**Biology Qualifying Examination Feedback Form**

*To be filled out by thesis committee with 1 copy returned to the student and 1 copy returned to the Graduate Director.*

Name of Student:

Name of Thesis Advisor:

Names of Committee Members:

Current Thesis Title/Topic:

**Dear Graduate Thesis Committee**:

Work as a committee to provide a balanced assessment of the student’s progress towards their thesis in each of the following areas. For each area, categorize progress as excellent, very good, good, needs improvement or expectations not met, then provide written recommendations for improvement with specific examples when possible.

1) Written thesis proposal

Command of the scientific literature related to the field of study:

Understanding of scientific methodology:

Understanding of instrumentation and/or techniques pertinent to proposed research:

 Ability to communicate a research problem and plan in written form:

2) Oral presentation

 Ability to communicate a research problem and plan in oral form:

 Ability to defend ideas (e.g. hypotheses, research approach & interpretation):

3) Ability to critique and engage with appropriate literature

4) General biological knowledge

Breadth of biological knowledge:

Ability to apply knowledge to a novel problem:

5) Overall assessment of progress on research project