Department of Mathematical Sciences

Ph.D. Oral Comprehensive Exam Assessment

We are collecting responses to the following questions to attempt to judge the effectiveness of the graduate program. Along with the coffee, the graduate secretary will supply the Chair of the examination with copies of the form for all committee members. Before the examination starts the Chair should explain that examiners will be asked to evaluate the graduate program after they have voted. After the vote, the Chair of the examination should distribute these forms.

It may be appropriate for the examining committee to discuss the questions before marking these forms. The chair of the exam will collect the forms and return them to Liz. Annually the Department will tabulate responses, review the comments of the examiners, and report the results.

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From the Department of Mathematical Sciences Outcomes Assessment Proposal, "For doctoral students, strong performances on the written and oral Ph.D. Comprehensive Examinations are evidence of obtaining a broad knowledge of mathematics."

1. Does the student's performance on the oral Ph.D. comprehensive examination provide evidence that the student has obtained a broad knowledge of mathematics? Please respond by a cross in the appropriate box below:

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2. Additional comments?