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### DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

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Proposed Dissertation Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Dissertation Committee Members

_____ #1-Committee Chair/Co-Chair Chemistry & Biochemistry	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ #2-Committee Member Chemistry & Biochemistry	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ #3-Committee Member Chemistry & Biochemistry	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ #4-Committee Member <b>OR</b> Co-Chair Affiliation: _____	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ <b>STUDENT</b> (FirstName, LastName)	_____ Signature	_____ Date

**Department Approval**  
Dr. Barney Bishop  
Graduate Coordinator

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Signature Date

Dr. Andre Clayborne  
Chair, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry

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Signature Date

#### Dean's Office Approval

Dr. Gerald Weatherspoon  
Associate Dean, Student Affairs & Special Programs  
College of Science

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Signature Date

## **POLICY---DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS**

1All dissertation committees must consist of at least **four** members of the graduate faculty, at least three of which must be from the department. The committee consists of a dissertation chair, typically a graduate faculty member from the department, and at least two other members of the graduate faculty from the department. Only a graduate faculty member with a full-time appointment at George Mason University (tenured or tenure-track status) may serve as dissertation chair. Mason faculty that are not members of the department, as well as individuals from outside the university, may be appointed as additional members to the committee. The appointment of individuals from outside the university must be approved by the Provost. Such appointments are made where the additional member's expertise and contribution add value to the dissertation, but appointment does not require graduate faculty status. Appointments of this type are student specific and are not indefinite.

\*\*\*Dissertation co-chairs may be appointed and approved when research projects are of an interdisciplinary nature and require additional expertise from another department or external research facility (i.e., government lab).

Information for committee member #4:  
Example

#4- Dr. Sci N. Tist  
Committee Member **OR** Co-Chair  
Title----Assoc. Prof., Physics; GMU