Candidate for the Doctor of Education (EdD) degree in Learning, Leadership and Community

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Title of Proposed Dissertation: ________________________________________________________________
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Committee Information

CHAIR: _____________________________________________________________        Approved      Revisions Needed
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As a reminder, our charge is to determine if the proposed dissertation will:
• produce knowledge, insight, and methods in the candidate’s field of specialization by identifying a problem/question and addressing it.
• make a significant contribution to the understanding of the problem/question that it examines by providing an ethical, reliable, and valid study of the problem.
• provide a research approach that demonstrates concern for human participants and has been approved by the Institutional Review Board.
• demonstrate the candidate’s ability and willingness to carry out sound independent research.

After the defense, the committee will recommend one of the following:
• Approval of the proposal including the signing of the proposal approval form.
• Minor revisions to the proposal with revisions to be approved by the chair prior to the signing of the proposal approval form by the committee.
• Major revisions to the proposal with revisions to be approved by the full committee prior to the signing of the proposal approval form by the committee.
• Major revisions with a repeat of the oral defense of the proposal before the full committee.
• Rejection of the proposal.

Notes for Chairs:
The chair should download and copy this form before the proposal defense, and fill in the required information that is specific to this candidate.

Be sure to schedule the Proposal Defense through the College of Graduate Studies to secure the conference room, and notify the program coordinator of the outcome of the defense by submitting the completed form, with comments, to Kathleen Norris.

This form will become part of the doctoral candidate’s record. The chair should provide a signed copy to the candidate at the conclusion of the defense, and provide a second original form for the student’s record. If the chair and committee members would also like copies, that is fine.

The successful proposal defense will be announced to the public through email after the program coordinator has received the completed form.

Thank you, and your committee members, for all of your work and your support of our doctoral students and program!