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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Academic Deans
Department Chairs
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FROM: Mark JT Smith 
Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies

SUBJECT: Graduate Assembly legislation: Add requirement to obtain co-author signatures for multi-author content included in Master's Theses, Master's Reports, Doctoral Treatises, and Doctoral Dissertations

Legislation to update the Graduate School's policy related to multi-author content included in Master's Theses, Master's Reports, Doctoral Treatises, and Doctoral Dissertations was recently approved by the Graduate Assembly and Interim Provost Daniel T. Jaffe.

Graduate School policy allows for inclusion of multi-authored content in Master's Theses, Master's Reports, Doctoral Treatises and Doctoral Dissertations. The approved update to this policy will require students who choose to include multi-authored content to obtain the permission of all co-authors. The student's supervising committee will be responsible for identifying and ensuring that written permission from all co-authors has been obtained when certifying approval of the document to the Graduate School.

The new policy will become effective in fall 2021 following publication in the *2021-2022 Graduate Catalog*.

If you need additional information or would like a copy of the complete legislation, please contact Michelle Broadway, Assistant Dean, at mbroadway@austin.utexas.edu.

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