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To: Joseph Bristow, Chair  
Academic Senate

Date: February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

RE: Second systemwide review of proposed presidential policy on open access for  
theses and dissertations

Dear Senate Chair Bristow,

The GSE&IS FEC recently discussed the proposed presidential policy on open access for thesis and dissertation. There was confusion about the appeal process and whether any provisions were made for such a process in the current proposal. While there was mention of an appeal process in the former document, this appears to be omitted entirely in the current version. Thus, it is not clear what happens if requests for extension are denied. Can there be an appeal? If so, what is the process?

The GSEIS FEC appreciates the opportunity to weigh in on this issue and looks forward to additional information and discussion as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard Desjardins".

Richard Desjardins  
Chair, GSEIS Faculty Executive Committee