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**RE: SR 935 Final Examinations**

At its May 14, 2020 meeting, Graduate Council reviewed the request presented by the Graduate Division to temporarily suspend one of the requirements under Senate Regulation 935. Final Examinations specifying that “The examination will be open to all members of the academic community.” During COVID-19, final examinations on dissertations are conducted remotely using Zoom and could be subject to “Zoom bombing” if they are publicly available.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the temporary suspension until all students are allowed to resume in-person final examinations.

On behalf of the Graduate Council,



Carroll Seron, Chair

c: Kate Brigman, Executive Director, Academic Senate  
Celina Mojica, Director of Academic Initiatives, Graduate Division  
Aliya Thomas, University Editor  
Thao Nguyen, Graduate Council Analyst

