Grading Rubric for Capstone Project Presentation

Student: _____________________________________  Mentor: _____________________________________

Reviewer (your) name: __________________________________________________________________

Your role: Mentor / Advisor / External Reviewer

Project title: __________________________________________________________

NOTE TO REVIEWER: PLEASE MAKE A MARK NEXT TO EITHER A, B OR C IN EACH OF THE
CATEGORIES BELOW. ASSIGN A “C” GRADE IF THE CATEGORY IS NOT SATISFIED. A “C” GRADE
REQUIRES A CONTINUATION OF EXAM AS OUTLINED BY THE GRADUATE SCHOOL.

1. Hypothesis and/or Statement of the Problem  _____A  _____B  _____C

To achieve an A – project must excel in the following areas:
- Logical hypothesis/statement of problem – clearly presented
- Background information was relevant and summarized well with connections to previous
  literature and broader issues were clear
- Goal of project was clearly and concisely stated; showed clear relevance beyond project

To achieve a B – project must demonstrate a satisfactory outcome in the following areas:
- Logical hypothesis/statement of problem was presented
- Background information was relevant, but connections were not clear
- Goal of project was clearly stated; showed relevance beyond the project

Select C – project does not meet a satisfactory outcome in the areas above

2. Project Approach  _____A  _____B  _____C

To achieve an A – project must excel in the following areas:
- Thorough explanation of the sequence of steps employed to achieve the results or project
  outcome
- Thorough explanation of why particular methods were chosen
- Clear discussion of controls or comparative groups (if applicable); all appropriate controls or
  comparative groups were included

To achieve a B – project must demonstrate a satisfactory outcome in the following areas:
- Good explanation of the sequence of steps employed to achieve the results or project outcome
- Good explanation of choice of methods
- Clear discussion of controls or comparative groups (if applicable); most controls or comparative
  groups were included

Select C – project does not meet a satisfactory outcome in the areas above

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3. Results and Project Outcome

To achieve an A – project must excel in the following areas:
- Substantial amounts of high quality data are presented sufficient to address the hypothesis (if applicable)
- A high quality deliverable was created (if applicable)
- Presentation of data/deliverable was clear, thorough and logical

To achieve a B – project must demonstrate a satisfactory outcome in the following areas:
- Sufficient amounts of good data were presented to address the hypothesis (if applicable)
- A deliverable was created (if applicable)
- Presentation of data/deliverable was clear and logical

Select C – project does not meet a satisfactory outcome in the areas above

4. Oral Presentation of Capstone Project

To achieve an A – presentation must excel in the following areas:
- Content is well laid out and easy to follow, even if a student were not presenting
- Text is concise, legible, and consistently free of spelling or typographical errors
- The figures and tables are appropriate and consistently labeled correctly
- Photographs/tables/graphs improve understanding and enhance the visual appeal

To achieve a B – presentation must demonstrate a satisfactory outcome in the following areas:
- Content layout is somewhat difficult to follow in the absence of a presenter
- Text is relatively clear, legible and mostly free of typographical or spelling errors
- Most figures and tables are appropriate and labeled correctly
- Photographs/tables/graphs somewhat improve understanding

Select C – project does not meet a satisfactory outcome in the areas above

5. Overall Presentation and Handling of Questions

To achieve an A – presentation must excel in the following areas:
- Demonstrates a very strong knowledge of the research project
- Speaks clearly, naturally and with enthusiasm; makes eye contact with audience
- Excellent use of technology with explanation of its enhancement of aims/goals (if applicable)
- Answers questions clearly and succinctly
- Presentation is consistently clear and logical

To achieve a B – presentation must demonstrate a satisfactory outcome in the following areas:
- A good working knowledge of the research project
- Speaks clearly and naturally; makes good eye contact with audience
- Good use of technology with explanation of its enhancement of aims/goals (if applicable)
- Answers most questions
- Presentation is clear for the most part, but not consistently

Select C – project does not meet a satisfactory outcome in the areas above
6. Reviewer comments:

7. Final decision for Capstone Presentation: 
   (assume equal weighting for items 1-5 above) 
   ______A  ______B  ______C (fail)

8. Do the results of this project warrant future study?:  
   (Please comment):
   ______Yes  ______No

Reviewer’s signature ___________________________ Date ____________