

## **Resolution 2006-2007-2 Electronic Thesis and Dissertations Dissemination Policy**

**Whereas**, the university is dedicated to open access of original work for the purposes of scholarship, and

**Whereas**, the university is mindful of protecting the rights of our students with regard to their original work,

**Be it resolved**, that UCF will provide the following options for all graduate students submitting an Electronic Thesis and Dissertation:

1. immediate worldwide dissemination with no restrictions
2. pending dissemination of the entire work for six months for patent or other proprietary issues, with an additional six months extension available. Once patent and proprietary issues are resolved, then students could choose from options 1 or 3.
3. dissemination with limited access to the UCF community (its library patrons, including interlibrary sharing and release to ProQuest) for a period of one or three years and the declaration of this occurs during the final submission. Once the initial request is granted, additional extensions of one year can be obtained by notification to the Office of Graduate Studies using the Request to Extend Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Access Limitations form. It is the responsibility of the student to request any such extension; otherwise, the document will automatically be released for electronic dissemination.

*Approved by the Faculty Senate on January 25, 2007.*