

SPECIAL REPORT
of the
GRADUATE COUNCIL
concerning
ELECTRONIC DISSERTATION SUBMISSION

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ELECTRONIC DISSERTATION SUBMISSION

The Graduate Council met on October 11, 2006. Members discussed the proposal for electronic dissertation submission.

It was noted that during the trial period for optional submission, more than 85% of dissertations were submitted electronically. While associated small fees for binding, registering with the University of Michigan for abstract listing, and the like will remain unchanged, the students are expected to realize substantial cost savings related to the preparation and production of paper copies. Signature pages will continue to be required in paper format. Finally, specific circumstantial exceptions to the policy will always be considered.

The Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Effective February 1, 2007, all doctoral students will be required to submit their Dissertations to the Graduate School electronically. The Graduate School will continue to require that two Original signature pages from the Dissertation committee be submitted via paper. After submission, the electronic file will be copied twice and bound with each copy of the signature pages. One bound copy will be used for circulation and the other bound copy for the library archives.

Exceptions to this policy will be considered on an individual basis. The Graduate Program Director must originate requests for exceptions.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Electronic Dissertation Submission,
12-07 as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 07-012.