1) Dissertation Topic: Transition and Retention of Students of Color:

A Focus on Factors Influencing Student Success

and Outcome.

2) A two-paragraph background or review of current research on the Topic:

• Prior areas of scholarship

• Places each source in the context of its contribution to the understanding of the specific issue, area of research, or

theory under possible review.

• Describes the relationship of each source to the others that you have selected

3) Academic Literature or Research references:

• A minimum of 15 peer-reviewed published Journal with APA citation

• Not more than 2 sentences on research findings/conclusions/scholarship

• A research gaps & prior scholarship

4) A Possible Research Methodology:

• Qualitative

5) A Possible purpose of the research study