



## Committee Approval of the Oral Defense Examination

As noted in the GDBBS handbook, students in the Programs of the Graduate Division of Biological and Biomedical Sciences give an oral defense of their written dissertation to their dissertation committee as one of the final milestones in their degree progress. This defense is a crucial part of the final stages of acquiring a PhD and should be overseen and approved of by the student’s committee. A student may have no more than one missing committee member at the oral defense. If a committee member is missing, the student must attach to this document a record of that absence (email from member indicating reason for absence will suffice) and that member should still document approval of the written dissertation.

GDBBS students should submit this completed form to the GDBBS office in a timely manner following their defense. Students should note that the GDBBS Division Director will not be able to sign the LGS Doctoral Degree Completion Report until this form is received.

### Doctoral Candidate

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Oral Defense Examination: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dissertation Committee

All committee members, including the student’s advisor, should be listed below. By signing below and selecting “pass”, the committee member certifies the student has successfully defended their written dissertation.

**Printed Name**

**Decision**

**Signature**

*Pass    Fail*

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