

## Resolution Details of On-line Publication of Theses and Dissertations

Subtitle:

As presented in the 11-7-2011 Senate Meeting  
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At the November 7, 2011 senate meeting, a resolution was announced to address concerns regarding the on-line publication of theses and dissertation through ProQuest. The motion which sought to ban this practice was withdrawn in light of a compromise reached by the University Academic Council and the Graduate College, which reflected the outcome of two meetings between senate leadership and Vice-Provost and Dean of the Graduate College Maria Allison (one during summer and another in early fall 2011). The defense form will now contain a committee recommendation to allow a two-year embargo of the document (should the committee and the candidate believe this prudent) and will also communicate to candidates the process by which they can secure a permanent embargo after graduation (if they feel the need, for publication purposes in alternate venues, to make this decision). Thus, all the issues were satisfied: 1) students (in consultation with their examining committees) can publish the thesis or dissertation through ProQuest immediately following the defense; 2) if the committee and student believe such publication would hinder subsequent publication in the form of a book or articles, a two-year embargo can be generated through the defense form, and 3) if the students, following graduation, wish to seek a permanent embargo, they can contact ProQuest directly by email or by telephone to secure the embargo. The following language that emerged in the second meeting would be on the defense form immediately adjacent to the box to secure the two-year embargo at the time of defense: "As well, once students upload the document, the Graduate College approves it, and graduation is achieved, students can then transmit a request to ProQuest, either by email ([disspub@proquest.com](mailto:disspub@proquest.com)) or by telephone (800-521-0600, ext. 77020), to secure an indefinite embargo."

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