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Archivist's Report
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Challenges with converting *Word* documents to the desired PDF-A format for long-term archiving were being experienced. Consultation with the Ferris State University (FSU) Archivist, Melinda Isler, yielded a different method of converting *Word* documents to PDF-A. However, error messages regarding format compatibility were still being generated by *Adobe Acrobat Pro X* when attempting to save these files in the desired format. Melinda Isler stated that the created PDFs are valid, as determined by running documents created in the same manner through validation sites. The validation sites have indicated that documents created in the prescribed manner are meeting the desired PDF/A-1b (sRGB) standards. With this assurance, document conversion will continue as time allows, using the recently suggested method for document conversion.

Respectfully submitted,

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