**RE:** EXM 995: Defense of Dissertation

**Date Issued:** Tuesday, 19 March 2019, 5:00PM Hawaii Time

**Date Required:** Friday, 29 March 2019, 5:00PM Hawaii Time

**Student:** Benny Khoo

**Committee Chair:** Dr. Douglass Capogrossi, Chair

This is a written examination only and is open book and essay type and includes ten questions to be responded to after the student reviews the appropriate academic literature (primarily from the references that were reviewed in support of the manuscript).

There **must** be citations and referencing to that literature (or other sources, as needed) for the student answers to pass the written quality element of the exam.  Also, it is best that the answers be framed in a way that are a creative response to real world questions and concerns likely to be confronted within the professional environment.

Since Akamai is an applied school, we wish to know that the student can respond to your questions at the level of a professional colleague.

**Directions**: Please think over a reply to each of the following questions. Answers should be less than 3 double spaced typewritten replies. All answers must have citations and referencing to be deemed acceptable.

**Essay Questions:**

1.      What motivated and inspired you to carry out this research?

2.      How did your research questions emerge?

3.      How does your work relate to today’s generation and why?

4.      How has your view of your research topic changed, since first conceived?

5.      Who will be most interested in your work?

6      How do you know that your findings are correct?

7.      What are the most recent major developments in your area?

8.      Who has had the strongest influence in the development of your subject area in theory and practice?

9.     What process did you follow to make sure that the data was honest from the student’s personal perspective?

10.    And, finally, from your own perspective… What have you done that merits a PhD?