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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	May 21, 2020
FROM	Jeff Derksen, Chair of Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)		
RE:	Graduate General Regulation (GGR) Revisions: GGR 1.11.3		

At its meeting May 12, 2020 SGSC reviewed and approved the revisions to GGR 1.11.3 (Postponement of Publication). This gives rise to the following motion, effective **Spring 2021**.

Motion 1:

That Senate approve the revisions to GGR 1.11. 3 (Postponement of Publication)



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ATTENTION	Jeff Derksen, Chair of Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)	DATE	April 15, 2020
FROM	Zoë Druick Associate Dean, Academic Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies		<i>Zoe Druick</i>
RE:	Graduate General Regulation (GGR) Revision: GGR 1.11.3		

Motion:

That SGSC approve the revisions to GGR 1.11.3 (Postponement of Publication), effective **Spring 2021**.

Summary of Revisions and Rationale:

Clarification that postponement of publication may be requested if there is an immediate risk to researcher or collaborators and need for protection of intellectual property. By replacing “commercial publication is anticipated” with “publication pending in restrictive venues”, we are specifying that not all publishing venues require thesis publication in the University library to be postponed. These language changes help to clarify the existing policy and practice.

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1.11.3 Postponement of Publication The results of research conducted at Simon Fraser University should be available freely to the public, and it is expected that theses will be placed in the institutional repository immediately following final revisions. It is the responsibility of graduate students to ensure that this policy is communicated clearly to relevant individuals and organizations outside the university prior to the initiation of any research project. A postponement will delay the inclusion of a thesis in the institutional repository and from copying for a period of 12 months from the date of examination of the thesis, in order to protect confidential commercial information, patentable material, pending application, or where immediate commercial publication is anticipated. A postponement request must be made in writing prior to the submission to the Library. The submission process and timeline remains the same, however, a copy of the thesis or project shall not be made available in the Library institutional repository during the restricted period. In rare and exceptional circumstances a postponement of publication may be extended for an additional 12 month period. Requests for such extensions should be submitted 60 days prior to the expiration of the current postponement.	1.11.3 Postponement of Publication The results of research conducted at Simon Fraser University should be available freely to the public, and it is expected that theses will be placed in the institutional repository immediately following final revisions. It is the responsibility of graduate students to ensure that this policy is communicated clearly to relevant individuals and organizations outside the university prior to the initiation of any research project. A postponement will delay the inclusion of a thesis in the institutional repository and from copying for a period of 12 months from the date of examination of the thesis. Postponement requests are normally approved if made for the following reasons: if there is real and immediate risk to researchers or collaborators; patent pending or protection of intellectual property; publication pending in restrictive venue. A postponement request must be made in writing prior to the submission to the Library. The submission process and timeline remains the same, however, a copy of the thesis or project shall not be made available in the Library institutional repository during the restricted period. In rare and exceptional circumstances a postponement of publication may be extended for an additional 12 month period. Requests for such extensions should be submitted 60 days prior to the expiration of the current postponement.