

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DOCTORAL DEFENSE OBSERVATION EVALUATION FORM

Name of Doctoral Candidate: _____ Location of Defense: _____

Title of Dissertation: _____

Chair of Committee: _____ Members: _____

Program: _____ Degree: PhD ThD Ed D School: Educ Sem

Beginning time of defense: _____ Time of executive session: _____

Outside Reader: _____ Area: _____ Affiliation: _____

of Audience participants: _____ # of Reservations: _____ Did Chair remind audience of A.U. protocol?

1. <u>Organization / Format of Defense:</u>	Weak Strong					Comments
a) Introduction (s)	1	2	3	4	5	
b) Handling of time allotments /schedule	1	2	3	4	5	
c) Arrangement of facility	1	2	3	4	5	
d) Handling of audience / observers	1	2	3	4	5	
2. <u>Content / Questions at Defense</u>	Weak Strong					Comments
a) Introduction	1	2	3	4	5	
b) Questions-(clarity / cogency)	1	2	3	4	5	
c) Questions-(fairness)	1	2	3	4	5	
d) Answers-(clarity/ precision)	1	2	3	4	5	
e) Answers-(seeming reliability)	1	2	3	4	5	
f) Dissertation-(committee's familiarity with)	1	2	3	4	5	
g) Dissertation-(outside reader's familiarity with)	1	2	3	4	5	
g) Dissertation-(examinee's familiarity with)	1	2	3	4	5	
h) Research tools and methods-(examinee's familiarity with, and grasp of)	1	2	3	4	5	
i) Research authorities in field-(examinee's familiarity with)	1	2	3	4	5	
j) Significance of study-(examinee's ability to articulate this)	1	2	3	4	5	
k) Dissertation-(seeming readiness)	1	2	3	4	5	

3. Evaluation of Defense by Committee (Executive Session)

a) Evaluation-(openness / completeness)	1	2	3	4	5	_____
b) Evaluation-(appropriateness of procedure)	1	2	3	4	5	_____
c) Decision reached-(seeming appropriateness)	1	2	3	4	5	_____
d) Decision reached-(clarity)	1	2	3	4	5	_____
e) Steps to be yet completed-(details)	1	2	3	4	5	_____

4. Decision Reached (check one)

- a) Pass, minor revisions
- b) Pass, major revisions
- c) No pass

Specific Revisions:

Title of SGS Representative

Signature of SGS Representative

Date