# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

# Standard Operating Procedure – Dissertation and Doctoral Thesis Research Committee

#### Responsibility: Associate Dean; College Coordinator

# Time Frame: After successful completion of a Comprehensive/Capstone/Superintendent Exam and prior to the beginning of a research project.

**Definition:** The Research Committee is responsible for providing timely and thorough guidance to a student for the planning and implementation of a rigorous research study.

#### Procedures:

## Step 1: Candidate Responsibility

- 1a: Select a Research Committee Chair from faculty with similar research interests
- 1b: Contact other faculty to provide strength and support to the project
- 1c: Inputs committee members in MyAdvisor and uploads vita of non-UH member

## Step 2: Composition of Research Committee

- 2a: Four (4) members
- 2b: Chairperson from the candidate's department
- 2c: Committee composition

 ${\bf 2i:}~~{\rm A}~{\rm least}~{\rm two}~{\rm additional}~{\rm full-time}$  faculty from the College of Education or other UH College

**2ii:** A person with a doctorate degree in a relevant area from outside the University or an adjunct at the University of Houston

#### **Step 3:** Reconstitution of Research Committee

- 3a: Notify the chairperson via e-mail
- **3b:** Make the appropriate change in *MyAdvisor*