

<b>FACULTY SENATE ISSUE FORM</b>
<b>Date Submitted:</b>
<b>Title of Issue (a short descriptive title by which the issue may be referenced):</b>
Graduate Catalog Edit: “Thesis” and “Dissertation Preparation” (to be edited to “Thesis Design and Preparation” and Dissertation Design and Preparation”)
<b>Description of Issue:</b>
<p>The Graduate Administrators’ Council (GAC) approved additional language to the Thesis and Dissertation Preparation sections of the catalog to make it more clear how these projects can be designed and prepared (leading to the section title change). After discussion with faculty which led to GAC’s review, this section makes it clear that these projects can take several forms with the specific form to be approved by the student’s program. Then the student is to follow preparation guidelines that will be updated to account for different forms that will be published in the Guide for Preparation of Theses and Dissertations.</p> <p>Further, language has been added to make clear students are to prepare a written prospectus (with details of what should be included) that is approved by the thesis or dissertation committee prior to the office thesis or dissertation project. The prospectus is a reportable milestone but thus far had not had any material in the catalog discussing its nature.</p>
<b>Rational for Submission:</b>
<p>Thesis projects are evolving and have many legitimate forms, from the traditional single-study empirical project to multiple publications tied together by an integrative review. The policy allows programs to adapt to acceptable projects that rigorously represent their disciplines.</p> <p>In addition, prospectus language has been missing from the catalog and was needed to clarify this was a milestone critical and required prior to the project commencement.</p>
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