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From: Professor Zoran Gajic  
ECE Graduate Program Director

To: ECE Graduate Students and Faculty

RE: Non Thesis ECE Master of Science Degree

Dear Graduate Students and Faculty,

Please be informed that our request to eliminate the Master Comprehensive Exam as a requirement for the non-thesis Master of Science degree has been finally approved by the Graduate School New Brunswick.

As a substitution for the Master Comprehensive Exam, the Graduate School requires that non-thesis-MS-ECE students write an essay in the form of a technical paper, or a project report, and present that work in public as a seminar attended by graduate students and at least three faculty members. The essay/report and presentation must be approved by at least three members of the Graduate Faculty. The Graduate School letter, endorsed by Dean Harvey Waterman, requires also that “Students already enrolled in ECE must be offered a choice between the exam and the substitute.” Students entering in the Fall of 2006 will be required to meet the substitute requirement.

In addition, as stated in our Graduate Student Handbook, the non-thesis students must pass ten courses with the minimum grade point average of 3.00, and with no more than one C/C+ grade among the ten courses.

Sincerely

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