Seminary lecture (final lecture) protocol

The seminary lecture protocol of the Authority for Research Students in Experimental Sciences is as follows:

Upon the completion of research and prior to composing the PhD dissertation, the student must present his or her research to the appropriate departmental forum (doctoral seminar/advanced student seminar/department seminar, etc.).

The lecture will be evaluated by two experts in their field, elected by a committee member of the Authority for Research Students. The student and advisor will provide the Authority for Research Students with the following information, via email:

1. Summary of the proposed lecture, consisting of the following:
   a. Title; student’s name, dissertation topic (in Hebrew and in English), date;
   b. Concise summary of the research topic and scientific background;
   c. Clearly defined research aims (referencing the original research proposal);
   d. Key methods;
   e. Principle results;
   f. Issues that arose during the research;
   g. Experiments and important notes for further study;
   h. Approximate completion date of the thesis

2. Details of research papers in which the student participated as a co-author;

3. Four proposed evaluators (two members of the advisory committee, two non-members).

The Authority for Research Students will inform the student and the advisor of the committee’s member decision concerning the two experts selected to attend the lecture. The student and the advisor will coordinate with the department chair an appropriate
departmental forum in which the lecture will be given and the date of the lecture. The advisor shall invite the experts to attend the lecture.

The experts will give their opinion on whether or not the research is complete or how it should be completed, and will assess the time required for its completion. Should the study already be complete, the student will be granted six months to compose a dissertation.

Both student and advisor will see to it that the opinions of both experts be submitted to the Authority for Research Students no later than two weeks following the lecture. Guidelines for the seminary lecture report can be found on the Authority for research students’ website in fillable format.

Once the progress report is approved, the student may proceed with the written dissertation and the final steps towards its submission.

*A student may not give a seminary lecture before completing all required courses (12 credits).*