GENETICS THESIS COMMITTEE FORM

Student's name:____________________________ Date of meeting:________

Thesis Advisor:________________________ Year of study:________

Committee members in attendance:_____________________________________

Please evaluate each of the areas below by circling the appropriate descriptor and provide comments where appropriate. This form should be signed by advisor, committee members and student and brought by the student to the DGS.

1. Progress since last thesis committee meeting (or qualifying exam if no prior meeting):
   - Cause for concern to committee
   - Meets Expectations
   - Outstanding

   If cause for concern, please explain:

2. Knowledge of the relevant scientific literature:
   - Cause for concern to committee
   - Meets Expectations
   - Outstanding

   If cause for concern, please explain:

3. Thinking critically about the project, seeing the “big picture”:
   - Cause for concern to committee
   - Meets Expectations
   - Outstanding

   If cause for concern, please explain:

4. Demonstrating initiative and independence in experimental design and project directions:
   - Cause for concern to committee
   - Meets Expectations
   - Outstanding

   If cause for concern, please explain:

5. Motivation and work ethic:
   - Cause for concern to committee
   - Meets Expectations
   - Outstanding

   If cause for concern, please explain:

6. Technical competence at the bench, trouble-shooting ability:
   - Cause for concern to committee
   - Meets Expectations
   - Outstanding

   If cause for concern, please explain:

7. Quality of written and oral presentations:
   - Cause for concern to committee
   - Meets Expectations
   - Outstanding

   If cause for concern, please explain:

Note: If this is the first or last thesis committee since the qualifying exam, an evaluation of fulfills expectations or outstanding in all areas 1-7 above is required for the student to be admitted to candidacy or get the green light to graduate.
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8. Is the student on track to graduating in 5 years?
   Yes  Probably  Maybe  No  Too soon to say

9. Does the student have a publishable story or at least the beginnings of one?
   Yes  Probably  Maybe  No  Too soon to say
   The student should present an outline of the figures of the paper/s

10. Should the student consider switching to a new project?
    Yes  No  Too soon to say
    Comments: if in doubt please describe additional experiments to assess the viability of the project

11. When should the student have another committee meeting?
    3 months  6 months  9 months  12 months
    (Note: Students are required to have at least 1 meeting per academic year, and every 6 months years 4, 5, 6)

12. Does the committee agree with the student’s future plans as stated in the student’s
    Progress report summary?
    Yes  No
    If no, please explain

If certain minimal goals must be achieved in order for the student to remain in good academic standing, please specify them and any deadline for meeting them:

13. Please discuss the students Career Development Plan with the student in private or while the supervisor is present
    Please comment on specific advise to achieve the goals in the plan:

13. Is the student ready to write his/her thesis and graduate?
    Does the committee agree with the student’s proposed thesis outline and plan for graduation (assuming it was presented)?
    Yes, means that it is the last thesis committee meeting and the student is being given permission to write up the dissertation and to schedule a thesis seminar date.
    Yes  No  N/A
    If no, please explain:

Any other comments
Committee chair’s name: ________________________________
Committee chair’s signature: ____________________________
Thesis committee member name and signature: ______________
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Student signature: _____________________________    DGS signature: ____________________________