Minutes of the 6th Meeting of
The Graduate Council 2006-2007

Date and Time: Thursday, March 1, 2007
Place: Provost’s Conference Room, 104 Administration
Attendance: Wendell Aycock (presiding), Pat DeLucia, Nora Griffin-Shirley, Saif-ul Haq, Gary Harris, Scott Hein, Janice Killian, David Lawver, Madame Miner, Miriam Mulsow, Mike Parkinson, and Comfort Pratt
Ex-officio: Duane Crawford, Clifford Fedler, Ralph Ferguson, Elizabeth Hall

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 February 1st were approved and distributed.

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

   Jenny Bennett .................................................................Educational Leadership
   Ana Maria Canto Esquivel ...................................................Industrial Engineering
   Renee Collins .................................................................Curriculum & Instruction
   Donna Cox ........................................................................Curriculum & Instruction
   Nicholas Philip Elderkin ....................................................Piano Pedagogy
   Chad Graff ........................................................................Marriage & Family Therapy
   Shawn Haskell ....................................................................Wildlife Science
   Sarah McMahan .............................................................Curriculum & Instruction
   Jason Northrup ..............................................................Marriage & Family Therapy
   Asem Obeidat ...............................................................Consumer Economic and Environmental Design
   Lori Peterson ......................................................................Business Administration
   David Vinson ......................................................................Curriculum & Instruction
3. **Graduate Faculty:**
   a. The Graduate Council considered and approved 5 applications for Graduate Faculty.

   The new members are:
   Dr. Glenn Blodgett, D.V.M., 1974, Texas A&M, Veterinary Medicine – Departmental letter justifying need and qualification for graduate faculty status (Animal & Food Sciences) (Adjunct)

   Dr. Harold Evensky, MS, 1988, Cornell University – 16 Articles & Chapters, 8 Books, National reputation for expertise in the field (APS – PFP) (Adjunct)

   Dr. Helen Morrow, Ph.D., 2005, Texas Tech University – 3 Articles & Chapters, 11 Papers & Presentations, 1 Grant, 6 Abstracts (Sociology, Anthropology & SW)

   Dr. Martha Smithey, Ph.D., 1994, Texas A&M – 22 Articles & Chapters, 4 Professional Associations, 23 Papers and Presentations, 7 Grants (Sociology, Anthropology & SW)

   Dr. Thea Wilkins, Ph.D., 1990, Michigan State University – 44 Publications, 2 Patents, 17 Reports and Proceedings, 8 Grants (Plant and Soil Science)

   b. The Graduate Council considered and approved applications for Confirmation/Reappointment from:
      Biology - 1, Design - 2, History - 18, Nutrition, Hospitality & Retailing - 11

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

   **COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**
   - CHEM 5342, Introduction to Quantum Chemistry (3:3:0) (Change in Title)
   - CHEM 5346, Statistical Technique and Thermodynamics (3:3:0) (Change in Title)

   **RAWLS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**
   - ACCT 5312 Development of Accounting (3:3:0) (Delete Course)
   - ACCT 5317 Seminar in Controllership (3:3:0) (Delete Course)
   - ACCT 5332 Ethics in Accounting (3:3:0) (Addition)
   - ACCT 5334 Professional Accountancy (3:3:0) (Addition)
   - MGT 5306 HOM I: Introduction to Healthcare Systems (3:3:0) (Change in Title, Description)
   - MGT 5308 HOM III: Consumer-driven Healthcare Design (3:3:0) (Change in Title, Description)

   **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**
   - ME 5327 Advanced Heat Transfer (3:3:0) (Addition)
   - ME 5362 Orthopedic Biomechanics (3:3:0) (Addition)
   - ME 5350 Mechanics of Composite Materials (3:3:0) (Addition)
   - ME 5360 Bio-Fluid Mechanics (3:3:0) (Addition)
   - ME 5338 Advanced Fluid Mechanics (3:3:0) (Addition)
   - ME 5120 Graduate Seminar (1:1:0) (Addition)

   **COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES**
   - PF 5322 Personal Finance: Professional and Personal Applications (3:3:0) (Addition)
Discussion on the Probation/Suspension Policy

At a previous meeting, there had been some discussion about the current policy concerning probation and suspension for graduate students. Dr. Ferguson briefly reviewed the policy as it now exists and answered questions concerning it. After some discussion, Dr. Ekwaro-Osire made a motion that the Student Affairs Committee (a subcommittee of the Graduate Council) meet to review and study the policy. Afterwards, the committee will return to the Graduate Council with any recommendations for changes that it sees are needed. The motion was seconded and all of the Council members voted in favor of it.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nora Griffin-Shirley, a member of the Academic Programs Committee, brought up a concern about applications for new courses. First, she pointed out that sometimes departments would apply to change the name of a course and, during the process, would change the entire make-up of the course, thereby creating a completely new course.

Dr. Fedler pointed out that, in recent years, the university has added 450 new courses and deleted only 60 courses. The growth in new courses has far exceeded faculty growth and student growth. He pointed out that the Academic Programs Committee is trying to maintain quality in our programs by reducing redundancy in courses.

Further discussion of this matter ensued, and it was pointed out that there had previously been discussion about requiring departments to delete a course when a new one is added. No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A request was made to announce the summer meeting date as soon as possible.

The council adjourned at 3:19 p.m.