Dear Department Chair,

I request that the DISSERTATION / MASTER’S THESIS (circle one) committee proposed below be approved. The committee meets the guidelines for graduate study, and all have agreed to serve.

Signature: ____________________________ PRINT NAME: _____________________________

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE**

The faculty advisor and the dissertation committee are selected to guide the student's dissertation research. The faculty advisor serves as Chair of the dissertation committee and ensures that the student develops a course of study that will give proper foundation to the dissertation research. The dissertation committee must consist of at least four faculty, three of whom (including the student's advisor) must be regular (full time) members of the EEB Department. The fourth committee member must be from another department or from another institution. Faculty from outside departments may serve as co-advisor, but departmental faculty must administer exams and certify fulfillment of other departmental requirements. One Emeritus professor from EEB may serve as a committee member, but he/she may not chair the dissertation committee. Each student must request approval for the composition of the dissertation committee by letter addressed to the Chair of the Department. Membership in the dissertation committee may be dynamic, but the student, his/her advisor, and the Chair of the Department must approve each change in its composition.

Faculty advisor: ________________________
EEB faculty: ________________________
EEB faculty: ________________________
External faculty: ________________________ Affiliation: ________________________

**MASTER'S THESIS COMMITTEE**

A student's faculty advisor will also be the director of his/her thesis research. A thesis committee must approve the completed thesis. The thesis committee will consist of at least three faculty members including the student's thesis advisor. EEB faculty must comprise a majority of the thesis committee. Each student must request approval for the composition of the thesis committee by letter addressed to the Chair of the Department.

Faculty advisor: ________________________
EEB faculty: ________________________
3\textsuperscript{rd} member: ________________________ Affiliation (if not EEB faculty):

Advisor’s approval (signature): ____________________________ Date: _____________
Chair’s approval (signature): ____________________________ Date: _____________