MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION: Senate
FROM: Wade Parkhouse, Dean of Graduate Studies
RE: Revision to GGR 1.9.2 Preparation for Examination of Master’s Thesis

DATE: 12 April 2013
No. GS2013.13

For information:
Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of 8 April 2013, SGSC approved the following editorial calendar changes:

Effective Date is Spring 2014

Revision to Graduate General Regulation 1.9.2 Preparation for Examination of Master’s Thesis [GS2013.13]
FOR DISCUSSION

At its April, 2012 meeting, Senate approved changes to GGR 1.9.4. In part, these changes included a move to circulate PhD theses electronically prior to examination.

The proposed changes to GGR 1.9.2 Preparation for Examination of Master’s Thesis will bring the distribution method for master’s theses into alignment with the distribution method already in place for PhD theses. In addition, the proposed changes eliminate the requirement that a copy of master’s thesis be available for viewing prior to examination. This aspect of the current policy is no longer in practice and it is not in alignment with policy regarding PhD examinations.

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