................................................................Economics
   Jordan Smith .............................................................................................Environmental Toxicology
   Sergio Solari ...............................................................................................Biology
   Sharon Summers ......................................................................................Special Education
   Kartik Venkataraman .............................................................................Civil Engineering
   Yanfei Yang ............................................................................................Chemistry
3. Graduate Faculty:
   a. The Graduate Council considered and approved 11 applications for Graduate Faculty. The new members are:

   Dr. Eugenio Aulisa (Mathematics and Statistics) (Visiting)
   Dr. Donna “Dee” Brown (Educational Psychology & Leadership) (Adjunct)
   Dr. Jaclyn Canas (Environmental Toxicology)
   Dr. Bijoy Ghosh (Mathematics and Statistics)
   Dr. Celine Godard-Codding (Environmental Toxicology)
   Dr. Robert Kirby (Mathematics and Statistics)
   Dr. Mark Lyte (Animal & Food Science) (Adjunct)
   Dr. Jonathan Maul (Environmental Toxicology)
   Dr. Robert Watson (Computer Science) (Visiting)
   Dr. Kristopher Wilson (Animal & Food Science)
   Dr. Bo Yang (Mathematics & Statistics)

   b. The Graduate Council considered and approved 27 applications for Confirmation/Reappointment from Biological Sciences.

4. Academic Requests:
   a. The following Applications for Course Approval were approved:

   **Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources**
   - AGED 5391 School and Community (3:3:0) (Addition)
   - AGED 5340 Educational Law (3:3:0) (Addition)

   **College of Arts & Sciences**
   - ENGL 5000 English as a Professor (V:1-3) (Addition)
   - ENGL 5067 Methods of Teaching College Composition (V:1-3) (Change in prefix and course number from ENGL 5367)
   - ENGL 5300 Individual Studies (V:1-6) (Addition)
   - ENGL 5378 Graduate Internship (3:0:0) (Change in title from Graduate Internship in Technical Communication, prerequisite, and description.

**GRE Status:**

Some departments expressed their concern regarding the Graduate School’s process of implementing the new GRE policy approved by the Graduate Council on January 18, 2007, particularly larger departments. Applications now arriving will be processed and sent to the Departments even if the GRE scores have not been received by the Graduate School.

Dr. Borrelli explained that there will be a period of time for experimentation during this process and there will be a time of trial and error to efficiently evaluate how this new procedure will affect different programs.

As problems arise, they will be worked through and solutions will be worked out. Dr. Fedler expressed to the Council that the Graduate School will be committed to making the burden of this transition on the departments as painless as possible. The Graduate School will be compiling and collecting information from the departments in order to determine which programs will require the GRE and which ones will not and what policies each program will establish for their specific requirement and exceptions.
OTHER BUSINESS:

A. The Graduate Council has been asked by upper administration to develop a policy for continued enrollment. The Administration would like to require graduate students who only attend one semester per year to be enrolled for at least one credit hour in semesters that follow.

Dr. Borrelli has asked that all concerns, questions, and ideas be sent to him via email so he can forward them to the upper management. Comments should include how this policy might affect departments negatively and positively and how this might impact enrollment. New ideas and methods of recruiting students are requested as well as current recruiting strategies that are successful.

B. Dr. Ralph Ferguson has expressed some concern about the current policy for probation and suspension of Graduate Students. He would like to encourage the Graduate Council to review the current policy and make changes or modify. The policy has not been revisited in quite some time.

He has asked that this issue be a part of the next agenda and for council members to think of some ideas for revisions and bring them to the March 1st Council meeting for discussion.

The Council Adjourned at 3:48 p.m.