

Student Name:

Form Polytechnic GEC 4

Rubric for Evaluating PhD Dissertation and Defense

(This page should be filled out by the student or Committee Chairman/advisor prior to distribution to Committee)

Chair of Evaluation Committee _____

Advisor: _____

Date of Dissertation Defense _____

Dissertation Title _____

Committee Members and Department

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At the conclusion of the defense, **each committee member should fill out the response sheet.** For each attribute which a committee member feels is somewhat or very deficient, a short explanation should be provided. **Comment** sections at the bottom of the rubric are provided for explanations of the reasoning behind the overall evaluation of the examinee’s performance if desired. Completed forms are to be **turned in to the Chair of the Evaluation Committee (or Advisor)**, not the student.

A summary of **written comments** from the committee members **WILL** be provided to the student by the chair of the examining committee (or Advisor) and a verbal summarization of the overall evaluation of the student’s performance by the committee **WILL** be provided to the student by that individual.

All examination documents (rubrics and written comments) must be completed regardless of the outcome of the Dissertation Defense.

A copy of the completed forms (both rubrics and written comments) must be sent to the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs within 48 hours of the conclusion of the dissertation defense.

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Summary of written comments from ALL committee members for student concerning performance on Dissertation and Defense:

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Chair of Examining Committee Signature _____ Date: _____