



Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service

DOCTORAL BOARD APPROVAL FORM FOR CUSTOMIZED FIELD DESCRIPTIONS

DATE:

STUDENT NAME:

SID #:

PROPOSED CUSTOMIZED FIELD:

FACULTY SPONSORS:

Guidelines

The proposal should include: **A.** a summary of why this new field is more relevant to the student's plan of study than the existing fields; **B.** a sufficient description of the field, mapping out the critical issues and/or major questions; **C.** evidence of a coherent body of literature and a group of scholars who view themselves as part of the field; **D.** an adequate list of coursework that the student has undertaken to prepare for the field; **E.** a thorough reading list that is organized in a coherent structure that mirrors the critical issues and/or major areas; and **F.** sufficient evidence that the new field is comparable in breadth and scope to the existing fields.

After reviewing the Customized Field Proposal with respect to the guidelines listed above, I, as a member of the Doctoral Board,

(check one)

- Approve** the proposal in its current form.
- Conditionally Approve** the proposal with minor revisions:
(specify)
- Cannot Approve** the proposal in its current form, it needs major revisions:
(specify)

Signature:

Date:

Please forward to the Director of the Doctoral Program