**RECOMMENDATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE**

Initial committee  Revised committee

To: Dean of the Graduate College

From: Regents Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Thomas G. Whitham

Re: Recommended Dissertation Committee Members

**Please use this form to recommend a new dissertation committee or to recommend a change in membership of an approved committee. This form should be submitted for approval before the prospectus hearing.**

**Instructions:**

1. The dissertation chair is responsible for completing this form.

2. If the outside member of the dissertation committee is not a member of the NAU

faculty, please attach to this form the individual’s vita or resume.

3. Attach a 2-3 paragraph summary of the proposed dissertation topic.

4. Submit completed form to department chair or graduate coordinator for approval.

5. Approved original must be submitted to the Graduate College.

6. The Graduate Dean will send a letter to each member of the committee acknowledging their participation.

Student Name: Matthew K. Lau   
  
Student Program: PhD Biology

Dissertation Title or Topic: Evolution of Ecological Networks

Dissertation Chair: Thomas G. Whitham

Expertise related to dissertation: Community Genetics

Committee Member: Steven M. Shuster

Expertise related to dissertation: Quantitative Genetics

Committee Member: Matthew A. Bowker

Expertise related to dissertation: Statistical Modeling and Community Analyses

Committee Member (outside department): Stuart R. Borrett

Expertise related to dissertation: Network Ecology

Committee Member (additional; optional):

Expertise related to dissertation:

Please check to confirm:

Potential conflicts of interest have been addressed (e.g. committee members who stand to gain from specific results of the study or who may be relatives, friends, employers or peers of the student). If an unavoidable conflict is identified, continued participation by the committee member requires approval of the committee chair and a written plan to manage the conflict must be submitted to the Graduate College (for full policy, see <https://policy.nau.edu/policy/policy.aspx?num=200106>).

Dissertation Chair Signature: Date:        
Department Chair Signature: Date:        
Graduate College Approval: Date: