

Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

May 20, 2011

As determined at the April 20, 2011 meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council, members voted via e-mail on the following motion. Voting took place during the third week of May and was completed by May 20, 2011.

The Executive Committee **moves** that the Graduate School transition away from the current mandatory submission policy of dissertations into ProQuest to a mandatory student dissertations submissions policy to the University of Connecticut's electronic institutional repository system (DigitalCommons), and that the University Libraries and Graduate School provide assistance to those students who may wish to also submit their dissertations to ProQuest on an opt-in basis.

A doctoral candidate in consultation with his or her Major Advisor may specify an embargo on public access to the dissertation by selecting one of the following choices:

- No restriction
- 6 month embargo
- One year embargo
- Two year embargo
- Three year embargo
- Four year embargo
- Five year embargo
- Six year embargo

Once selected, the original embargo can be modified by joint request of the author of the dissertation and the Major Advisor to the appropriate DigitalCommons administrator.

The motion **passed** by a vote of 33 in favor, 9 opposed, and 1 abstention (at least 31 votes were needed for the motion to pass). It was agreed that implementation can include a provision for a Major Advisor to waive his or her opportunity to provide input concerning early termination of an embargo period.

Respectfully submitted,

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