



1 **Subject: Modification of Graduate Catalog – Thesis Review Policy**

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3 WHEREAS, the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Graduate Council acts as a council of
4 advisors to the Dean of the Graduate School providing recommendations to be considered for
5 adoption.
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7 WHEREAS, the UAA Graduate Catalog of section of concern currently states:

8 **Thesis Review**

9 Before final acceptance, all members of a student’s graduate committee,
10 department/program chair, school/college dean, and the Graduate School dean must
11 approve a thesis as required by the student’s graduate program. Changes or corrections to
12 the thesis may be required at any of these levels. The graduate committee is primarily
13 responsible for thesis evaluation, grammar, punctuation, and usage, but the department
14 chair and college dean may also conduct reviews to monitor the quality of theses and check
15 for any overlooked errors. The Graduate School checks that format and style conform to
16 UAA standards. Ideally, these checks should be made before the defense of a thesis or
17 dissertation. Thesis signature pages must be approved by the Graduate School prior to the
18 thesis defense. In addition the Graduate School dean may review selected theses in detail
19 and does not given final approval until all required corrections are made.
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21 WHEREAS, changes are required to the existing catalog to update to reflect current practice that
22 does not require signature pages.
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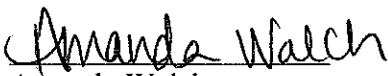
24 NOW, THEREFORE, THE GRADUATE COUNCIL RESOLVES:

25 The Graduate Catalog section shall be revised to:

26 **Thesis Review**

27 Before final acceptance, all members of a student’s graduate committee,
28 department/program chair/director, college dean, and the Graduate School dean must
29 approve a thesis as required by the student’s graduate program. Changes or corrections to
30 the thesis may be required at any of these levels. The graduate committee is primarily
31 responsible for thesis evaluation, grammar, punctuation, and usage, but the department
32 chair/director, and college dean will also conduct reviews to monitor the quality of theses
33 and check for any overlooked errors. The Graduate School checks that format and style
34 conform to UAA standards. Ideally, these checks should be made before the defense of a
35 thesis or dissertation. In addition, the Graduate School dean will review theses and will not
36 give final approval until all required corrections are made. Thesis credits will be given a
37 deferred grade (DF) until all requirements are met.
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39 Passed and approved by the University of Alaska Anchorage Graduate Council on this 21st day
40 of December 2017.

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