Subject: Modification of Graduate Catalog – Thesis Review Policy

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Graduate Council acts as a council of
advisors to the Dean of the Graduate School providing recommendations to be considered for
adoption.

WHEREAS, the UAA Graduate Catalog of section of concern currently states:

Thesis Review
Before final acceptance, all members of a student’s graduate committee,
department/program chair, school/college dean, and the Graduate School dean must
approve a thesis as required by the student’s graduate program. Changes or corrections to
the thesis may be required at any of these levels. The graduate committee is primarily
responsible for thesis evaluation, grammar, punctuation, and usage, but the department
chair and college dean may also conduct reviews to monitor the quality of theses and check
for any overlooked errors. The Graduate School checks that format and style conform to
UAA standards. Ideally, these checks should be made before the defense of a thesis or
dissertation. Thesis signature pages must be approved by the Graduate School prior to the
thesis defense. In addition, the Graduate School dean may review selected theses in detail
and does not require final approval until all required corrections are made.

WHEREAS, changes are required to the existing catalog to update to reflect current practice that
does not require signature pages.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE GRADUATE COUNCIL RESOLVES:
The Graduate Catalog section shall be revised to:

Thesis Review
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department/program chair/director, college dean, and the Graduate School dean must
approve a thesis as required by the student’s graduate program. Changes or corrections to
the thesis may be required at any of these levels. The graduate committee is primarily
responsible for thesis evaluation, grammar, punctuation, and usage, but the department
chair/director, and college dean will also conduct reviews to monitor the quality of theses
and check for any overlooked errors. The Graduate School checks that format and style
conform to UAA standards. Ideally, these checks should be made before the defense of a
thesis or dissertation. In addition, the Graduate School dean will review theses and will not
give final approval until all required corrections are made. Thesis credits will be given a
deferred grade (DF) until all requirements are met.

Passed and approved by the University of Alaska Anchorage Graduate Council on this 21st day
of December 2017.

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