GUIDELINES FOR THE REPORT OF EXTERNAL EXAMINER FOR THE PH.D THESIS

1. OVERALL ASSESSMENT:

Unsatisfactory; Satisfactory after major changes; Satisfactory after minor changes; Satisfactory; Above average; Outstanding.

The report of the Doctoral Examination Committee permits the student’s overall performance to be placed only in one of two categories: satisfactory or unsatisfactory. The purpose of the more refined categories for the Report of the External Examiner listed here is to provide a more flexible context for the detailed comments that follow in #2-7 below.

2. OBJECTIVES:

Are the objectives clearly stated? Is the scope of the research appropriate for the Ph.D. degree?

3. METHODOLOGY:

Is the research design satisfactory? Are the research methods sound? Have the appropriate statistical analyses been conducted?

4. ORIGINALITY AND ACHIEVEMENT:

Have the objectives been achieved? Does the thesis make an original contribution to the discipline? Is the significance of the research appropriately understood and identified?

5. INTERPRETATION:

Have the data and statistical results been interpreted in a valid manner?

6. PRESENTATION:

Is the thesis written in a clear and effective manner?

7. COMMENTS:

Please comment on strengths and weaknesses, and indicate any changes which are required, or suggested.