Resolution 2007-2008-2: ETD Dissemination Policy

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Be it resolved, that UCF will provide the following options for all graduate students submitting the required Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (with required graduate advisor input)

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   c. ___five years
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