Form for Assessing the Prospectus/Dissertation of a Ph.D. Student

Name of Student: ________________________________________________________
Chair of Dissertation Committee: ________________________________
Reader: ____________________________ Reader: ________________________________
CHECK ONE: ☐ Prospectus Oral ☐ Dissertation Defense
Date of Exam: ________________

Please rate the following aspects of the project using the following five-point scale:
5 = excellent, 4 = above average, 3 = average, 2 = below average, 1 = poor

1. is conceptualized well 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 ☐
2. is strongly developed 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 ☐
3. presents original thinking 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 ☐
4. exhibits sustained and coherent research 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 ☐

5A. If the project was successfully defended, please provide additional comments, especially insofar as the candidate truly excelled in a specific area and/or demonstrated a particular weakness.

5B. If the project was NOT successfully defended, please comment on the project’s shortcomings, focusing on outcomes 1-4 above.

Please transmit the completed form to the Director of Graduate Studies within 10 days of the prospectus review or dissertation defense. Date Submitted: ________________