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TO: DEPARTMENT CHAIRS PROGRAM DIRECTORS

**GRADUATE COORDINATORS** 

RE: Master's and Doctoral Examinations

We are pleased to provide you with an update that the Graduate Council has approved the Graduate Division's request to further extend the option for graduate programs to allow either remote or in person master's and doctoral examinations through Spring Quarter.

Effective through the end of Spring 2022 (June 10, 2022), the temporary authorization will remain in place to allow any or all members of a master's or doctoral committee and/or the student being examined to participate in the qualifying examination and thesis or dissertation defense in person or remotely (meaning participation by live video teleconference).

Please alert your students and faculty regarding the extension of this temporary authorization for conducting master's and doctoral examinations. We hope that this continued flexibility for remote exams will be helpful to students and faculty.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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